

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

FESTIVAL WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

*Please stand, as able, when indicated by asterisk. **Bold text indicates congregational response.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

arr. from Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved of God, think of us in this way:

As servants of Christ, and stewards of God's mysteries.

INVOCATION

A Prayer of David

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. Amen.

COLLECT IN ESPAÑOL

Dios misericordioso, que nos llamas a amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, nos has bendecido con muchas lenguas para alabar tu santo nombre. Oramos por la unidad de la iglesia, por todos los que celebran su culto en inglés o en español, y por los inmigrantes que viven de la fe en un país desconocido. Por Cristo Jesús, que hace un hogar para todos tus hijos. Amén.

Merciful God, who calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, you have blessed us with many tongues to praise your holy name. We pray for the unity of the church, for all who worship in English or Spanish, and for immigrants who live by faith in an unfamiliar country. Through Christ Jesus, who makes a home for all your children. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 6

*Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good
(see insert)*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Blessing of the Little Free Pantry

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Where Children Belong



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-come as part of the wor-ship-ing throng.



Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 6:5–13

NRSVUE

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

1 Chronicles 29:10–19

NRSVUE

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said, “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.”

SERMON

Our Daily Breadbox

Rev. Cameron Barr

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

CALL TO SHARING

ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes, a setting of Psalm 121

Ian Higginson

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord Himself is thy keeper.
The Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand, so that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.*

The Lord Shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth forevermore.

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.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all crea-tures here be-low;
O, praise God! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit, Com - for - ter;
One, God, Tri - une whom we a - dore, O, praise God! O, praise God!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. We offer a gluten-free option in the basket with purple linens and serve only non-alcoholic grape juice. Raise your hand if you would like a pastor to bring the elements to you.

COMMUNION HYMN 343

Jesus Took the Bread
(see insert)

NEW HOPE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN OF BLESSING 506**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(see insert)

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***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. from Ludwig Van Beethoven

All are welcome to process to the Little Free Pantry together. Meet Cameron, Anitra, Chip, Jan and others at the rear of the sanctuary during the postlude.

GRATITUDE CORNER

A big shoutout and message of gratitude for our UCCH Library. We have an amazing collection in the library for children and adults. I want to give thanks and praise for our Librarian, Barbara Wildemuth. She keeps our library organized, leading a team of volunteers to staff the library each Sunday to assist you in finding materials and answering your questions about the library, and she has done this for many years! Barbara also pulls resources each week related to the weekly lectionary and these are published in the bulletin announcements each week. These items are found on a small wooden rack in the center of the library if you want to check them out. When we have a book sale, she and volunteers collect, organize and display the books for sale. I encourage you to visit the library any Sunday, and come say hi and thank you to the volunteer on duty. Thank you, library volunteers, and thank you, Barbara! —Kas Sielken

Submissions needed! If you can name something about our church community that makes you want to give thanks and sing in less than 200 words, we'd love to share your thoughts in our weekly worship bulletins and newsletters. Send your submission to mmee@unitedchurch.org.

During joint worship on Sunday, August 23, the following people joined the Covenant of Membership at United Church of Chapel Hill. Please extend a warm welcome to them and their families as they continue to connect with the life of the church.

Meet Our New Members

Tom Galey (he/him) and **Lee Ellis (he/him)** moved back to Fearington Village most recently from Southern Nevada/Arizona. Tom and Lee are retired however Tom continues to teach American Sign Language for Mohave College online. Lee enjoys doing various hobbies and keeping himself busy with his creativity while Tom enjoys tending to their outdoor potted flowers and spoiling their standard poodle. They used to attend UCCH when they lived here from 2009 to 2014. They were actively involved in the UCCH community and are looking forward to getting involved again.

