

# IMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*transforming* tradition

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.*

Brian Wren

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 7, 2024

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE      Now Let the Vaults of Heaven Resound      *arr. Johnson*

*Welcome to our combined online and onsite worship service.  
The order of service is designed for worshipers to participate  
virtually from home or in the Sanctuary.*

***Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.***

CHORAL INTROIT      Now the Green Blade Riseth  
*Traditional French Carol*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:    Glory be to You,  
                  God, our strength and our redeemer.*

**People:**    The vacant cross and the empty tomb  
                  vindicate Your claim  
                  that the love which suffers  
                  is the love which saves.

*Leader:    So fill Your people with joy  
                  and Your Church with celebration  
                  that the world may know that Your son Jesus  
                  is not a dead hero we commemorate  
                  but the living Lord we worship,*

**All:**        to whom with You and the Holy Spirit  
                  be our praise forever. Amen.

*from the Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland*

\*+ HYMN 248    Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!      *Hymn to Joy*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION      I John 1

*Leader:    We declare to you what was from the beginning,  
                  what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes,  
                  what we have looked at and touched with our hands,  
                  concerning the word of life –*

**People:**    This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify  
                  to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with  
                  God and was revealed to us –

*Leader: This is the message we have heard and proclaim,  
that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.*

*People: If we say that we have fellowship with God  
while we are walking in darkness,  
we lie and do not do what is true;*

*Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.*

*People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*All: Everlasting God, by Your power and love  
Jesus Christ has been raised from death to new life.  
Yet, failing to recognize Your presence with us,  
we have felt abandoned;  
failing to affirm the resurrection in our lives,  
we have not embraced the possibilities of new life;  
failing to let Your love transform us,  
we have conceded to the powers of sin and death.  
Have mercy on us.  
Renew our faith, that we might embrace Your call  
to walk in newness of life, and to serve You with joy,  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* THE PEACE**

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,  
let us forgive one another.*

*All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.*

**\* RESPONSE (the congregation sings)**

*Celebrate with joy and singing, Alleluia be our song.  
Jesus Christ has risen to save us, Praises to our God belong.  
Through great love has come the victory;  
Driving gloom and doubt away.  
Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!*

*+++ Latecomers may be seated during the response*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Acts 4:32-35

(NT 122)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Alleluia Canon *Mozart; arr. Moore*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN 246 Christ is Alive! *Truro*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Invitation from the Church Nominating Committee

Elder Mike Gillard

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Worshippers in the Sanctuary are invited to sign the red Friendship Folder in each pew and greet one another following the worship service.*

*Online worshippers are invited to indicate their "presence" by using the Virtual Worship Sign-in link: <https://bit.ly/IPCVirtualWorshipSignIn>*

*Unenveloped offerings support the Deacons' ministries of care and compassion.*

OFFERTORY O Son and Daughter of the King *Dandrieu*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering

Leader: *Gracious God, who has given us all things,  
we thank You for calling us to be stewards of these gifts.*

People: Open our ears again to that call, and our hearts  
to our neighbors around the world.

Leader: *In the name of the One who gave life to all,*

People: teach us to give, so that by our giving,  
we might become full; in our emptying,  
we might become whole.

Leader: *In the name of the One who shared life with us,*

People: teach us to share, accepting each other as children  
of the one human family.

Leader: *In the name of the One who opened the tomb,  
overcoming sin and death,*

People: open our hands in generosity and joyful service,  
and inspire in us a new sense of the global community  
in which we live.

