

If we don't stand up for children, we don't stand up for much!

~Marian Wright Edelman, Founder of the Children's Defense Fund



ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ☛ October 23rd, 2022 ☛ 11 A.M.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Justice, Love, and Humility

Micah 6:8

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

"Praeludium and Fugue in C minor"

Ringling of the Bells ✦

Prelude to Worship

"Coronation Fanfares"

Words of Welcome

↑ Call to Community

You are a God who can make all things right and just.

This we believe!

You are a God who loves us from cradle to grave and beyond.

This we believe!

So I will bless you as long as I live;

This we believe!

You are a God who is calling us to be agents of change in this world.

This we believe!

You are a God who will be with us as we advocate for the most vulnerable.

This we believe!

You call us to pray with our hands, our mouths, and our feet.

This we believe!

You are calling us to create a just world for all of your children.

This we believe!

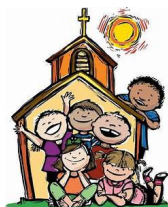
You have given us all that we need to fight for a better, safer tomorrow for children, and families of all races, religions, and socioeconomics.

This we believe!

Let us worship a God who creates and cares and loves.
Let us worship together on this Children's Sabbath Day!

↑ Opening Hymn ✦

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"
TNC Hymnal #459 (Black)



Prayer of Courage

Eternal One, we pray that you give us the strength to call out systems of oppression. Give us eyes to see the injustice Give ears to hear the pain and suffering. Give us a heart to move outside of our comfort zone. Grant that we never tolerate a child who is hungry. Make us instruments to care for not only our children but that families that you have called to nurture them. Remind us that you have called us to beloved community that can not be realized in broken democracy. Make us uncomfortable with our silence. Call us into the work of leadership and advocacy so that our tomorrows will be better than our yesterday and our today.

Children's Time

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: *God's Spirit Poured Out*

Joel 2:23-32 (NRSVUE)

Lector: Rich Owens

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Choral Response ✠

("Thy Word" by Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant)

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path." The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef. Above the treble clef, the word "Unison" is written. Above the bass clef, the word "Unison" is also written. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The notes are: Treble: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. Bass: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1. The final note is a whole note G4.

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Message by Reverend Katie Penick

O God, Hear Our Prayers!

Special Music ✧

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"

The Zion Choir

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✧

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates ("Ellacombe")

Offertory Response ✧

The Hymnal (red) #185, Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown Him,
Crown Him, Lord of all!
Amen.

Blessing Our Gifts

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✧

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
TNCH #505 (Black Hymnal)

Invitation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you.

Prayer of Celebration

God, we thank you that throughout history you have protected the innocents. Thank you for bringing fortitude and courage to the women who protected Moses so that we might remember that we are all called to be present for our children.

Thank you for causing Elizabeth's baby to leap in her womb so that we can remember that there is joy and promise in the blessing of all God's children. And, thank you for sending magi, wise men to bless Jesus so that we recall that it our work to provide resources and covering for all your children.

We praise you because we know that because you were present in all of those stages of Jesus' early life, he grew to be healthy, happy, and whole, and was able to usher in a new covenant.

The Story

Sharing the Meal ✨

*All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children.
God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so.
The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice and gluten-free bread for all.*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, on this Children's Sabbath, we give thanks for the children you have placed in our midst. May we always regard them as your highest blessing, and be committed to their blessings in ways large and small.

