Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

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

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PATHWAYS

TO OUR BICENTENNIAL

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

With gratitude to God, 2026 moves Second Presbyterian Church one year closer to celebrating our bicentennial milestone. After reflecting on our achievements and evaluating our current mission, we have identified 5 strategic pathways that will help us meet the needs of our congregation in 2030. We invite you to join us on our continued journey to preserve, strengthen, and innovate our community of faith.

Children of God, welcome home!

Bold *type indicates where we share the liturgy together.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

With the sounds of the Prelude the worship service has begun. You are encouraged to use this time for meditation and reflection prior to your participation in the service.

PRELUDE *Variations on Star-Spangled Banner, op. 23 (excerpts)* Dudley Buck

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* America

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.

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
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*

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory BATTLE HYMN

Summer Choir; Brass Ensemble; Mengfei Xu, piano arr. P. Wilhousky

Congregation (when instructed): **Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!**
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Patient God, you show us peace, and encourage us to trust in you – yet we confess life often feels frustrating and unsettled. You offer us courage, yet we are timid and resentful whenever life is challenging. You give us a mission with meaning and purpose, yet we are preoccupied with our own plans and desires. Forgive us, O God. Set us free from the sin that controls us, and draw our attention back to you.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear and believe this Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE *Alleluia!* CELTIC ALLELUIA

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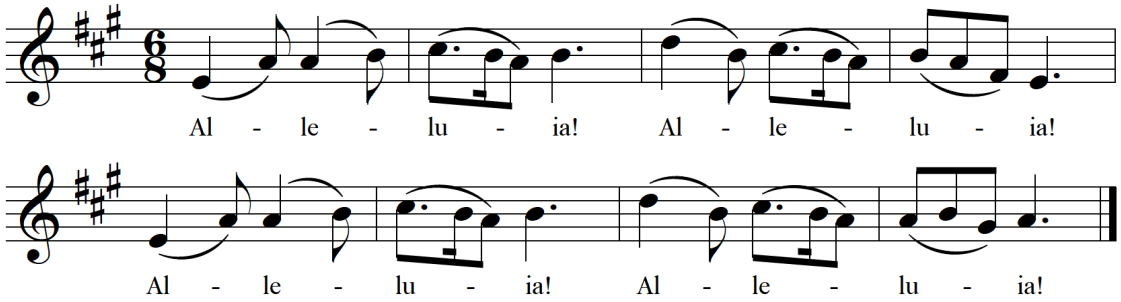

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 33:10-22

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

SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

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

SERMON *Stained Glass Saints: Woodrow Wilson* Rev. Barrett Abernethy

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!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* arr. Dan Forrest

Text can be found at Hymn 337

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.

Creating a glimpse of goodness and beauty, O God ...with all believers of every time and place, we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:

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 of hope and forgiveness … we are reminded of the mystery that we profess:

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

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God …

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 *Simple Gifts* Aaron Copland
Summer Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing, vss. 1 & 3* LIFT EVERY VOICE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *God Bless America* arr. Jari Villanueva
Brass Ensemble

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERMON SERIES *"Stained Glass Saints"*

This summer, we are exploring the Stained Glass Saints that adorn our narthex (lobby) window. The first time I ever laid eyes on this window, I knew it had to be the basis for a sermon series. I was awed by both the beauty as well as the uniqueness of this window that celebrates people from all walks of life. My hope is that you will be equally intrigued. This belief is not new to me. For years I have enjoyed creating sermon series that reveal what is unique within a particular congregation. I believe it roots us to who we are, while also inviting us to imagine how these notes of Godly wisdom inspire our faith beyond these walls.

Since this is summer, each sermon will stand alone, as each will explore a different saint - from Michelangelo to Madame Curie, and from Rembrandt to Reinhold Niebuhr. My hope is that you will see what I suspect former pastor, Rev. Dr. Glenn Dorris, wanted you to see: that God's call upon each and every one of us is full of hope and grace, taking us in different directions, but leading us all to bear witness to the light of resurrection. May we, together, enjoy pondering and gazing into the light God emits through this wonderful window!

