

September 14, 2025 + 10:30 A.M.

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

We Join in Worship

*If you need extra space for a wheelchair or walker, or if you have young children with you, please feel free to make use of our
Prayground, the extra space across the aisle from the sound booth.*

Liturgist: Renee Williams

PRELUDE

My Tribute

Andrae Crouch, arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from *Psalms* 51)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

ALL: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. You desire truth in our inward beings; therefore teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Leader: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be cleaner than snow.

ALL: Let us hear joy and gladness. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us.

Leader: Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us.

ALL: Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (376)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Through the prophet Jeremiah, God says, "When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me." Let us seek God with all our hearts as we confess together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all times and places, we lift our prayer of confession to you. We confess that we do not always trust your promises. We see what is happening around the world and feel afraid. We expect the worst. We plan for the worst. We accept the worst. Sometimes we even make the worst happen. We then lift our eyes to the clouds with expectation of the end rather than putting our hearts, hands, and feet to work to make things better. Forgive us for not trusting your promise that your plans are for our welfare, no matter how bad things may seem in the world and in our own hearts. Help us to better be your heart, hands, and feet at every time and in every situation. In the beautiful name of Jesus Christ our liberator we pray. Amen.

KYRIE: No. 572 (unison)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. The LORD says, “I know the plans I have for you, for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” With the assurance, let us give thanks to the LORD!

ALL: **Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH (from *The Larger Westminster Catechism*)

Leader: How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

ALL: **Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father’s, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.**

We Hear God’s Word

EMBODIED WORD FOR DISCIPLES OF ALL AGES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON: *Jeremiah 29:10-14*

EPISTLE LESSON: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:2*

LESSON FROM ACTS: *Acts 17:1-9*

SERMON: *Apocalyptic Beauty*

MUSICAL MEDITATION: *You’ll Never Walk Alone*
In memory of Jeanne Nestor

R. Rogers and O. Hammerstein

We Respond in Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE**OFFERING INVITATION**

We are called to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in all times and situations, no matter how bad things may seem. Let us give our tithes and offerings so that we may effectively do this hard work together. If you are worshiping from home, please mail in your checks or use our online giving option on the website. Let us reflect on stewardship as we listen to today's offertory.

OFFERTORY *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*

Dale Wood

*** DOXOLOGY:**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)**

God of all times and places, we dedicate these gifts to you and to your service. Guide us as we seek to be your heart, hands, and feet for such a time as this. In the beautiful name of Jesus Christ our liberator we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" (Glory to God 625)**

We Go Into the World

BENEDICTION**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory*

Tom Birchwood

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Life of the Church

PEEK AT THE WEEK:

SUNDAY 9/14:	Worship In Person & Online – 10:30 AM First Sunday with Choir Fellowship Host: Tracy Oprea
MONDAY 9/15:	GA – 6:30 PM Al-Anon – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY 9/16:	Private Flute Lessons 2-8 PM (FH) Session – 6:30 PM AA – 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 9/17:	Private Flute Lessons 2-8 PM (FH) “Bring Your Own Bible” Bible Study 7-8 PM (Zoom) GA – 7:00 PM
THURSDAY 9/18:	Choir – 7:00 PM
SATURDAY 9/20:	Gladys’ Table Meal Prep