Prayer of Our Savior

**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 and ever. Amen.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

↑ Closing Hymn ✨

"Standing at the Future's Threshold"
TNC Hymnal #538 (Black)

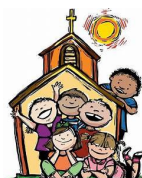
Sending Forth

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in a ministry of justice in all the world. **Amen.**

Prelude to Service ✨

"Toccata in D minor ('Dorian')"

GO FORTH IN



PEACE & SERVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 23rd



Children's Sabbath Sunday - Today

The National Observance of Children's Sabbath is always designated for the third weekend in October. The multi-faith Children's Sabbath weekend engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children. By exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, Children's Sabbath encourages communities to respond with outreach and advocacy, and, most importantly, inspire new, year-round action to improve the lives of children. Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths weekend unites faith communities of every religious tradition across the nation to:

- Raise awareness of problems facing children & families in our nation (i.e. poverty, gun violence, & lack of health care)
- Explore the texts and teachings in religious traditions that call us to nurture & protect children with love & justice.
- Engage people of faith in immediate and long-term action to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children by participating in this multi-faith, nationwide celebration, people of faith gain the inspiration of participating in a larger movement for children and help amplify the voice of our faith communities calling for justice.

Mummers' Parade – This Saturday

The Mummers' Parade is this Saturday at 6pm. Be sure to come out and enjoy this fall entertainment. Volunteers are needed to setup the chairs and tent at 6am. Upon completion around 7:30am we will enjoy a complimentary volunteer's breakfast at Golden Corral. Kitchen staff volunteers will meet at 3pm to begin food preparation for parade concessions. Volunteers are needed after the parade to clean-up. This event is a fundraising event for Zion's Christian Education program. Please join us for a time of fun and if able, consider volunteering to ensure the success of this fundraiser. If you can help out or have question, please see Kim Ridenour.

Catoctin Association Fall Meeting

Fall meeting is scheduled for 9:30am (with registration from 9am-9:30am) and will be at St. Mary's UCC in Westminster, MD and via ZOOM. If you would like to represent Zion or simply attend this meeting, please see Pastor Katie or Rae. Registration deadline is October 29th.

Consistory 2023 Candidates Needed

Do you have a passion to serve? Consider serving your church by helping lead us into the future, helping to ensure we continue to serve God, one another, and our neighbors. If you are willing to accept the call, let Consistory President Kim Ridenour know. Nominations must be received by November 13th.

Totenfest 2022

Our annual service of remembrance, Totenfest, will be on Sunday, November 20th during worship. This service is when we remember all the dearly departed since last November. If you have a loved one you would like to remember, please submit their information by filling out the Totenfest Form and turning in to the Church Office. If you have a photo that you would like to share to display on the media screens during the reading of the names, please submit that with your form. To remember loved ones from past years, you can submit their information and photo for in the Memorial Book.

Our Joys & Concerns

Praying with One Another



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: [Eric B.](#), Holly Bell, [Naomi Brackett](#), Jeff Cannedy, [Linda Cantilena](#), Richard Cantilena, [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Ronald Curry Sr., [Carol Garland](#), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), [Beth Gross](#), Jim & Donna Hatfield, [Sherry Hockman](#), Lyn Hoffmaster, [Jane Hollabaugh](#), Paul Hose, [Ann Kalinoski](#), Rhondda Kane, [Alyssa Kline](#), Dee Krause, [LaBombard Family](#), Sofia Martinez, [Dee McGlauckin](#), Barry & Amy Newlin, [Annie Penick](#), James Penick, [Colleen Rand](#), David Ridenour, [Betsy Roulette](#), Claudia Ruth, [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), Ralph & Scherry Sellers, [Staci Shafer](#), Thelma Summers, [Tracy Roach Walls](#), Eleanor Wible, [Eric Wolbring](#), Robert Yeoman, and [Mia](#).

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Ed Patterson** (Oct 26th) and **Beth McDonald** (Oct 26th)! Happy Anniversary to **Corey & Jessica Green** (Oct 23rd)! May this year of your life/lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of YOU. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Lector Ministry Schedule

Today: Rich Owens

Next Sunday: Wells Ridenour

Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all.