— *Pastor Barrett*

OUR MUSIC THIS MORNING celebrates the rich tapestry of American heritage, reflecting the American dream alongside Christian principles of freedom, equality, and justice. Our hymns express gratitude to and reliance on God for guiding our nation, yet also contain prayers for our country to be led by our faith's highest ideals and not our own paths. Our closing hymn *(Lift Every Voice and Sing),* celebrates the progress and underlines the struggle that our nation has experienced, especially for those in our country who have been mistreated and marginalized. Our anthems and instrumental music are drawn from a variety of American composers, including Dudley Buck (*Star-Spangled Banner)*, noted 19th century organist/composer; Aaron Copland *(Simple Gifts)*, whose music in the 20th century helped shape Classical secular and church music; to Stephen Paulus *(Hymn for America)*, an American composer whose choral music is among the greatest of the late 20th/early 21st centuries.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God, and in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

USHERS

Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher & liturgist; Ken Fleming, lay reader

The Summer Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, director; Mengfei Xu, organist

Brass Ensemble: *Addison Bosch & Jonathan Leveque, trumpet; Amy Krueger, horn; Cody Coleman & Stasi Fafalios, trombone*

Guest Percussionists: *Christopher Choi & Quenton Schwaniger*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Cathy Flowers and her daughters Maggie Phelps and Caroline Schifano on the death of Cathy's father, Colonel Robert N. Clark, 6/17/26.

The family and friends of Elizabeth Haynes on her death, 6/7/26.

Sondra Curth and family on the death of her husband, David Curth, 6/7/26.

Jennifer, Chip, Cole and Mac Hancock on the death of Jennifer's mother, Glenna B. Hamilton, 5/01/26.

Gordon and Marilyn Duke on the death of his sister-in-law, Betty Duke, 4/29/26.

Gordon and Marilyn Duke on the death of their niece, Brenda Whorley, 4/21/26.

Jason Steigerwalt, Laura Atkinson, and family on the death of his father, Philip Steigerwalt, 4/17/26.

Odetta and Walt Tucker and family on the death of her brother, Larry Burke, 4/15/26.

Margaret Cregor Radford on the death of her brother, Llewellyn Spears, 4/13/26.

Terry Cissell on the death of her brother, John Harper, 4/4/26.

Cheryl Cooper & family on the death of her husband, Walter Crutcher, 4/1/26.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