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE ANNUAL FALL HAYRIDE & HAYRIDE** will be on **Sunday, Oct. 5, from 3-5 pm** at Oak Ridge Prairie County Park in Griffith. Hotdogs and s’mores fixings will be provided for enjoying around the fire. Plenty of **food**, fellowship and fun for all – bring your friends and family! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email Heather Casiano to RSVP.
- **Recharge! Refresh! Restore! Renew! Restart! Fall Women’s Retreat** Gather in sisterhood for a time of spiritual connection and renewal! Date: Sunday, October 26th, 2025 | Time: 12:00 - 3:30 PM | Place: FPCH Fellowship Hall - Register by filling the registration on the back of the bulletin or using the link on our website. For more information, reach out to Vima
- **CHOIR PRACTICE THURSDAYS AT 7:00 PM!** Our choir is a great group, and we would love to keep growing! All voice levels and skill levels are welcome!
- **“BYOB”** (Bring Your Own Bible) discussion group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm online using Zoom, **beginning Wednesday, Sept. 10**. Each week this group takes a look at the scriptures from our Sunday worship services, asking questions, bringing up different perspectives, and hopefully encountering the Holy Spirit in a fresh way. The link for the Zoom meetings is emailed out weekly. You can connect to Zoom with a smart phone, tablet or computer. If you’re not familiar with how to use Zoom, or to get on our e-mail list, please contact Pastor Tyler or Heather Casiano.
- **“THE BIBLE IN TODAY’S WORLD”** class meets on Sunday mornings from 9-10 am in the middle classroom (across from Pastor Tyler’s office), **beginning on Sunday, Sept. 21**. This group is reading through the book, “A is for Alabaster” by Anna Carter Florence. Each week is independent of the other weeks, so come as you are able. If you need a book, or for any other questions, contact Heather Casiano.
- **ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS** Please consider making donations to our church Endowment Fund. Contributions can be made in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. Donations to this fund can also be made to commemorate special events, such as weddings, birthdays, births and anniversaries. The Endowment Fund is a great way to support grants to ministries in our congregation and our general fund. The money is invested in Vanguard, and each year the fund has been growing. Envelopes are located in the pews and narthex or you can send a check to the office.
- **BUILDING USE FORMS** Just a quick reminder that for the safety and security of everyone using our building, we need to have building use request forms filled out by both members and non-members whenever they use any area of the building outside of regular church activity functions.
- **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!** If you don’t already follow us on Facebook and Instagram, please start doing so @firstpchighland on both Facebook and Instagram.

- **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCH?** You are always welcome here, whether a member or not! If you are interested in joining as a member, though, we would love to have you! Please talk to Pastor Tyler if you would like to learn more.

Opportunities to serve as the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ:

- **BLESSING BOX** Please continue to place items in the Blessing Box and take items if you are a person in need! Items most commonly donated: Canned goods with pull tabs, socks, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, small snacks, toiletries, baby wipes and diapers. Please check expiration dates!
- **HELP STOCK OUR PANTRY!** Please pick up a beautifully decorated grocery bag in the narthex and fill it to help the church's food pantry.
- **GOT SNEAKERS?** We are still participating in the Got Sneakers Fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell; all we need is your support and your gently worn, used, or new sneakers! Blue bins are located in the narthex, and inside and outside DOOR D by the office. Every pair counts!

Prayer List

Anthony
 Brady Vanes
 George Griner
 Guy Hendricks
 Bill and Anettia Holmes
 David Markley
 Pat and David Kingen
 Diana and Ray Mendoza
 Janet Orem
 Cindy Waltz and Sister
 Yvonne Suroviak
 Georgette Sknerski
 Jakob Holden
 Denise Matthys
 Jan Oprea
 Florance Cody
 Kathy & Chuck Pumnea
 Laura Buono Domsic
 The Windstrups
 Rick Parker
 Gary Everhart
 Caroline Studer
 Darlene O'Brien
 Doug & Sue Matthews
 Janet Terpstra
 Glen Nahler
 Tom
 David Hamblin
 Jana Tolley
 Larry & Bonnie Perryman

Delta Rose
 Winnie Owen
 Breeanne
 Mom Bechtler
 Victor
 Marian Clayton
 Ella P
 Edie Delgano
 Melissa J.
 Rita Stronczek
 Keren, Zuriel, and Gedeon
 OGB
 Edna Cruz
 Charlie
 Jerry & Rena Martinez
 Nicole
 Greg
 Pastor Jane
 Mary Ellen Edeus
 Jane and David
 Flora R.
 Tyler Gall
 Dustin
 Phil
 Luana Sulkowski
 Sonny Buono
 Shannon Sutton
 Robin
 Mary Hurtt

Jeremiah 29:10-14

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:2

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

Acts 17:1-9

17 After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ² And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴ Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵ But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶ When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." ⁸ The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹ and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Apocalyptic Beauty

Jeremiah 29:10-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:2; Acts 17:1-9

Occupation and ethnic cleansing in Palestine! Religious and racial persecution across the world! Refugees and immigrants being mistreated and turned away in the hour of their greatest need! Neighbor turning against neighbor! Weapons being built to a scale never before seen! Earthquakes! Wildfires! Floods! Nationalistic leaders vying for world domination! Pandemics! Entire species going extinct! Prophecies of doom! Surely the world is ending! Surely Jesus will be coming back soon! It makes me want to go back to one of my old favorites: “Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the stars, at the trumpet’s call!”

