



WORSHIP AT
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

THE FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.



This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website 2ndpreslou.org to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to visit our website and learn about our life at Second.



Children of God, welcome home!

*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices
to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

For our worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type *is sung or read in unison.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME

HYMN SING

#310	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, vs. 1</i>	ST. THOMAS
#724	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised, vs. 1</i>	ANGEL'S STORY
#14	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth, vs. 1 & 5</i>	DIX

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is the Light of the world. In him there is no darkness at all.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God, your name echoes through creation, bringing all things into being. We confess that we often act like we can get along without you, and insist on getting our own way. We think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but also consider ourselves unworthy of your call—mostly so we can get out of following where you lead. Forgive us when we are hard-hearted and selfish. Forgive our excuses, and the times we ignore you. Keep calling us, O God. Give us courage to answer faithfully. Speak your healing word into our lives again, that we may turn and follow you.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN

A Brand New Song

Ken Medema

*Children ages 3 through completed 5th graders are welcome to come forward;
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*



Sing a brand new song to God, now. Sing and clap and dance and shout.



Sing a song of praise and wor-ship. Raise your voic-es; sing it out.



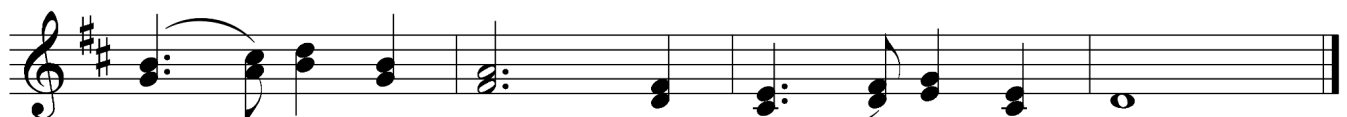
Sing to God who makes us fam-ily, turn-ing stran-gers in-to friends.



Sing to God whose love and mer-cy ne-ver fails and ne-ver



ends. Can-tad al Se-ñor un cán-ti-co nue-vo. Can-



tad al Se-ñor, can-tad al Se-ñor.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Both Sides Now

Rev. Jordan Akin

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!



ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

The Octet

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice

Many reasons, one promise,

many questions, one choice.

O, God, we pray for unity,

give guidance from above.

In our differences unite us

in the circle of your love.

O, God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways,

we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other,

show us ways to understand.

We are members of one family,

growing strong by joining hands.

O, God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways,

we are walking to your throne.

Take our many ways of working,

blend the colors of each soul

into the beauty of a rainbow.

Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

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.

We praise you, O God...across the boundaries of space and time:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, God...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us be nourished...and let us taste the goodness of your love.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Laura Atkinson, mezzo soprano

Text can be found at Hymn 833

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

THE SUMMONS

vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me, vs. 6

THE SUMMONS

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Rae Kaiser Horton by Elizabeth & Dick Clay.

USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Greg Treitz, Dixie Baird, Robert Duane, Edie Wells

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jordan Akin, preacher; Rev. Steve Jester, Rev. Andrew Bowman & Lorie Williamson, liturgists

The Octet Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Meme Tunnell, guest pianist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Penny Carneal and her family on the death of her brother, Lynn Phifer, 8/14/23.

Ed & Mary F. Glasscock and their family on the death of their son, Clinton, 8/3/23.

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his father, Michael, 7/17/23.

The family and friends of Ginny & Gary Buhrow on their deaths, 6/7/23 & 7/17/23.

Martha Spencer and her family on the death of her brother, Jack Blankenship, 7/15/23.

Brian and Lisa Houghlin; Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen and their family on the death of father, father-in-law, and step-grandfather, David, 7/9/23.

Announcements

September 3, 2023

CHILDCARE is available during Worship today for children ages 3 and under in room 117 located in Hilbert Hall adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium.

BIBLE PRESENTATION - Bibles will be given out to 3 year olds and 4th graders on Sunday, September 10 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please contact Lorie Williamson for more information: lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org.

CLUB 456 - Attention parents of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Please plan to attend an informational meeting on either Sunday, 9/3 at 11am or Wednesday, 9/6 at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about this exciting new ministry!