July 6-10 - VBS

July 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Summer Choir Rehearsal

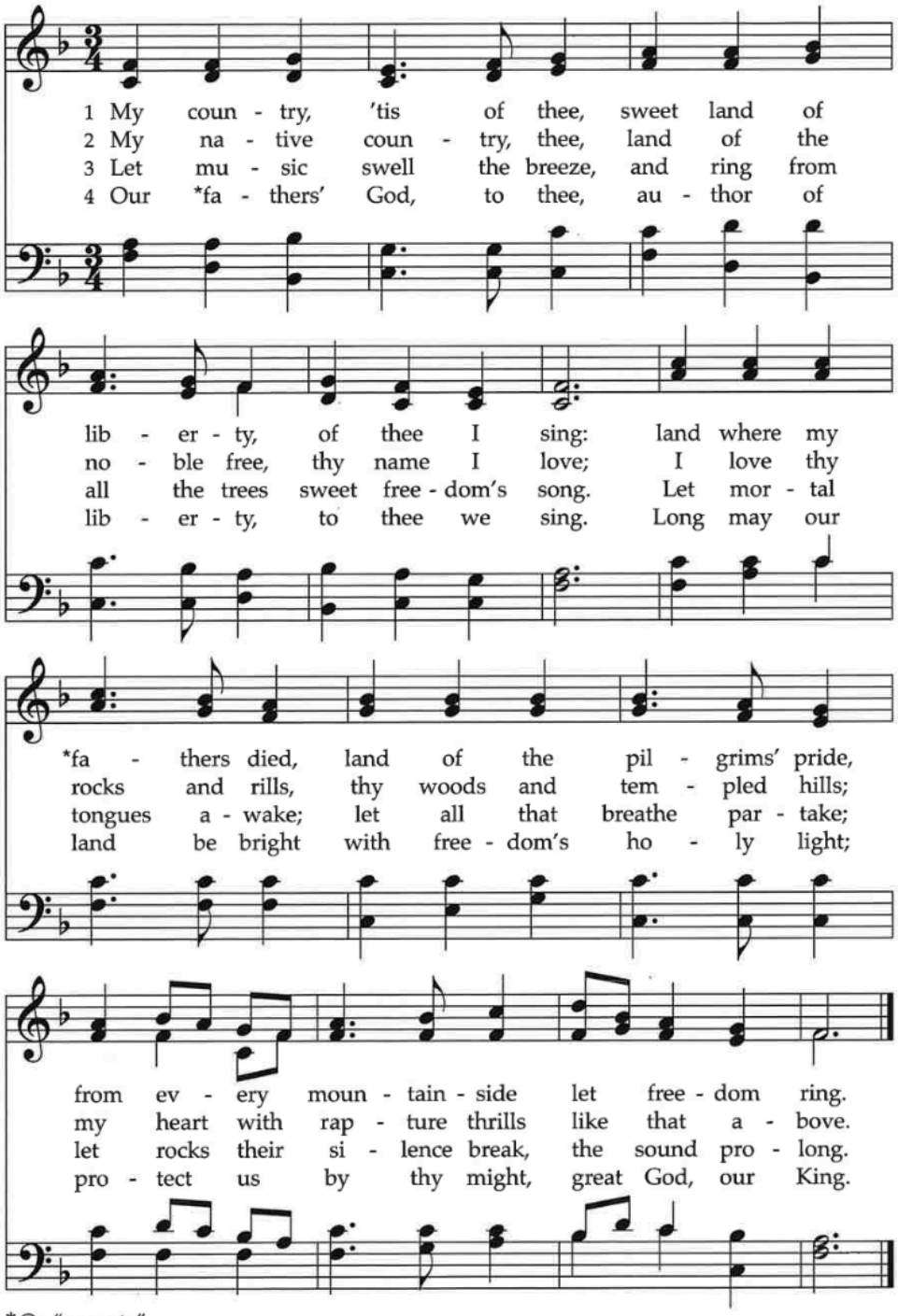
July 27-29, 5:00-7:30 p.m. - Summer Music Blast

(for potty-trained 3's to rising 5th graders)

August 16, 6:30 p.m. on Chapel Circle - Vespers@Second - *Bluegrass* Band

August 30, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Gym - Fellowship Kickout Picnic

337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee



**Or "parents"*

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.