Karen Setty (she/her), Fabio Bolognesi (he/him), Nicco (he/him), and Gemma (she/her) Residents of Chapel Hill since 2015, the Setty/Bolognesi family found UCCH in 2025. Karen is originally from Ohio, Fabio from Italy, and the kids were born in Southern California. Karen trained as a water researcher and leads the UCCH Stream Team, as well as volunteering with the IFC kitchen, card-making group, and ESL ministries. Fabio works in software development and coaches soccer. Nicco started high school this year. He enjoys computer gaming, 3D printing, ultimate frisbee, mountain biking, and fun facts about armadillos. Gemma recently started middle school and enjoys arts and crafts as well as the musical and junior choir at UCCH.

Raised on the beach and mountains of the Pacific NW, **Barb Turpin (she/her)** left a faculty position at Rutgers University and a small town in Central Jersey 11 years ago with her youngest daughter to start a new chapter at UNC and in Chapel Hill. Barb is a member of a biracial family, a retired athlete, and a scientist who thinks we live on an awesome planet and thus considers it her 'day job' to protect its atmosphere. She enjoys learning from her grown children, kayaking, hiking, teaching and voting. Barb started attending UCCH a year ago.

If you are interested in learning more about membership at UCCH, please contact one of the pastors. You are also invited to join upcoming "UCCH 101" sessions (three Sundays this fall/winter at 9:15am in the library - specific dates TBA) as we enjoy breakfast together and explore spirituality, our church community, and the United Church of Christ denomination through conversation and time for questions.

WELCOME!

If you are new to United Church, we are so glad you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Table to fill out a contact card and take a gift bag with more information about our congregation. We also invite you to introduce yourself to a pastor and join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments following worship.

CHURCH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

UCCH has a response plan in place for health/safety emergencies or other unexpected situations. If you would like more details please contact a Deacon or Pastor.

FLU SHOT CLINIC TODAY

Walgreens will provide flu vaccines to anyone who would like to receive one **after worship today in the office lobby**. The vaccine is available to anyone age 3 and older. Insurance is NOT required, but please bring your card if you do have health insurance.

NEXT WEEK: JOINT WORSHIP, CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SPANISH LANGUAGE MINISTRIES

Next **Sunday, September 20**, we'll celebrate 30 years of Spanish language ministries at UCCH! Join us for **10:30am joint worship** led by Maria Teresa Palmer, followed by a potluck lunch and a fun celebration of this important part of our church's history. Bring a dish to share! Childcare and translation will be provided.

COMMUNITY FORUM

There will be NO Community Forum at 9:15am next Sunday, September 20. Instead, the Board of Adult Education will host a forum after worship during our Spanish language ministries celebration. **September 27 forum** at 9:15am: *Vote with Love: Our Faith, Our Vote, and Our Voice*.

HERENCIA VIVA HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Enjoy dinner, games, live music by *Abakua*, and Latin dance lessons—all included with your ticket! Proceeds from this event will support our church's Language Learning Program and Immigration Legal Assistance Fund. Scan the attached QR code for tickets.



UCCH YOGA & PILATES: UPCOMING CLASSES

Join us for Friday morning yoga with Melanie Joiner and pilates-style classes led by Karen Setty! All levels welcome. **Fridays at 9am in the Assembly Hall:** Sept 18 - Chair Yoga; Sept 25 - Pilates; Oct 2 - Yoga; Oct 9 - Pilates. Questions? Contact Melanie at melanie.spence@gmail.com and Karen at karen.setty@gmail.com.

IFC PROJECT 5000

Stop by the narthex table this month and grab a shopping list of most-needed items and a bag to fill! Each bag will provide emergency food for a family of four for two days. Return filled bags to the narthex by Oct. 11.

STREAM TEAM - BOOKER CREEK MONITORING

Our quarterly all-ages service opportunity to monitor Booker Creek is on Monday, September 21 (a CHCCS teacher workday), from 10am to 12pm. The activity takes place adjacent to the church property, and the data we collect benefits the Haw River Assembly's River Watch Program. Younger children should bring an adult. Please contact karen.setty@gmail.com with any questions. Sign up here: bit.ly/streamteam26

LITTLE FREE PANTRY = OUR DAILY BREAD BOX

The name chosen by vote for our Little Free Pantry is *Our Daily Bread Box*. As always, donations of shelf-stable items that are not packaged in glass are appreciated (especially individual snacks, toiletries, and packets of disposable utensils). Donations can be left in the pantry itself or in the designated basket by the narthex.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ENEWS

Our email newsletter is sent weekly on Tuesdays (English) & Fridays (Spanish). Sign up at unitedchurch.org.