BREAKFAST & BIBLES - For all youth, children, and families beginning on Sunday, 9/10 in the Youth Suite. Breakfast is available beginning at 10:00am along with the game room and activity room for younger children. There is a Youth Faith Formation class at 10:30 for kids in grades 7-12 and there will be a Sermon Scripture Snapshot for adults looking for a preview of the day's scripture reading.

ADULT SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION: Biblical Studies with Dr. Acton Ostling meets at 9:00 a.m. in room 252. Reading the Bible with Dr. Marty Soards meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor and via Zoom. Raising Our Faith with Dr. Tom Sweets meets at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall B. Pathways, led by Elizabeth Clay, will start back on September 10 at 9:45 a.m. in room 251 and via Zoom.

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 in observance of Labor Day.

MORNING JOY BIBLE STUDY - Morning Joy is taught by Rev. Steve Jester on Thursday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (the official class time is 9:45 a.m.). All are welcome to attend.

INQUIRY CLASSES are being held Sundays, September 10 and 17 at 9:45 a.m. in the library for anyone who is interested in becoming a member or would just like to learn more about Second Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Andrew Bowman at abowman@2ndpreslou.org.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: During the month of September we are collecting items for the West End School. Please see Seconds to Go, or the fliers on the information stations for the list of requested items. There will also be an information table in the Narthex each Sunday in September where you can drop off your items and learn more about the West End School.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION - meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, at Vincenzo's (see Seconds to Go for more information).

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER - Due to the current JCPS situation and change in choir personnel, we are moving the first night of Wednesdays Together and our Choirs to September 6. Please see Seconds to Go for more information on how to sign up for dinners and choirs.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

“Friendly Reminder: In these slower summer months, please keep in mind that our mission outreach and church expenses continue uninterrupted. Thanks for your generous support of all we are called to do.” - Your Stewardship Committee

Announcements continued next page

THE CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE has started preparing for 2024. If you have any nominations for Elders or Deacons please submit them using the nomination forms found at the welcome station in the Narthex.

JUSTICE & JESUS ADVOCACY CONFERENCE: hosted by PCUSA, is taking place in Louisville on October 20-22. All young adults are invited to attend this free conference either in person or online. Please contact Rev. Jordan Akin for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for KEN MEDEMA IN CONCERT - Sunday, September 24 at 3 p.m. Ken's vocal and piano artistry and imagination have reached audiences of 50 to 50,000 people in 49 United States and in more than 15 countries on four continents. He will help create stirring songs from our stories of life and faith. He will also lead in the morning services, and will bring together our Children's Choirs, Worship Arts team, and Sanctuary Choir in his music.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING for volunteers for our Audiovisual team for our livestream. If you have a bit of computer savvy and would like to serve Second's ministry occasionally through the year, contact Elliott Nichols at enichols@2ndpreslou.org.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 3	<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Communion</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 252, Parlor, and FHB
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live streamed
	Children's Church	
Monday, September 4	<i>Building will be Closed in Observance of Labor Day</i>	
Tuesday, September 5		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Book Notes	Parlor
11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Union	Offsite (Vincenzo's)
7:00 p.m.	Austin Memorial Handbells	Handbell Room
Wednesday, September 6		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Prayer Group	Room 251
5:00 p.m.	Wednesdays Together Dinner	Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Children's Choirs/Worship Arts/Adult Study	Various
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room/Sanctuary
Thursday, September 7		
9:30 a.m.	Morning Joy	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Reflections (following Morning Joy)	Room 251
Friday, September 8		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251
Sunday, September 10	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	New Member/Inquiry Class	Library
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 252, Parlor, and FHB
10:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Bibles	Youth Suite
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Livestreamed
	Children's Church	