TEXT: Samuel Francis Smith, 1831
MUSIC: *Harmonia Anglicana*, c. 1744

AMERICA
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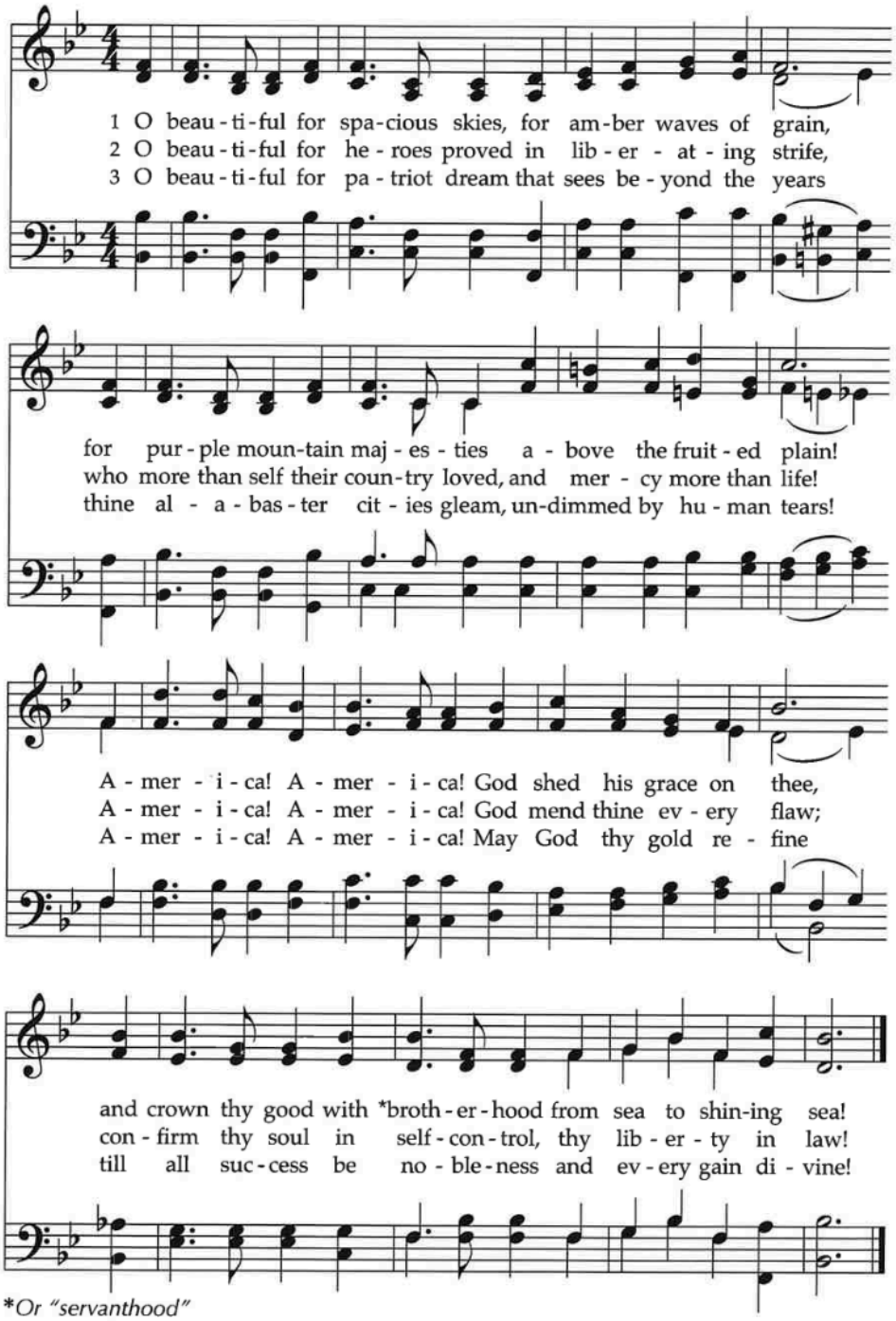
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338



