

# 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](http://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.*

To our visitors: please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). Put the card into the offering or hand it to a pastor after the service, we would be honored to give you a small welcome gift.

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 worshippers 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*

PRELUDE

*Song without Words*

Craig Phillips

Cecilia Huerta-Lauf, cello; Samuel Libra, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

*Hymn for America*

Stephen Paulus

The Summer Choir

We have loved you for your rivers,  
we have loved you for your shores,  
Ev'ry treasure you have shown us,  
Ev'ry seed that you have sown;  
We have loved you for your mountains,  
For your prairies, for your fields,  
All these gifts we have been given,  
All these glories that we share;  
Now we thank God for these blessings,  
We, your people, ev'rywhere.

Many are the stars of heaven,  
Many are the hopes of earth;  
All around us worlds unfolding,  
All around these dreams to grow.  
From the moment of our rising  
'till we rest when day is done;  
May we tell our hearts' own story,  
Hearts that honor and believe.  
Through our care for one another,  
For this life and land we love.

*Michael Dennis Brown*

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*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

MATERNA

**My country, tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside  
let freedom ring.**

**Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song.  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of overflowing grace, we confess we often take your blessings for granted. Forgetting life is a precious gift, we waste time on things that don't matter. We complain when things don't go our way, ignoring those who face greater challenges. Forgive us, O God. Renew our calling to share your abundant love for Jesus' sake.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

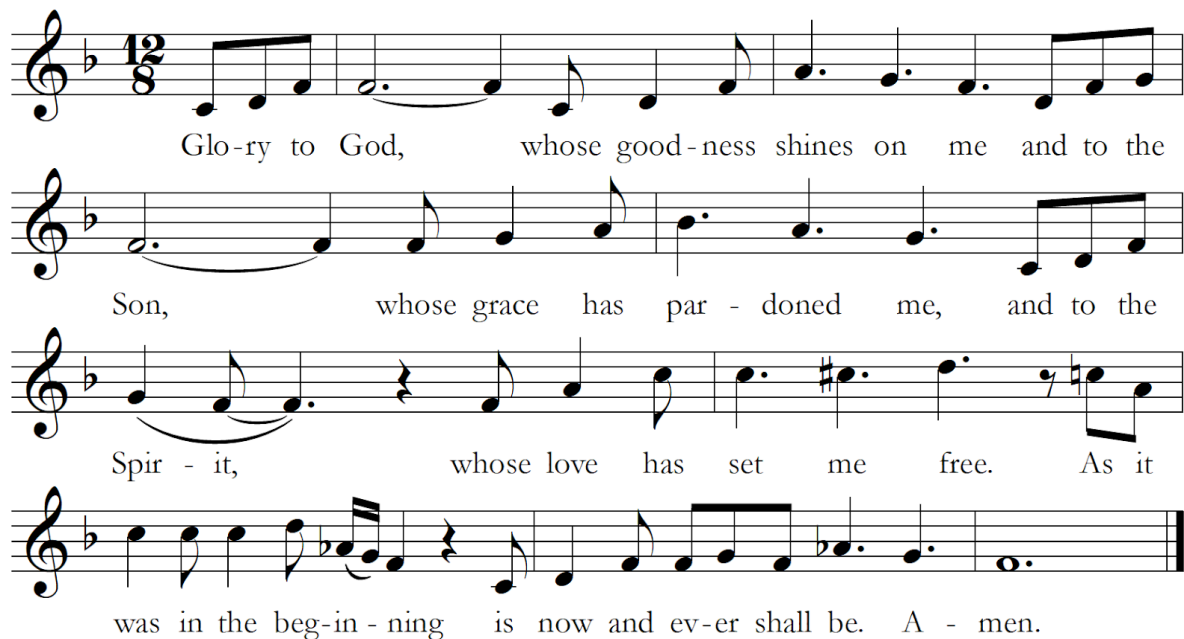
\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Be at peace, because of this wondrous truth:

**Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward (VASILE)  
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*



Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me and to the  
Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the  
Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it  
was in the beg-in - ning is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

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

SERMON

*An Unexpected Strength*

Rev. Andrew Bowman

## *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

*For Everyone Born*

Brian Mann, arr. Tom Trenney

The Summer Choir; Cecilia Huerta-Lauf, cello; Samuel Libra, piano

*Text can be found at #769 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

*\*Please stand and join in singing the final stanza when invited.*

**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free;  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion, and peace;  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!**

## 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever praise your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ...for great is the mystery of faith.

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

Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **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

*Prière*

Camille Saint-Saëns

Cecilia Huerta-Lauf, cello; Samuel Libra, organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

*The Sending*

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare for the Common Man*

Aaron Copland

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.  
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

# *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 loving memory of Betty and Jim Reuther by their children Rob and Betsy, and grandson Will.

## USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Lucy Kosse, Patrick Kosse, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Hugh Dukes & Lorie Williamson, liturgists

The Summer Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist;  
Cecilia Huerta-Lauf, cello

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Stan and Jeanne Curtis on the death of his brother, Greg, 6/10/2024.

Sarah Middleton, Brian Lewis, Margaret Witt, and their families on the death of mother-in-law and grandmother, Anne Lewis, 6/8/24.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his grandmother, Nora M. Barnes, 6/5/24.

Michael, Claire, Wilson, Lachlan, and Sylvia Masick on the death of Michael's father, John Joseph Masick, 5/21/24.

The family and friends of Suzanne Whaley on her death, 5/15/24.

Carl Gilford and Stephanie Renner, and Trevor and Sara Gilford, on the death of son, brother, and grandson, Jordan Gilford, 5/12/24.

# *Announcements*

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**INTERIM SEARCH UPDATE:** The Interim Search Committee is hard at work and is currently vetting qualified candidates to bridge the gap until we find our next permanent head of staff. We hope to have an interim in place by fall. Rev. Andrew Bowman and Rev. Jordan Akin have worked closely with the Personnel Committee to split up the Head of Staff duties between them for the time being. Summer at Second is slower; many are vacationing, and Andrew and Jordan are qualified to lead this church during this time without an interim. Our Church Nominating Committee (CNC) is also hard at work during this time, searching for those to be on our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The congregation is called to meet on Sunday, August 18th, to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. After electing the PNC, that group will begin meeting frequently to create a job description and start searching for a new Head of Staff. This entire process takes, on average, at least 18 months. Please join us in prayer as we “trust the process” together and trust our leaders at work in the church as they search for an interim and a new Head of Staff. Please see Seconds to Go for more information.

**CHILDCARE** is available for children 3 and under in room 117 of Hilbert Hall, located adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Older 3's - children that have completed 3rd grade are encouraged to join us in Children's Church! Children will gather at the chancel to offer the Passing of the Peace of Christ and then exit through the side doors for activities. Children may be picked up on the playground or in the gym depending upon the weather.

**CLUB456** - (completed 4th, 5th, & 6th graders) will stay in worship with their families for the Summer. Worship engagement bags are located in the Narthex. Please return the bags to their hooks after worship.

**2PK COOKIES & LEMONADE** - Join other families on the playground or in the gym (weather dependent) immediately following worship for fellowship and a snack.

**SUMMER WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER** - Our next meeting is Wednesday, 7/10, at Hauck's Corner's Corner, 1000 Goss Ave. 40217 beginning at 5:00 pm, see Seconds to Go or the 2PK Newsletter for more details. All are invited!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is forming for the fall for all rising 7th and 8th graders. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Tammy Kissling at [tkissling@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:tkissling@2ndpreslou.org) or Jordan Akin at [jakin@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jakin@2ndpreslou.org).

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** During the month of July we are collecting school supplies for Cabbage Patch and United Crescent Hill Ministries. See the fliers on the information stations or Seconds to Go for a list of suggested items.

**EL SALVADOR TRIP** - We are going on a mission trip to El Salvador on September 20-26, 2024. Please contact Jordan Akin for more information and to sign up.

**SUMMER MUSIC BLAST 2024** is around the corner! July 29-31, 5:30 pm. REGISTER SOON for three nights of music exploration, learning about worship, and fun open to children ages 4 through rising sixth grade. Registration link is on the music ministries page of the website! More information: [slibra@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:slibra@2ndpreslou.org). We will need adult and youth volunteers!



# Upcoming Events – July 7, 2024

<b>Sunday, July 7</b>		<b><i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion</i></b>	
		<b><i>Rev. Andrew Bowman, preaching</i></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 252, FHB, Parlor	
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed	
	Children's Church		
11:00 a.m.	2PK Cookies and Lemonade	Playground/Gym	
11:00 a.m.	VBS/Project Serve Orientation	Youth Suite	
<b>Monday, July 8</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Project Serve	Room 252	
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Various	
4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's Group	Zoom	
<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Project Serve	Room 252	
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Various	
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Project Serve	Room 252	
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Various	
5:00 p.m.	Summer Wednesdays Together	Hauck's Corner	
7:00 p.m.	Summer Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Sanctuary	
<b>Thursday, July 11</b>			
9:00 a.m.	Project Serve	Room 252	
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Various	
<b>Friday, July 12</b>			
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251	
9:00 a.m.	Project Serve	Room 252	
9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School	Various	
<b>Sunday, July 14</b>		<b><i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
		<b><i>Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets, preaching</i></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Room 252, FHB, Parlor	
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed	
	Children's Church		
11:00 a.m.	2PK Cookies and Lemonade	Playground/Gym	
<b>Tuesday, July 16</b>			
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Walkers	Offsite	
<b>Wednesday, July 17</b>			
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: Prayer Group	Room 251	

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# 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