Daily COVID Rate in Wash. Co: 9.78% as of Oct 20th ([*Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard](#))

7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 9.5% with 16 hospitalizations as of Oct 19th ([*Merit Health](#))

Human MonkeyPox Emergency: 700 cases throughout the state of MD ([*MD Health Dept](#))

Important Dates This Week

Christian Ed Team Meeting – October 24th, 4pm (Burhans Room)

ONA Team Meeting – October 25th, 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – October 25th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Dine-in and carry-out options available!

Thursday Lunch Bunch – October 27th at 11:30am (Hybrid)
www.zionreformed.church/thursday

Staff Team Meeting – October 27th at 12:30pm

Choir Practice – October 27th at 4pm (Chapel)

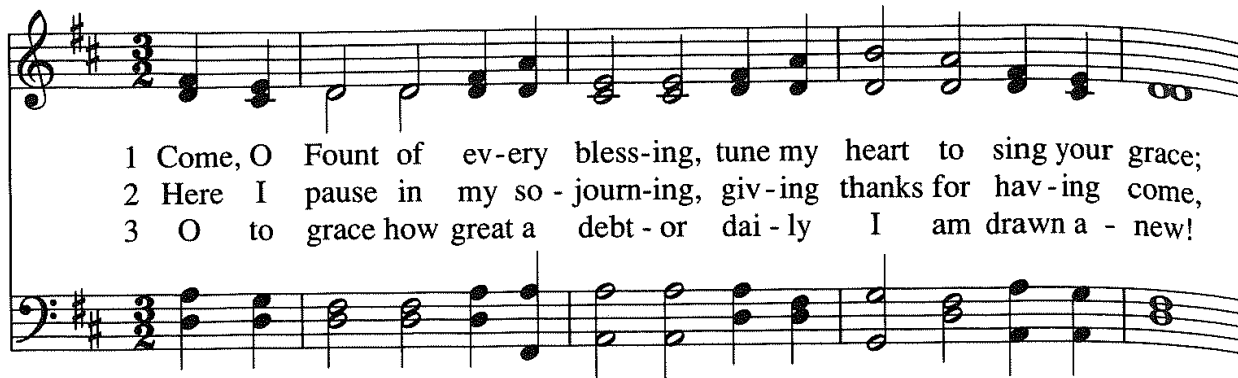
Downtown Hagerstown 4-H Club – October 27th at 4:30pm (Burhans Room)
See Kim Ridenour for more information

Book Club – October 28th at 7pm (Sue Graff's Home & ZOOM)
www.zionreformed.church/bookclub

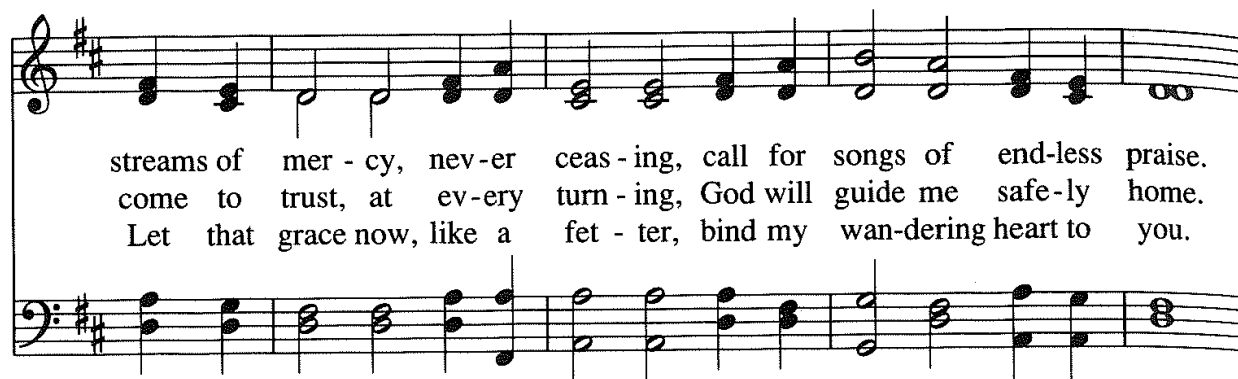
Mummers' Parade – October 29th at 6pm
Set-up at 6am – Kitchen Prep Begins at 3pm – Help Cleaning Up Also Needed