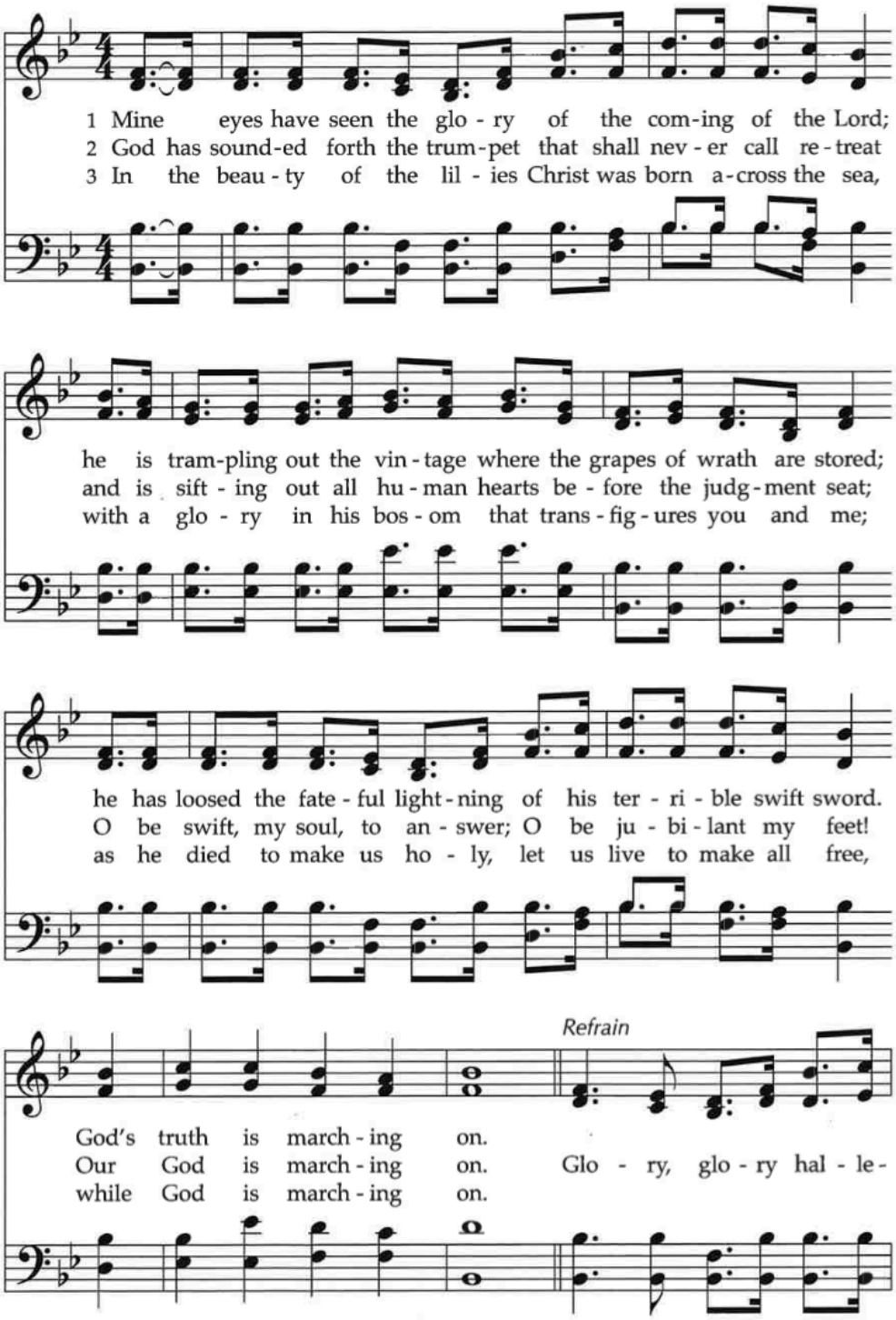
**Or "servanthood"*

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, alt.
MUSIC: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

MATERNA
CMD

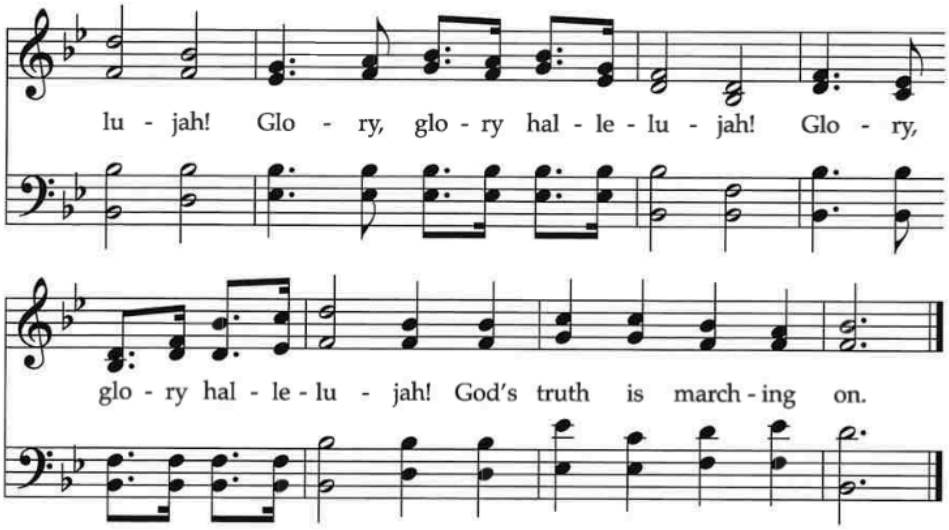
354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