*Leader: Strengthen and guide us to fulfill our human responsibility,  
to reach out to neighbors,  
to heal a broken world,  
and to rejoice in a life shared with others.*

*People: In this One Great Hour of Sharing,  
make us confident of Your abiding care,  
as we pledge ourselves to a deepened commitment  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\* DOXOLOGY (*the congregation sings*)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

THE SCRIPTURES John 20:19-31

(NT 115)

*Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION "Believing and Belonging"

Ms. Larson

\* HYMN 817 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

*Dunlap's Creek*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERING OF BREAD AND WINE

*Elders present the gifts of the loaf and the cup in thanksgiving for God's Word.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
They will come from east and west, and from north and  
south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.  
According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with  
his disciples, he took the bread and blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.*

*People: Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.*

*Leader: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who  
trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.*

*At Your word the earth was made*

*and spun on its course among the planets.*

*Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth*

*and set us among all Your creatures to love and serve You.*

*People: When we were unfaithful to You,*

*You kept faith with us,*

*Your love remained steadfast.*

*When we were slaves in Egypt,*

*You broke the bonds of our oppression,*

*brought us through the sea to freedom,*

*and made covenant to be our God.*

*Leader: By a pillar of fire You led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.*

*People: You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh You lived among us, manifesting Your glory. He died that we may live, and is risen to raise us to new life.*

*Leader: Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:*

*All sing: Holy, holy, holy, holy, Hymn to Joy  
God of power and God of might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with glory  
Sing Hosanna to our God.  
Blessed is the One who cometh  
in the Lord's most holy name.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest, Sing Hosanna, everyone!*

*Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, whom You sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded by our sin. He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.*

People: The one who was dead now lives.

The one who humbled himself  
is raised to rule over all creation.

The one raised is with us always, as he promised.

*Leader: Remembering all Your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and wine from the gifts You have given  
us, and celebrate with joy our redemption in Jesus Christ.*

People: Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a  
living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may  
proclaim the One crucified and risen.

*Leader: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.*

People: By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All persons are invited to commune, regardless of age or denomination.*

*Today worshipers recall the Easter journey of the early disciples  
by walking forward to receive the Sacrament.*

*Communion today is by intinction:*

*take bread from one of the elders, then dip it in the cup and partake.*

*It is our practice to serve unfermented wine.*

*Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray.*

## RESPONSE AND PRAYER

*Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:*

*People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.*

*All: Alleluia!*

### \* HYMN 755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

*Weisse Flaggen*

*Children, youth, and teachers depart for Church School in the Peaceable Kingdom  
at the beginning of the hymn.*

*Worshippers in the Sanctuary turn to the camera on the back wall  
so that online and onsite worshippers are facing one another  
for the closing hymn and benediction.*

### \* BENEDECTION

### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia

*J. Dowland*

### POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

*Gigout*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Debbie Whitmore in memory of her husband, Alan "A.D." Whitmore,  
whose memorial service was held yesterday in the Sanctuary.*

Following the postlude, a minister and elder  
will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

**Welcome!** Members and friends are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parlor. Coffee hosts are Transition Team members. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Ashley and Matt Boedecker and Pat Parks. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

**If you are visiting Immanuel Church today,** we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 187<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country. Committed to "keeping faith in the city," Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.



Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A “**crying room**” **on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during the worship service.

**Children and youth are dismissed for Church School classes in the Peaceable Kingdom** (lower level) at the beginning of the final hymn. Click <https://conta.cc/43IV5cc> to read this week’s “Wednesday Grace” email, a weekly update on Church School happenings.

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE**

**Immanuel welcomes new interim pastor,  
the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush next Sunday!**

### **Special Coffee Hour hosted by HR Committee**

With the recent retirement of Immanuel's longtime pastor, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Block, the congregation now moves into a time of transition. The Rev. Dr. Randall “Randy” Bush was introduced to the congregation as Immanuel’s new interim pastor in February and will begin his ministry at Immanuel next Sunday. Dr. Bush will preach and the Human Resources Committee will host a special Coffee Hour following the service for members and friends to personally welcome Randy and his spouse, Beth Johnstone Bush. For more information about Dr. Bush and his call to serve Immanuel, follow this link to Immanuel’s website: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/ministers-and-staff>.

*Do you have any questions about this time of transition in our life together?*

Please feel free to reach out to one of the ministers or a member of the Human Resources Transition Team (Debbie Anderson, Jill Fahr, David Plank, Victor Plantinga, Sharon Rose). You may also send an email to the team at [hr@immanuelwi.org](mailto:hr@immanuelwi.org).