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

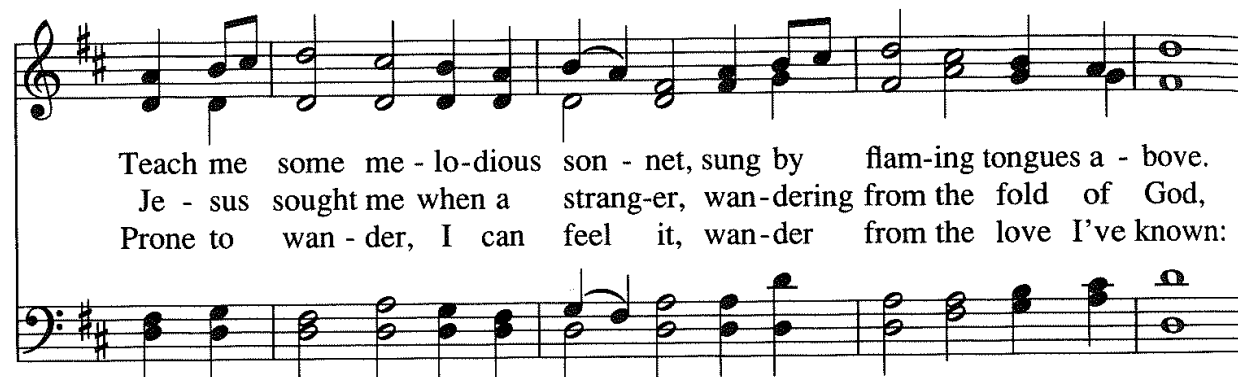
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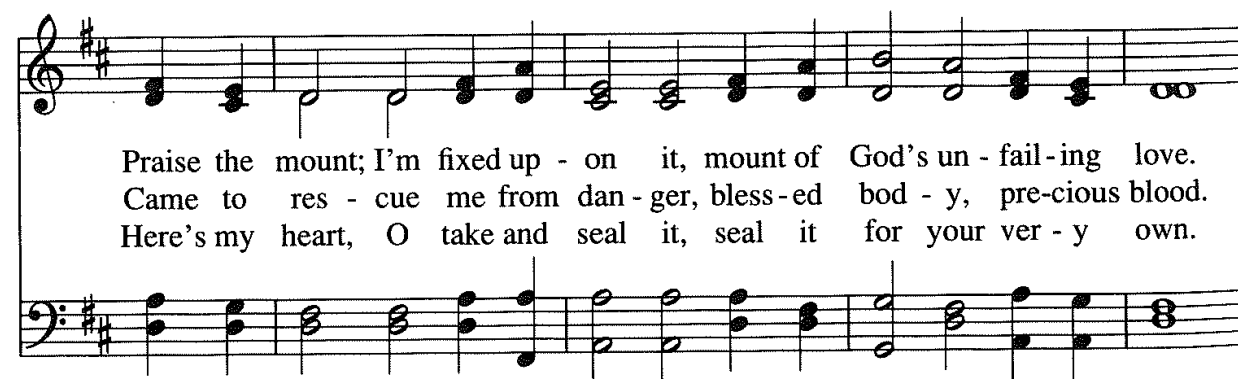
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