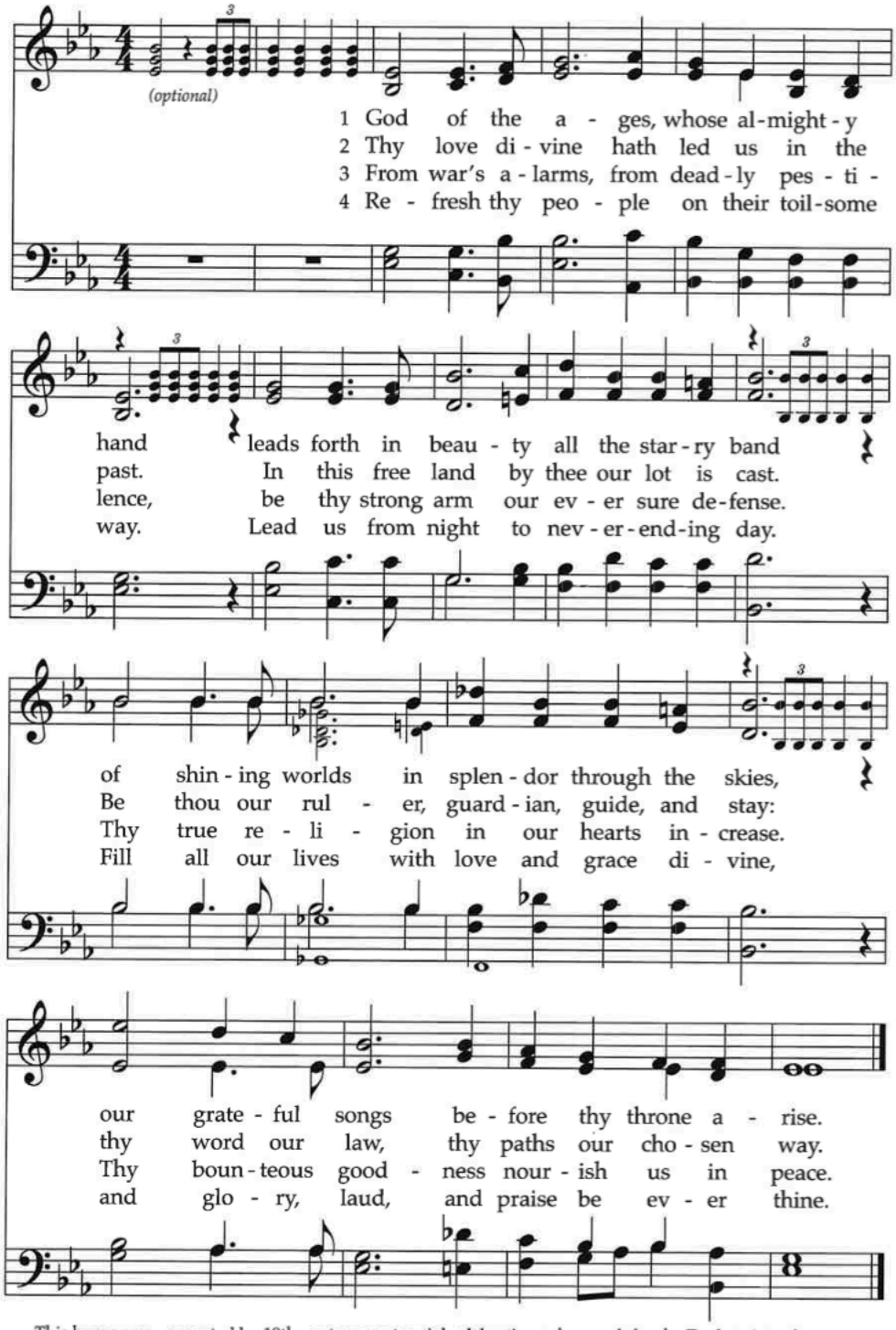
Though its biblical roots are often overlooked, this text incorporates many apocalyptic images such as the coming of the Lord in glory (Matthew 24:30/Mark 13:26/Luke 21:27), the winepress (Isaiah 63:3; Revelation 14:19, 19:15), and the sharp sword (Isaiah 27:1; Revelation 19:15).