I am sure that many of us have had these thoughts recently. No matter where we may stand on the political spectrum, no matter what our beliefs about the end times might be, it truly does often feel like the world is on the verge of something cataclysmic, perhaps even on the verge of the very end of things. Perhaps we live in fear of it. Perhaps we sometimes live in hope of it—in hope that Jesus will come and make it all just stop. The thing is, there have been people in all times and all places throughout history who have felt the exact same things with the exact same levels of urgency. In some sense, it has always felt like it is time for the eschaton, like the apocalypse is now.

You see, the situations I just described—the occupation and ethnic cleansing in Palestine, the religious and racial persecution, the turning away of refugees and immigrants, the turning of neighbor against neighbor, the weaponization of the world, the clashing of empires, the natural disasters, the spread of superbugs or super viruses, the mass extinctions, the prophecies of doom—those very things describe the reality of the world in which the apostles lived. The people, technology, and world powers were of course different, but the forces driving the destruction were the same. And they were every bit as scary. So, just as the apocalypse is now, the apocalypse was then—for Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke.

As we now know, they found a home with Lydia and her beautiful purple cloth in Philippi. Hers was the home they could go to in their time of need. Hers was the home they could go to for safety. Hers was the home from which the church of the Philippians would grow. And so, they made their way to Lydia’s home after the trauma of imprisonment. They rested, they recuperated, and then they set off again. Such was life for the early apostles. The word “apostle” means somebody who is sent out. And these apostles were sent out and then sent out again and then sent out again, carried upon the Holy Wind of the Holy Spirit all over the world that was known to them. So, after leaving Lydia’s home, they made their way to the Greek city of Thessaloniki—named after the sister of Alexander the Great.

To give you some modern context, Thessaloniki, sometimes called Salonica, is now the second biggest city in the country of Greece. It is located on the northwest corner of the Aegean Sea and was then and continues to be today one of the most important port cities in all the world. Then and now it was cosmopolitan, diverse, and teeming with people. In the time of the apostles, Thessaloniki was the capital of all the Greek provinces of the Roman Empire. And so, when the apostles made their way there, it was an imperial center, it was an important economic port, and it was crowded with people who would have been bearing news from all over the world. It would have been an uproarious, overwhelming place after the safety and comfort of Lydia’s home.

Unsurprisingly, trouble struck not too long after the apostles started doing their apostolic thing, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, “This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.” Because of the apostles’ success in reaching a few of the Jews, a lot of the Greeks, and a significant number of the women, the synagogue leaders became frightened that they might lose their small and distinctive community in this large and oppressive city, frightened that they might be facing their very own apocalypse. And so, they decide to make a scene in order to make the point to the surrounding city that these followers of the way of Jesus Christ were too radical, too destabilizing to be allowed to make inroads into the centers of Empire. And what a breathtakingly chaotic scene it was!

With the help of some violent people in the marketplaces, they formed a mob and set the city in uproar. As is so often the case with mobs, people's brains were washed and hearts hardened to attack others with horrific violence simply for being different. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they stormed the house of Jason, a recent and prominent Jewish convert. When they could not find the apostles, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." And those were the magic words. "They say there is another king." Such a thing could not be allowed in the Roman Empire. And so the apostles had to flee quickly, sneaking off to Berea in the cover of the night. And guess what? When the synagogue leaders of Thessaloniki learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds.

Needless to say, the apostles' experience in Thessaloniki was not a good one. Indeed, all of their impressions of the place would have consisted of overwhelming chaos and persecution, that sense of the world burning around them. In Thessaloniki they got a taste of how bad things were in the world, of how hopeless things could seem. And so, when Paul wrote to Jason and his fellow saints in Thessaloniki, to the Thessalonian Church, this was foremost on his heart and mind—impending doom, the end of things, the eschaton, the apocalypse.

Although we have made this word *apocalypse* synonymous with the end times, it is actually a Greek word that simply means revelation—the uncovering or revealing of something. In biblical usage, it most often refers to prophetic visions that foresee something that is to come—often the end of something. For example, the book of *Revelation* is also called *The Apocalypse of John of Patmos*. It recounts John of Patmos's vision of the fall of Rome, an end of that empire and thus of the world as he knew it. In the same way, the book of *Jeremiah* is full of prophetic visions foretelling the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon, an end to the world as he knew it. And so, much of *Jeremiah* can also be considered an apocalypse.