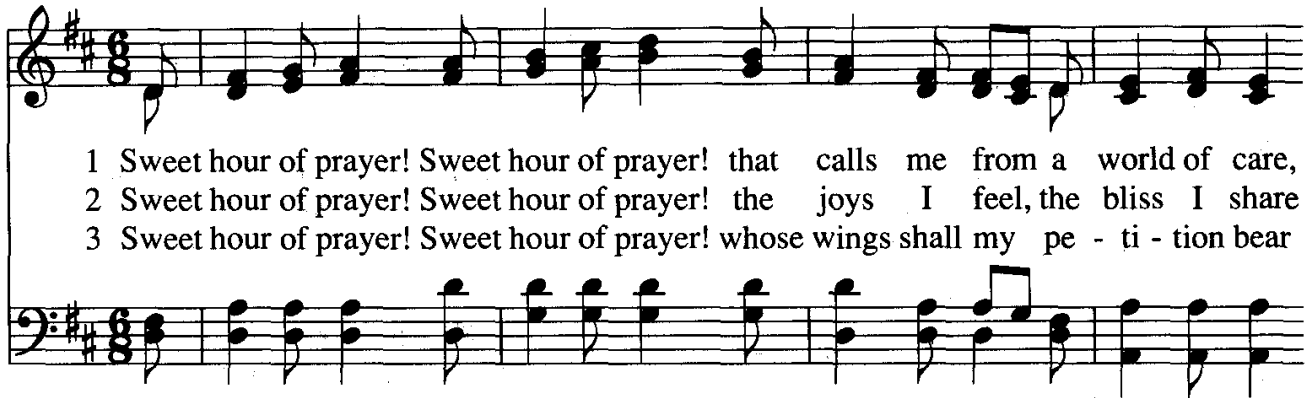
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



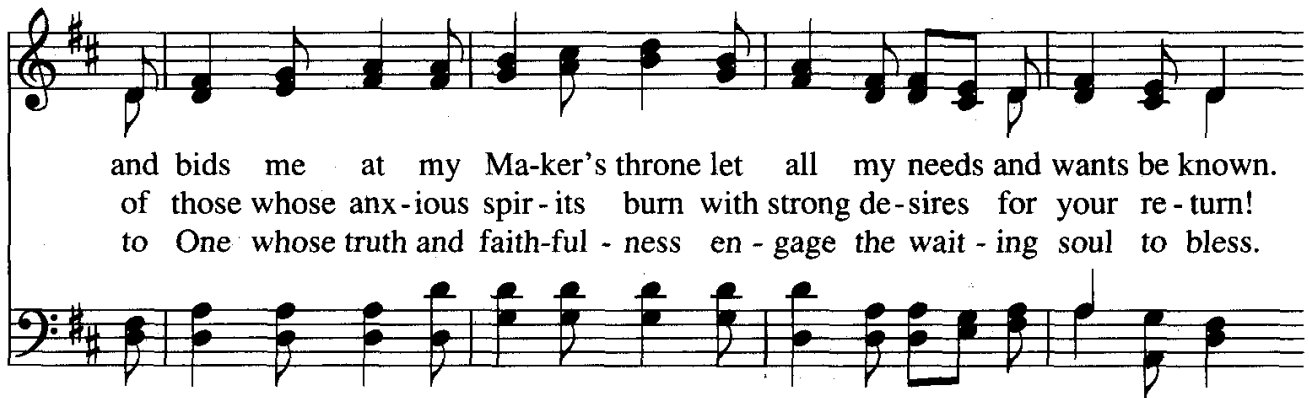
Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