## **Participate in the process of nominating**

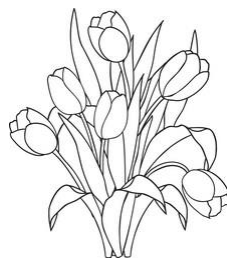
### **ELDERS AND DEACONS**

#### **for Immanuel Church**

The Church Nominating Committee is working to identify members for service on the **Session (governance; worship, education, mission)** and the **Board of Deacons (pastoral care)**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting later this spring; new elders and deacons will be ordained in June. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church and members who are currently serving are not eligible for election to another board. Please be specific about the person’s gifts for a particular office. Nomination forms are on the Great Hall tables today or submit your suggestions to [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Nominations2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2024).

# Spring is Coming!

*Mark your calendar  
for these upcoming Immanuel events*



## **KRAYBILL ORGAN RECITAL**

**Sunday, May 5 + 3:00 p.m. + Immanuel Sanctuary**

Immanuel's Parish Life Council and the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists are pleased to host an organ recital by Jan Kraybill of Kansas City, Missouri. Ms. Kraybill is a Grammy nominated organist recognized for her work in promoting the organ worldwide. Please join us for the recital and reception of this gifted performer on our historic organ.

## **"CREATION SUNDAY" + May 12**

The Church School children, youth, and teachers will celebrate Creation Sunday on May 12 with lessons and activities that celebrate the gift of God's good creation! Following worship, members and friends will be invited to join in the celebration and enjoy eating some "dirt cake," a favorite Creation Sunday treat.

## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND PENTECOST + May 19**

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost by receiving our confirmation students as full members of the church followed by our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with "Fruit of the Spirit" salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2023-24 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples. Sign up for the Pentecost Party later this month.

## **NEW MEMBERS WILL BE WELCOMED AGAIN THIS SPRING**

A spring Membership Welcome and Orientation Brunch is being planned.

Watch the bulletin and email blast for more information.

A date for the next IPC 101: Introductory Tour will be announced soon, too!

*New friends:* contact Mr. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) in the church office to express an interest in attending one or both of these welcome events.

**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers – Dick Myers, Dave Salisbury, Steve Jacobs, and Victor Plantinga; Camera operator – Janet Christiaansen.

# YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

In addition to offerings during onsite worship:

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Text 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information and verification by text or email.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today, we dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, a special ecumenical offering received during Lent and Easter. The offering supports disaster relief, self-development, and hunger and health programs here and around the world. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. You may also make a gift online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>.

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

**Available dates for Chancel flowers:** If you would like to donate flowers on **May 5**, please contact the church office.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

APRIL 7

8:55

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choir rehearsal

8:45-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

**Morning Worship**; Ms. Larson preaching

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

10:50-noon

Church School for children and youth ~

*The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level*

11:00-12:00

Coffee hour in the Parlor

April 8

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

### NEXT SUNDAY

APRIL 14

8:55

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choir rehearsal

8:45-noon

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

10:00

**Morning Worship**; Dr. Bush preaching

10:30-noon

Church School for children and youth ~

*The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level*

5:00

Confirmation gathering ~ *offsite*

April 15

6:00

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

April 16

5:45

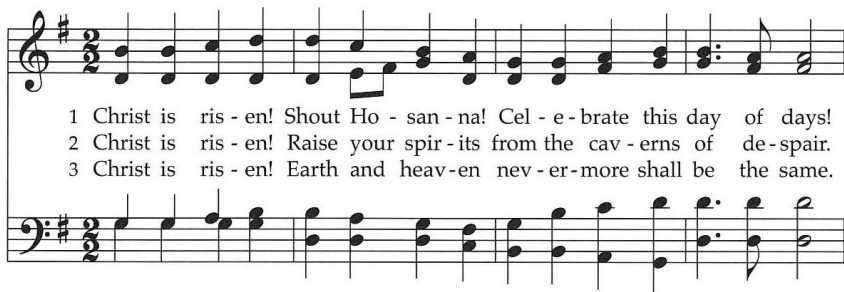
Meeting of the Session ~ *Block Conference Room*