Paul's two letters to the Thessalonians, taken together, are his apocalyptic magnum opus. They speak to a fledgling church facing the regular possibility of destruction in an overwhelming, hostile city. This possibility of destruction is clear and present in Paul's invocation of those who have died in Thessaloniki because of their decision to follow the way of Jesus of Nazareth. He writes, "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died."

Yes, Paul certainly acknowledges the horrific trauma experienced by the people, and such witness is absolutely necessary. But then Paul does something remarkable. He refuses to portray the possible end of things as fire and brimstone, as catastrophic doom. Instead, he uses his apocalyptic vision to bring comfort to those suffering in Thessaloniki. In a marvelous, mystical way, he presents apocalyptic beauty. For, unlike the prophets before him, Paul had the promise and hope of Resurrection. Having encountered the resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus and having experienced his own beautiful transformation as a result, he understood the truth that death is not the end of things but rather the beginning of something new and wondrous. And so he continues in his letter, "For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died."

And finally we get Paul's beautiful revelation: "For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words."

Friends, with the world as it is today, we certainly need the encouragement of Paul's apocalyptic beauty! We have loved ones in our own families dealing with scary health crises. We have brothers and sisters in this country and across the globe being persecuted because of their identities as made beautifully and wonderfully by God. We have horrible, earth-shattering divisions in our shared body of Christ, with parts of the body succumbing to the same nationalisms and exclusivism of empire-seeking politicians. We have beloved children

of God being destroyed by weapons of mass destruction from handguns to assault rifles to drone attacks to bunker-busting bombs. We have beloved children of God falling to famine and disease and natural disasters. We have beloved children of God being separated from families and communities and locked in cages or deported into even more dangerous realities. We live under the constant threat of nuclear warfare.

In the midst of all of these world-ending forces, it is more imperative than ever that we take courage and encourage each other here and across the world. It is more imperative than ever that we break bread and share drink together across our differences. It is more imperative than ever that we worship our God who is Love and embody that Love and speak truth to the world and seek peace and justice. It is more imperative than ever that we believe in the Resurrection and live out the call of the Holy Spirit upon our lives. It is more imperative than ever that we follow the example of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who loved all and welcomed all, who believed in the possibility of and then catalyzed individual and communal transformation, who made sure that nobody went hungry, who chose to use his remarkable powers for healing, who stood up to and faced down violent political leaders even at risk to his own safety. For even if *we* are safe for now, there are communities of people across the world who are facing the reality of their worlds being destroyed, much as was the case for those first Christians in Thessaloniki.

We will never know when the world is actually going to come to its end. Paul reminds us that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. But here's the point. Whether it is happening now or later within our own lifetimes or after many more generations, we should not live in fear of the end of the world. For, we know that whenever it does happen there will be resurrection and new life, a new heaven and a new earth. We know that whenever it does happen, that same Jesus of Nazareth will come back with the full power of the most powerful force in the universes—Love!

So let us take heart and be encouraged by the apocalyptic beauty presented to us by Paul and Jeremiah and even John of Patmos. For, they reveal the truth that God has always been revealing the truth to us. And that truth is this: no matter what happens in the world, no matter how bad things get, God will be with us through it all—watching out for us and loving us. “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back.”

I close today with Paul's closing words to the church in Thessaloniki, the church of Jason and his fellow persecuted. May we listen well and may we do likewise.

“Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. Beloved, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” Amen.

Charles Wesley, 1747

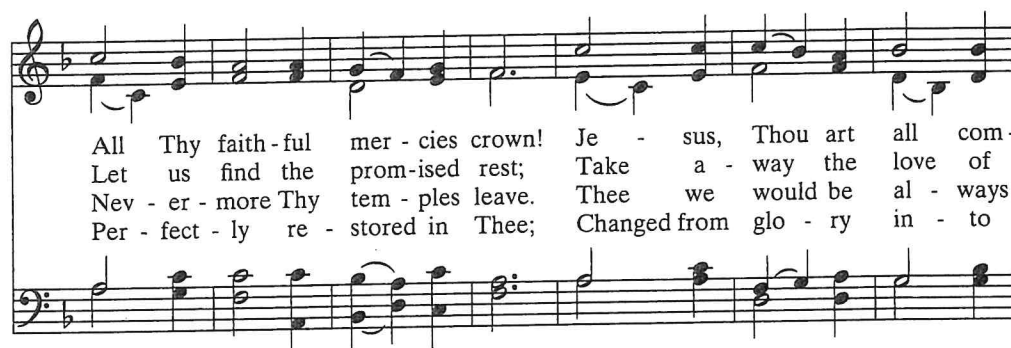
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