FROM THE UCCH LIBRARY

- ★ Claiborne, S., & Wilson-Hartgrove, J. The Lord's Prayer. In "Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers," p15-54. 248.3 Cla B
- ★ Hawkins, R.K. A God who inspires authentic revolution. In "While I Was Praying: Finding Insights about God in Old Testament Prayers," p154-171. 231 Haw W
- ★ González, J.L. Praying. In "When Christ Lives in Us," p21-31. 248.4 Gon W
- ★ Keller, T. "Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God." 248.3 Kel P
- ★ Blythe, T.A. "50 Ways to Pray: Practices from Many Traditions and Times." 248.3 Bly F
- ★ MacBeth, S. "Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God." 248.2 Mac P

These items are on the small wooden rack in the center of the library. A volunteer, Don Arbuckle, will be in the library immediately following today's service, to assist you in finding library materials.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SERVICE NOTES

MUSIC: Julie Mitchell, piano; Chancel Choir

DEACON: Colleen Malley

GREETER: Peter Barnes

READER: Jeff Hall

SOUNDBOARD: Ron Johnson

LIVESTREAM: Brian Moore

COFFEE HOST: Chancel Choir

COVER ART: Sabatini, Roman. *Power of the Lord's Prayer* (2007), from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

UNITED CHURCH STAFF

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Bienvenido. Welcome. Visitors are invited to take a contact card from the Narthex or Sanctuary pew pockets to fill out and place in the offering plate. / *Se invita a los visitantes a coger una tarjeta de contacto de los bolsillos de los bancos del Nártex o del Santuario para rellenarla y depositarla en el plato de las ofrendas.*

*Or complete the form online:
O rellene el formulario en línea:*



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A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

COMMUNION HYMN 343

Jesus Took the Bread

NEW HOPE

Matt. 26:26-28; Luke 9:16; 22:19; 24:30

Ruth Duck, 1982

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1 Je - sus took the bread, dai - ly gift of God,
 2 Je - sus blessed the bread, thanked the God of grace,
 3 Je - sus broke the bread; then he poured the wine.
 4 Je - sus gives the bread at our ta - ble still,

Bm Bm7 GM7 C Em7 A7

formed of wheat and sweat and toil, sun, rain, and sod.
 thanked the One who made all worlds, all time, all space.
 Bro - ken bod - y, life poured out, God gives as sign.
 gives the cup to those who seek God's lov - ing will.

D A Bm Em F#m GM7 A7

In our hands we take gifts of bread and wine,
 Bless - ing, hon - or, praise, all to God be - long.
 Weak, a - fraid, and lost: that is when we're healed.
 Let us go in peace; let us free - ly give,

D A F# Bm Em A7 D

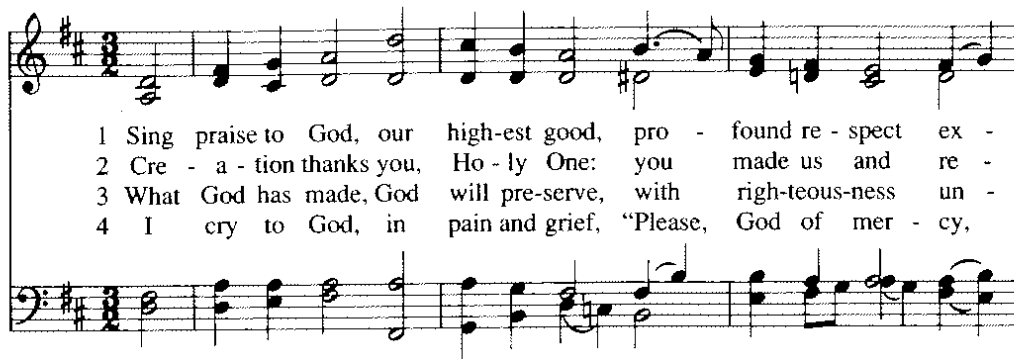
gath - ered from the fields of earth, signs of love di - vine.
 Let us lift our hearts to God in a thank - ful song.
 In our hu - man bro - ken - ness: there God is re - vealed.
 shar - ing love with all the world dai - ly as we live.