TEXT: Julia W. Howe, 1861, alt.
MUSIC: American melody, 19th cent.

BATTLE HYMN
15.15.15.6 with refrain


lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

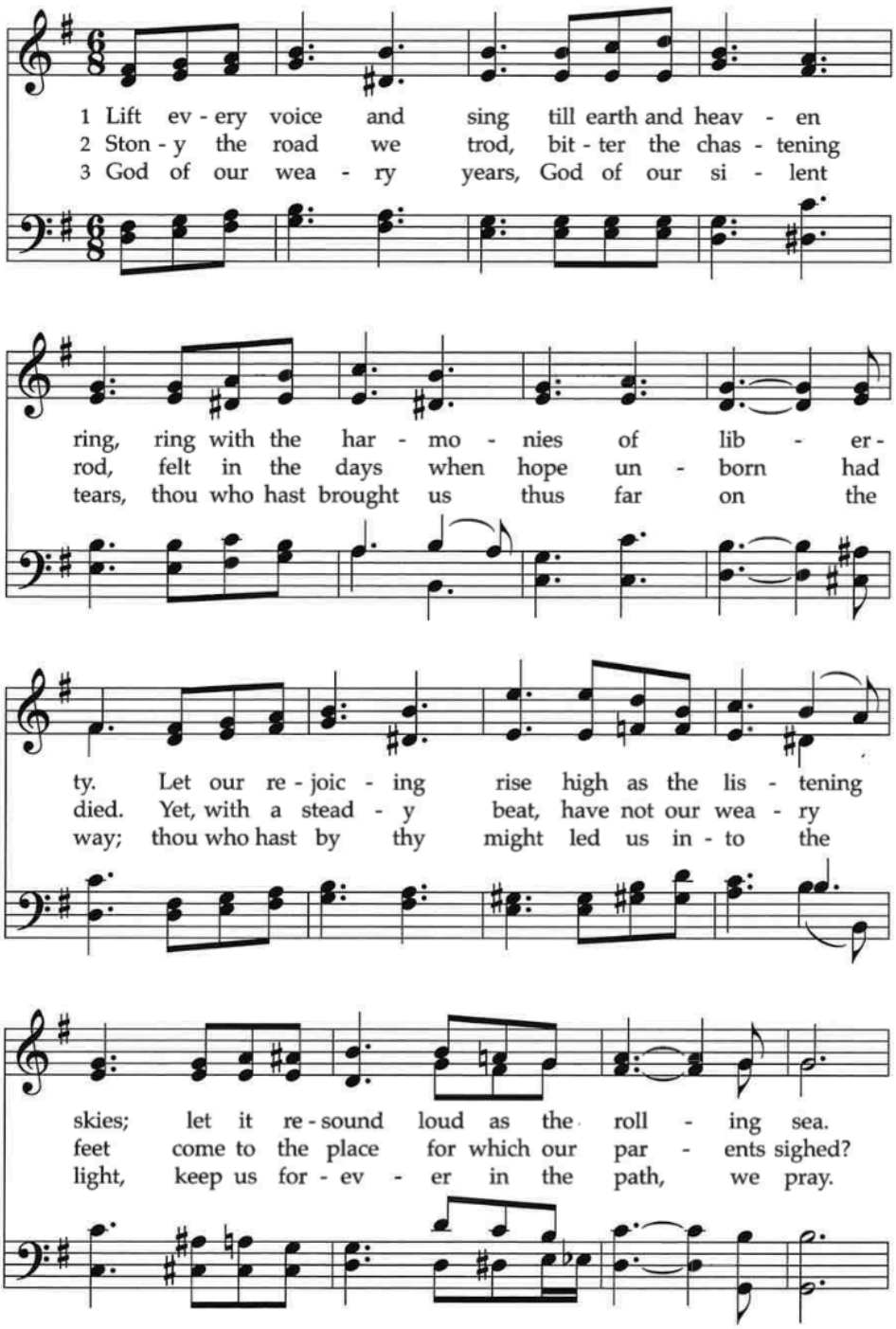


This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.
MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892