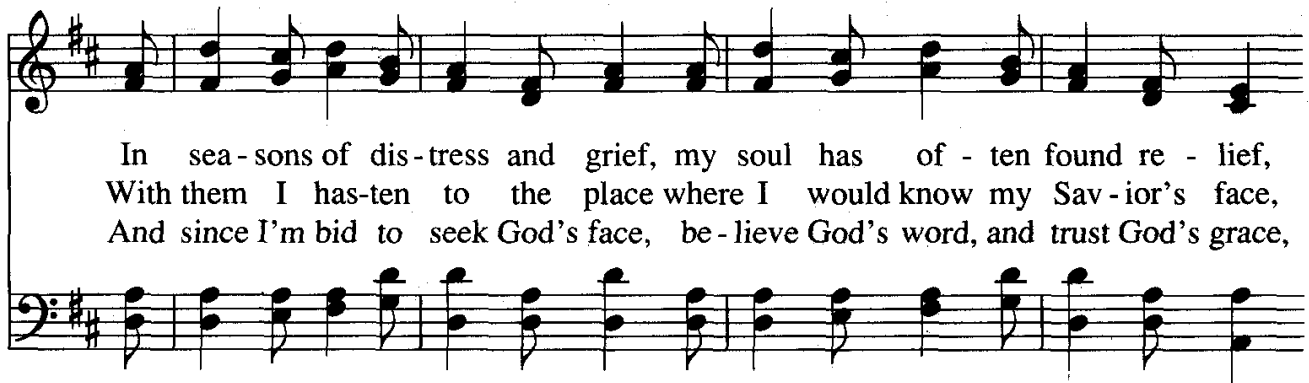
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1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re - turn!
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has - ten to the place where I would know my Sav - ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

Standing at the Future's Threshold

The New Century Hymnal #538 (Black Hymnal)



1 Stand-ing at the fu-ture's thresh-old, grate-ful for God's guid-ing hand,
2 Midst the teem-ing cit-ies' mil-lions, wit-ness to God's bound-less love,
3 O-pen-heart-ed in ex-chang-es with the faith-ful not our own,
4 Build-ing jus-tice as the bul-wark of the peace that God would give,
5 Je-sus Christ, e-ter-nal Sav-ior, Source of life and truth and grace,



Ask-ing no pro-protect-ed strong-hold; called to be a pil-grim band,
Reach-ing for each sys-tem's lost ones, seek-ing jus-tice with each move;
Trust-ing God's way with these strang-ers not to leave the truth un-known,
Mak-ing sac-ri-fice the hall-mark of the life we're called to live:
We would ask no spe-cial fa-vor, with the low-liest seek our place,



Seek-ing ev-er for new vi-sion of the gos-pel for our day,
Grant us cour-age, strength, and pa-tience to con-tend with vi-cious power,
Join-ing them in shared en-deav-or where we have Christ's clear com-mand,
Grant us, God, to bear our wit-ness to this peace in Christ, and move
Know the in-as-much of serv-ing, have your cross as our com-mand:



We move for-ward in God's mis-sion with our faith to show the way.
Lead us for-ward in the faith that gives us hope in test-ing's hour.
We have faith that calls us ev-er toward this good earth's prom-ised land.
For-ward with our faith's own ac-cess to the life of hope and love.
Lead us in this faith un-swerv-ing for-ward as your pil-grim band.



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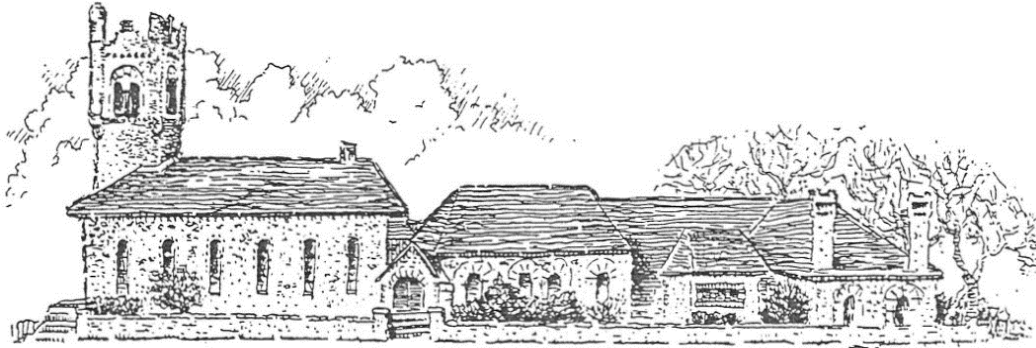
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