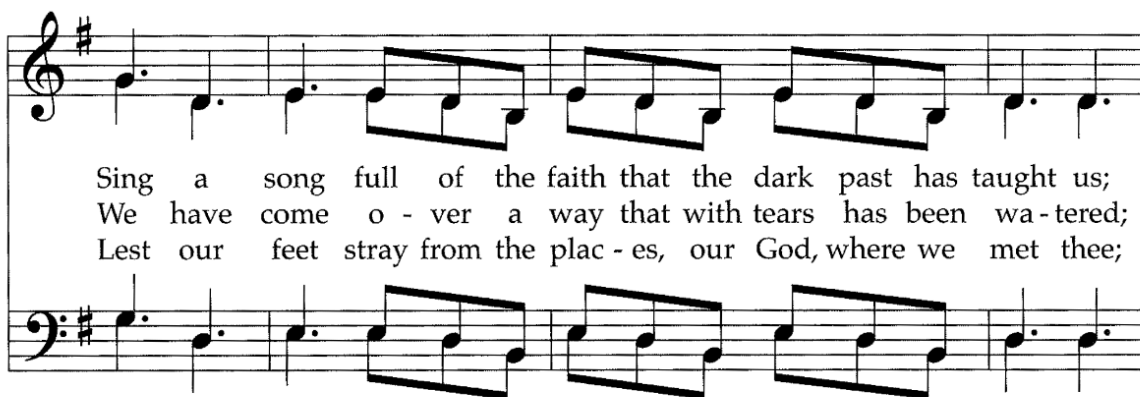
1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

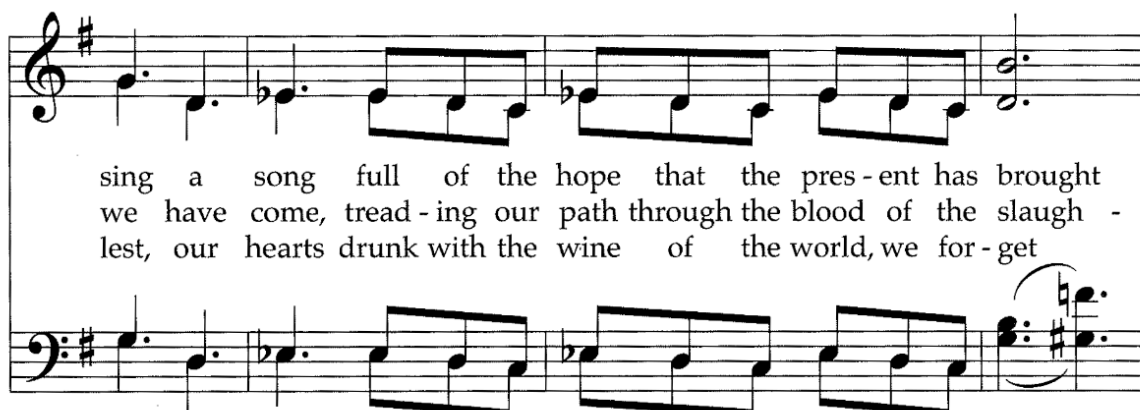
ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

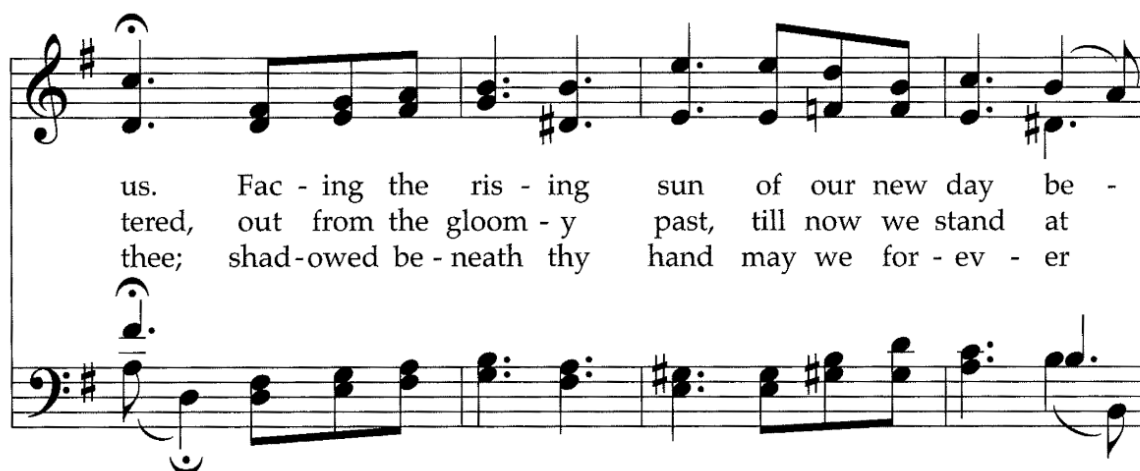
Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

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