NATIONAL HYMN
10.10.10.10

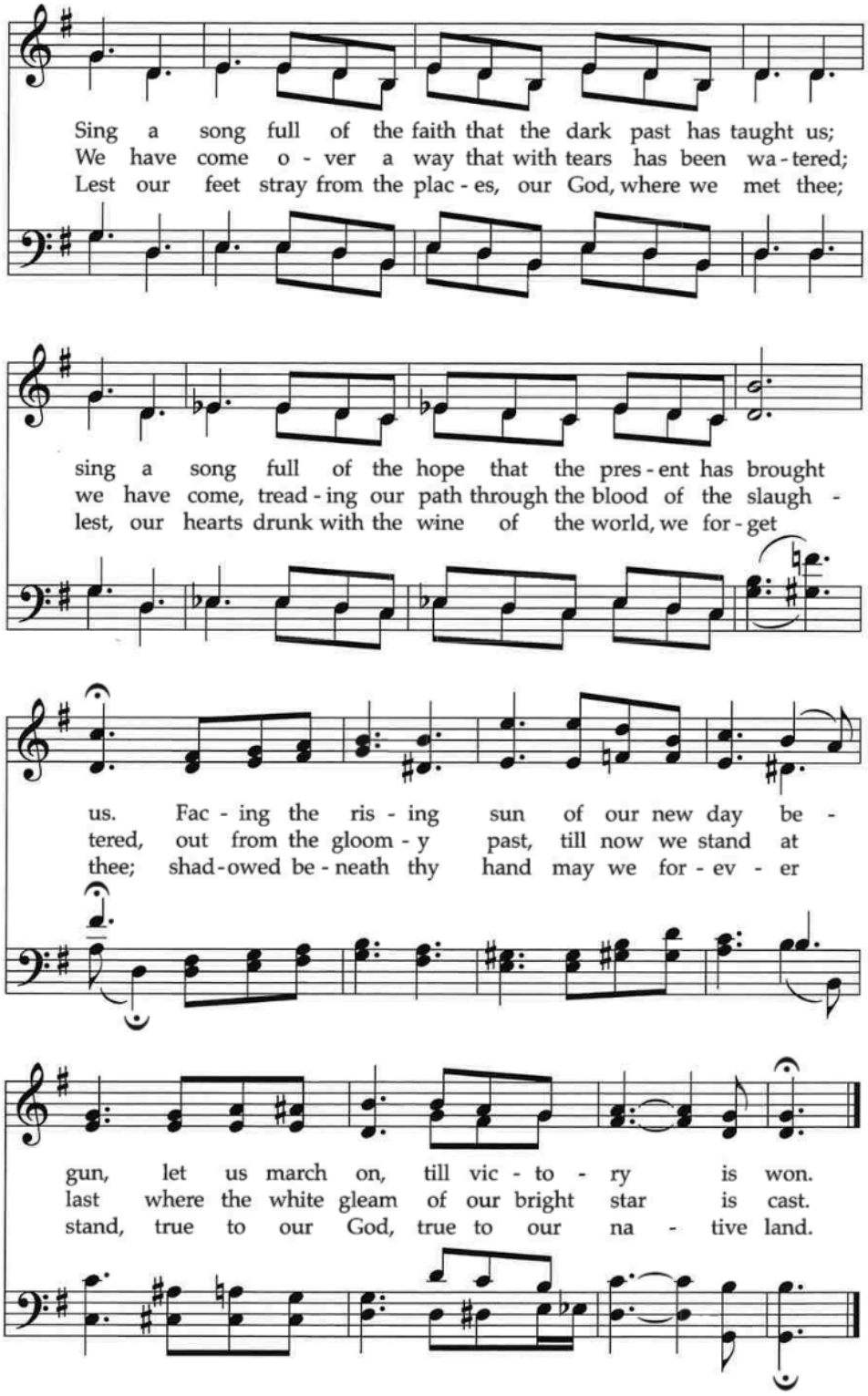
339 Lift Every Voice and Sing



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.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE
Irregular


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.

Ruling Elders

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Clerk: Chip Snyder

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