Ruth Duck wrote this hymn emphasizing the actions of communion—taking, blessing, breaking, and giving the bread—following a summer study of liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. It was first used at New Hope United Church of Christ in Milwaukee.

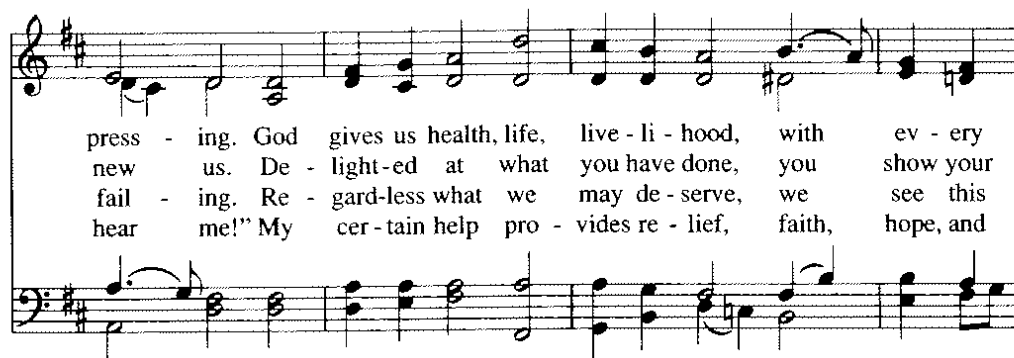
Tune: NEW HOPE 10.11.10.12.
 Ruth Duck, 1982
 Arr. Randall Sensmeier, 1982

HYMN OF PRAISE 6Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good*

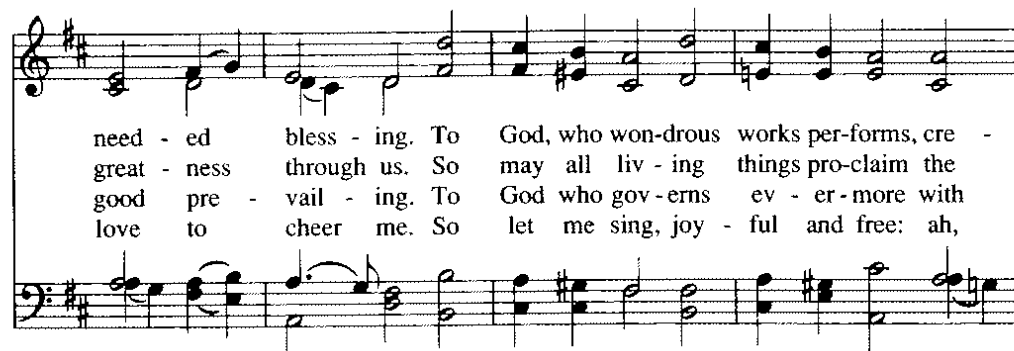
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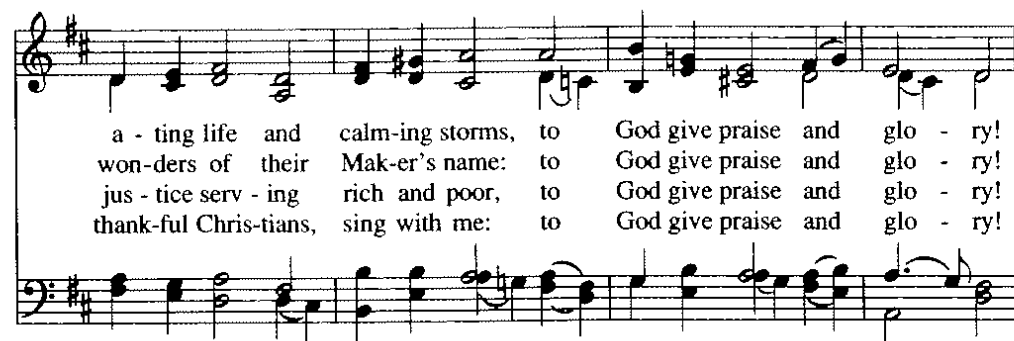
1 Sing praise to God, our high-est good, pro - found re - spect ex -
2 Cre - a - tion thanks you, Ho - ly One: you made us and re -
3 What God has made, God will pre-serve, with righ-teous-ness un -
4 I cry to God, in pain and grief, "Please, God of mer - cy,