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310

1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800

MUSIC: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

ST. THOMAS

SM

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

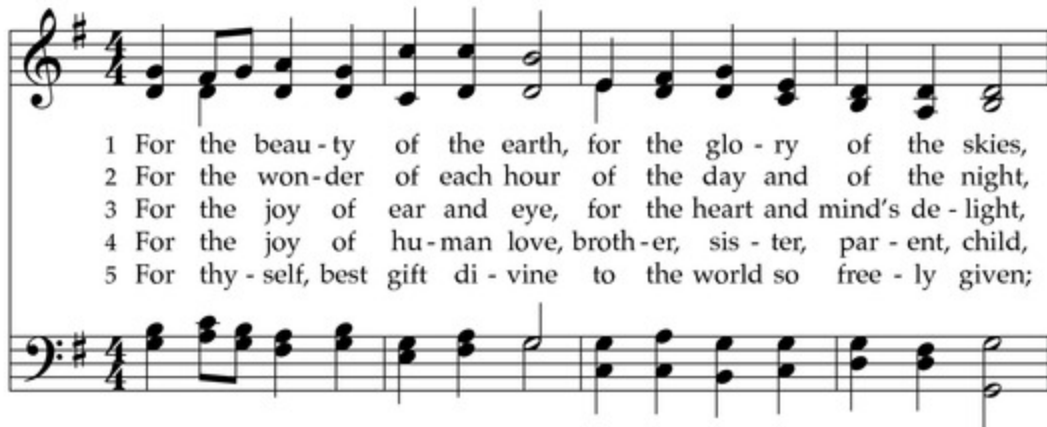
be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

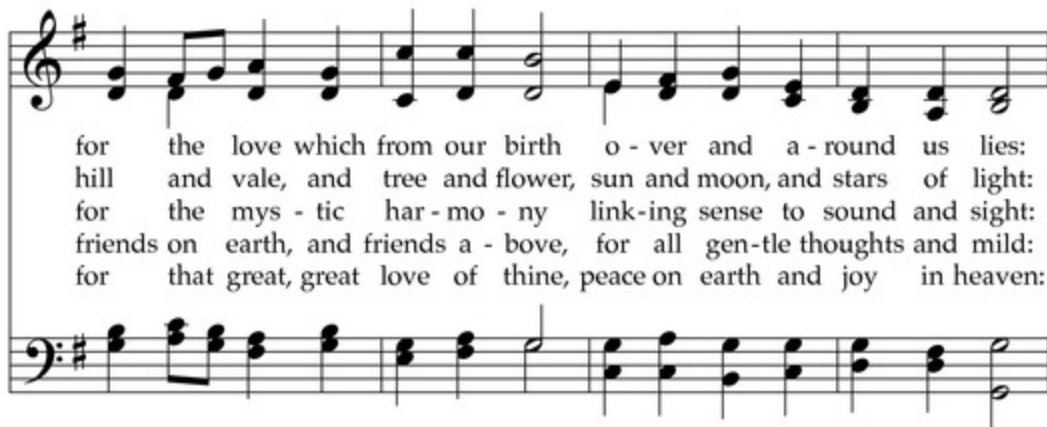
nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

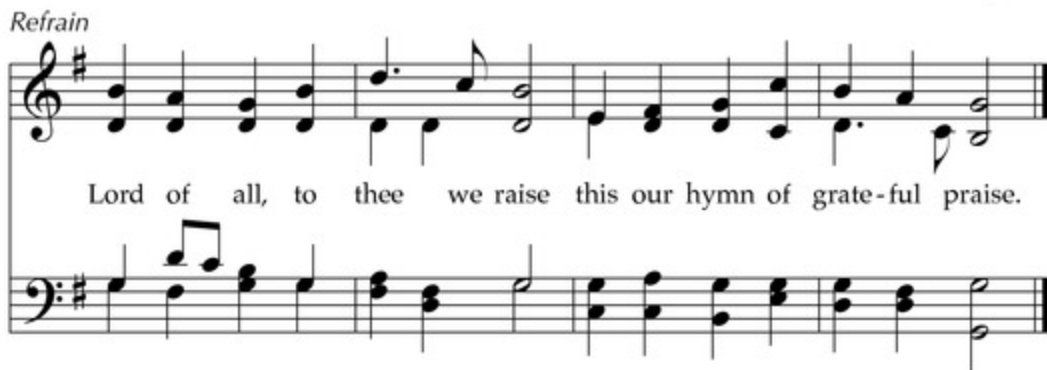


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

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