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If you'd like to join us for Sunday worship service live, please go to our Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<http://upc-superior.com/youtube>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

Seventh Sunday in Eastertide

May 29th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Sandor

*INTROIT Be Not Afraid (2x) #243

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 127)

One: Unless the Lord builds the house...

All: Those who build it labor in vain.

One: Unless the Lord guards the city...

All: The guard keeps watch in vain.

One: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil.

All: For God gives sleep to his beloved. Rest is holy.

*HYMN O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #610

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ADORATION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who listens, we praise you for the ways in which you change the course of our lives so that we may honor and glorify you. We praise you for you are our daily bread, our provider and our sustainer. Teach our hearts to worry less. We are thankful for a God like you who responds both in the big and small moments of our lives. We confess that sometimes we speak very little. We confess that some days we don't pray at all. We confess our doubt in your power to work in this world. We confess our subtle belief that what happens in this world can only be done by our hands alone. Forgive us God. Forgive us for not reaching out to you, outside of a personal crisis. Forgive us for not resting in your power. Heal us from believing it is all in our hands. You are compassionate towards each of us and call us beloved. In the name of the resurrected Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Chinua Achebe wrote in his poem *NON-Commitment*: "Hurrah! to them who do nothing/see nothing feel nothing whose/hearts are fitted with prudence/like a diaphragm across/womb's beckoning doorway to bar/the scandal of seminal rage. I'm/told the owl too wears wisdom/in a ring of defense round/each vulnerable eye securing it fast/against the darts of sight. Long ago/in the Middle East Pontius Pilate/openly washed involvement off his/white hands and became famous. (Of all/the Roman officials before him and after/who else is talked about/every Sunday in the Apostles' Creed?) And/talking of apostles that other fellow/Judas wasn't such a fool/either; though much maligned by/succeeding generations the fact remains/he alone in that motley crowd/had sense enough to tell a doomed/movement when he saw one/and get out quick, a nice little/packet bulging his coat pocket/into the bargain—sensible fellow."

Achebe here is providing a critique of colonialism and of those people in this life who could have done something beneficial and instead did absolutely nothing. Achebe highlights how Pilate could have saved Christ but washed the bloods from his hands. He points out how Judas could have chose to not sell Christ out to those in power. Achebe's work reminds me that each of us have the ability to do something. We could pray, we could be the answer to prayers, and yet at times we don't believe God is at work. At times, we don't even reach out to God. However, even when we

don't pray, when we aren't the answer to prayers, God is still at work in our lives, the lives of others, and in the life of this world. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "Christ be with you." In response you may say "And also with you!" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. In person, say hello to others and connect. Please minimize contact.)

RESPONSE (*Children please come forward at this time*): I've Got The Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)

Down In my heart (where?) Down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart to stay.

I have the love of Jesus...

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Laura Foote

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Dustin Anderson
Psalm 97:1-12

SERMON "Pray 'Big' Prayers"
New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M Foote
Acts 16:16b-33

*HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus #465

*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

One: With the whole church let us confess our faith...

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING MOMENT FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

*RESPONSE

Alex Sandor
#647

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"

Let the poor say, "We are rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us!" (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who speaks, listens, and acts we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we love alongside our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of your gifts and may we be good neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. May we live with your tenderness and grace. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know your love and grace. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

Prayers to be Shared Please email or call the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

*CLOSING HYMN This is My Song #340
*BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 97:1-12

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 5/29

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 5/30

OFFICE CLOSED—Memorial Day

TUESDAY 5/31

UPBeat Mailing
3:30-8:30 PM Piano Lessons
4-6 PM Pickleball
6 PM Softball @ Lakeside Field

Birthdays This Week
6/3 Roger Anderson

WEDNESDAY 6/1

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
12:30 PM PW Meeting @ Aces
2-6 PM CSA Pickup
3-6 PM Piano Lessons
3 PM Fellowship & Outreach Meeting
4 PM Deacons Meeting

THURSDAY 6/2

7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 6/3

SATURDAY 6/4

9 AM Building in Use—Piano Recital
6 PM AA Speaker Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

June 8 Pattison Park Hike
June 22 Talent Show

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:16b-33

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

We are currently encouraging masking. There is no longer a hiatus on eating together. Session will continue to monitor the situation through the Public Health Department of Douglas County.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

The nursery is now staffed 15 minutes before the service until 15 minutes after for children from new born up through 4 years old. The nursery is located to the left of the Narthex when facing the front, through the two glass doors, and it is the first door on the right.