press - ing. God gives us health, life, live - li - hood, with ev - ery
new us. De - light-ed at what you have done, you show your
fail - ing. Re - gard-less what we may de - serve, we see this
hear me!" My cer - tain help pro - vides re - lief, faith, hope, and



need - ed bless - ing. To God, who won-drous works per-forms, cre -
great - ness through us. So may all liv - ing things pro-claim the
good pre - vail - ing. To God who gov - erns ev - er - more with
love to cheer me. So let me sing, joy - ful and free: ah,



a - ting life and calm-ing storms, to God give praise and glo - ry!
won-ders of their Mak-er's name: to God give praise and glo - ry!
jus - tice serv - ing rich and poor, to God give praise and glo - ry!
thank-ful Chris-tians, sing with me: to God give praise and glo - ry!

(continued)

5 For-ev-er with us, God is here,
Nor ev-er will de-sert us.
So dear-ly loved, we shall not fear:
there's noth-ing that can hurt us.
We place our trust in God's com-mand,
who leads us with a moth-er's hand:
to God give praise and glo-ry!

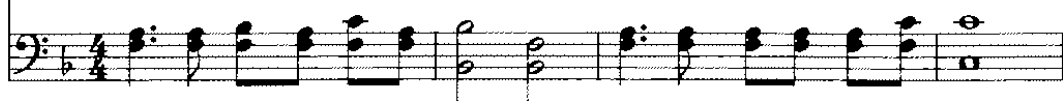
6 Dear Chris-tian friends, we bear the name
of Christ, our sure sal-va-tion.
Let us re-call Christ Je-sus came,
most ho-ly in-car-na-tion,
Came from the one God we a-dore,
came with new life for-ev-er-more:
to God give praise and glo-ry!

Johann Jakob Schütz practiced both civil and canon law in Frankfurt, Germany, throughout his life. He had an interest in the company that purchased land in Germantown, Pennsylvania, from William Penn in 1683. Schütz published two collections of hymns.

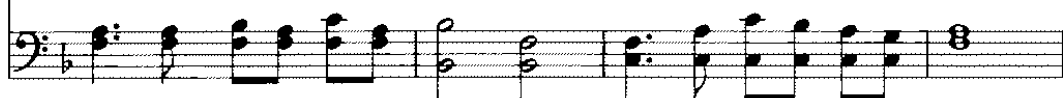
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesäng, 1566
Harm. The English Hymnal, 1906; adapt.



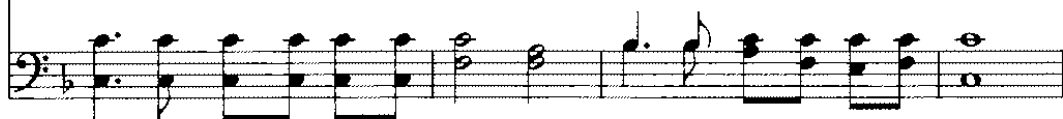
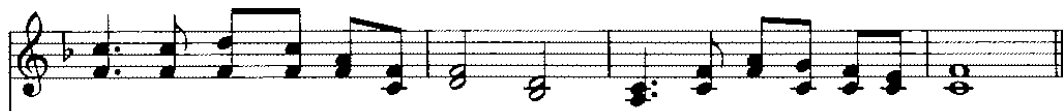
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?




What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!




Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!

All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.



No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Charles C. Converse, 1868