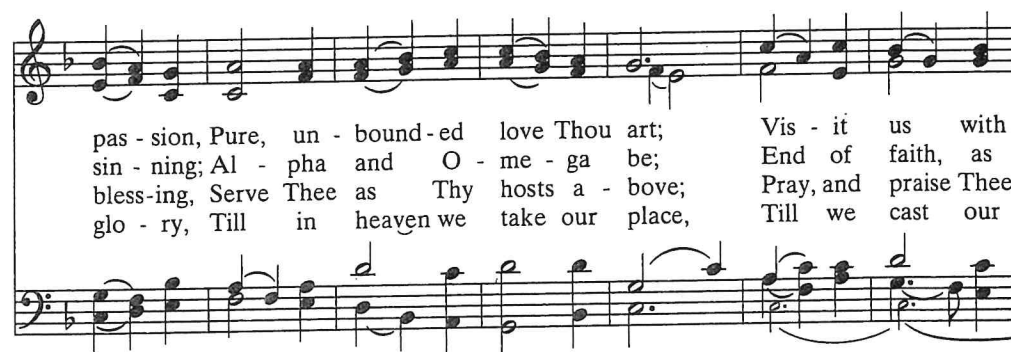
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



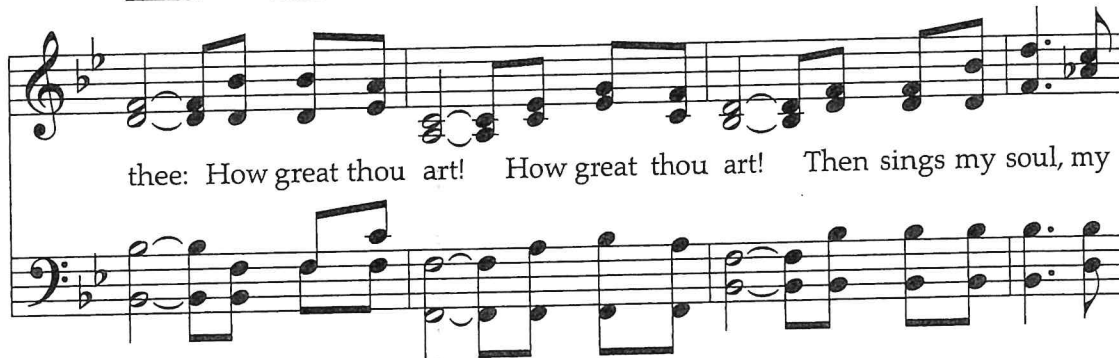
hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
 bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
 hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My



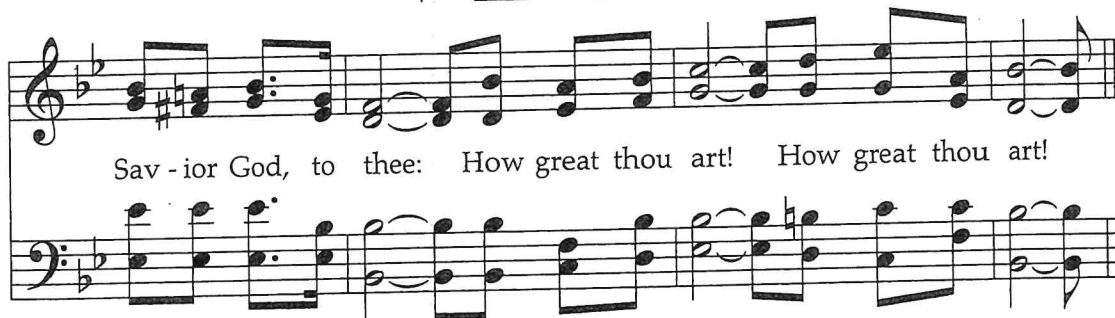
Refrain



u - ni - verse dis - played:
feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
take a - way my sin:
God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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