April 18

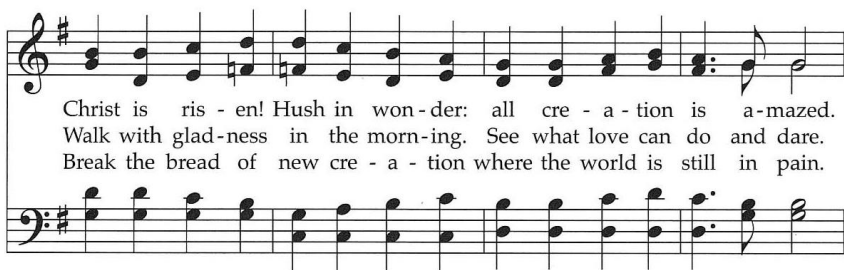
noon

Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ *virtual*

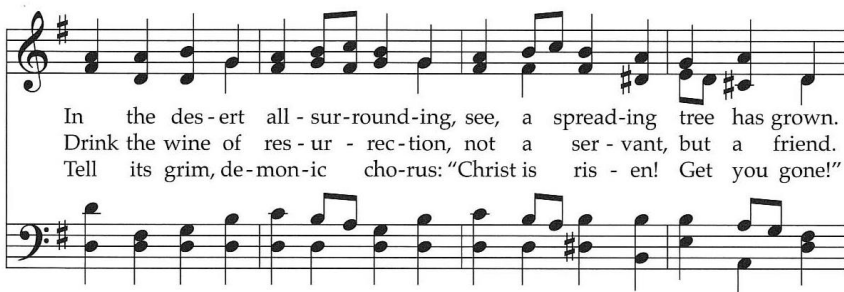
# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



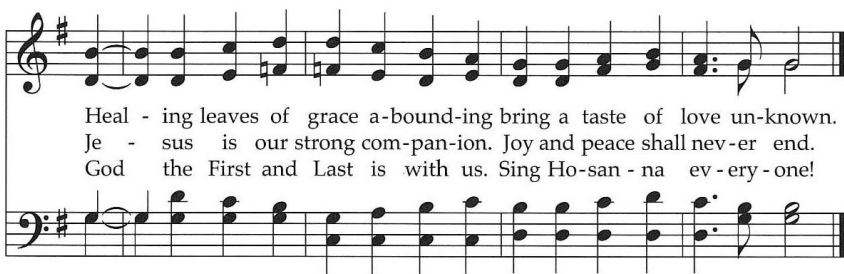
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

# Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

# 755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.  
light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.  
may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;  
Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;  
Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;

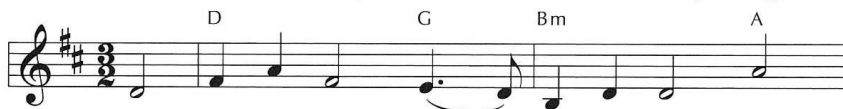


may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!  
im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.  
awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!

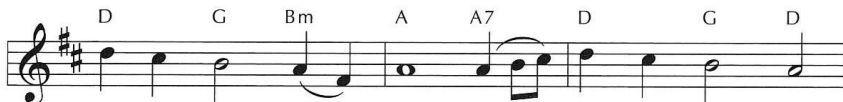


Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

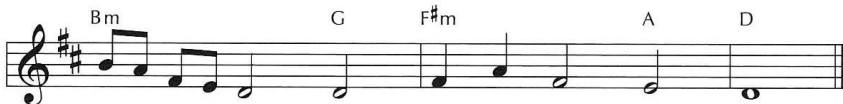
# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

**PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND  
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS  
ARE AVAILABLE.  
PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE**



*Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.*



**SUNDAY MORNING PARKING:** Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.**

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