LITURGIST & COFFEE HOUR SIGN UP

There are two sign up sheets at the back of the Narthex, one to sign up to host our coffee hours following the service, and one where you can sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship services. These are both great opportunities to get involved with the church!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOFTBALL

Softball season is here! If you are looking for a fun way to get to know others, come out and join us this summer for softball! If you would like more information, connect with Laura after the service, or by sending an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

Last week, UPC trailed 1-0 after 2 innings, but lost 22-2 vs Hope. Laura Foote had a hit for UPC! We are so proud of the entire team.

Our next game will be on May 31st, at Lakeside Field vs Lakeside.

FROM FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH

June 8th: Our next hike will be at Pattison Park! Many of the pathways have been modified over the past two years to be more accessible for all. We will meet there at 4:30 PM. See you there!

June 22nd: We are pleased to announce that we are bringing back the Talent Show this summer! Pizza will be provided at 5:00 PM. The show will start at 6:00 PM. David Waite has agreed to be our MC for the evening! YAY! We will have a sign-up sheet posted at the beginning of June.

INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the summer! We are currently accepting: **toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), canned/sealed food items that are not expired, water bottles, sunscreen, hats and/or visors, and sunglasses.** Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The June meeting of UPC's Presbyterian Women will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 12:30 at Ace's. All women are cordially invited to attend. Please call Bonnie Wallin (715-392-7029) for reservations. The Presbyterian Women do not meet in July and August.

The PW would like to thank everyone who helped make the Rummage Sale a huge success!

CSA FOODS

If you're looking for fresh, local veggies, meat, breads, and cheeses, look no further than Bayfield CSA Foods! Bayfield CSA drops off boxes of fresh food shares from a variety of local farmers every Wednesday, where they can be picked up right here at the church! Simply sign up online at the link below, pick a box type, pickup frequency, and put in United Presbyterian Church as the pickup location. Pickup is from 2-6 PM on Wednesday. Link to sign up: <https://www.harvie.farm/profile/bayfield-foods>

SUMMER BONFIRES

Every 2nd Thursday of the month this summer we will be having a bonfire at Girl Scout Point in Billings Park (aka the big fire pit overlooking the river). Come join us for s'mores, food, singing around the fire, and games! Bring a friend or two or three! If the weather isn't all that good we will gather in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for June 9, July 14, and August 11 at 5:30p and come on out. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Laura by sending an e-mail to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Next Sunday, June 5th, is Pentecost. Please join us in wearing red in recognition of this. We will also be taking our Pentecost offering at this time.

APRIL 18-JUNE 5, 2022



A FOUNDATION
OF FAITH
established during
childhood through
young adulthood
helps ensure lifelong
faith and service.
When you give to the
Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to
provide opportunities
for young people to
grow and share in
their faith in Christ.


WAYS TO GIVE —

Through your congregation

Text PENTECOST
to 91999 to support
these vital ministries

Give online at
pcusa.org/donatepentecost



You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining

COVER: IAN SCHNEIDER, AMEEN FAHMY

I know the plans
I have for you,
says the Lord,
... to give you a future
with *Hope.*

— JEREMIAH 29:11.

Building a Life of Faith

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God of
hopeful futures,
make your
plans in us.
May they
be beyond
our imagining,
so that
our children,
youth and
young adults
may see your
kin-dom come
and your
will done.

AMEN.



With the support of Jefferson County Public Schools, Beechmont Presbyterian Church launched the Learning Hub in January 2021, which today operates as an after-school program serving 21 immigrant children.

Beechmont's pastor, the Rev. Marissa Galván-Valle shared: "I saw the impact that the church can have on kids who are otherwise invisible. For us, it's important to contribute to the Pentecost Offering so that each child can become more fully alive as a young person in their church and community."



Josh is among nearly 5.5 million people in the U.S. with autism spectrum disorder. The prospect of attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium with its loud music and flashing lights was a formidable challenge for him. But all God's children, including those with sensory issues, deserve a safe and welcoming space — and opportunities were created so that the Triennium was an inclusive, comfortable and inspiring experience for everyone, including Josh.



At Pentecost, we celebrate
that God offers more than we can plan.

Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

40%

STAYS WITH OUR
CONGREGATION
to support local ministries
with children, youth,
and young adults.

25%

SUPPORTS YOUNG
ADULT VOLUNTEERS
(YAV), serving in communities
around the world, and growing as
leaders through transformative
Christian service.

25%

SUPPORTS MINISTRIES
WITH YOUTH
especially the
Presbyterian Youth
Triennium.

10%

IS DEVOTED TO
CHILDREN AT-RISK
and supports to
improve education and
provide safe havens.

The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith, too.

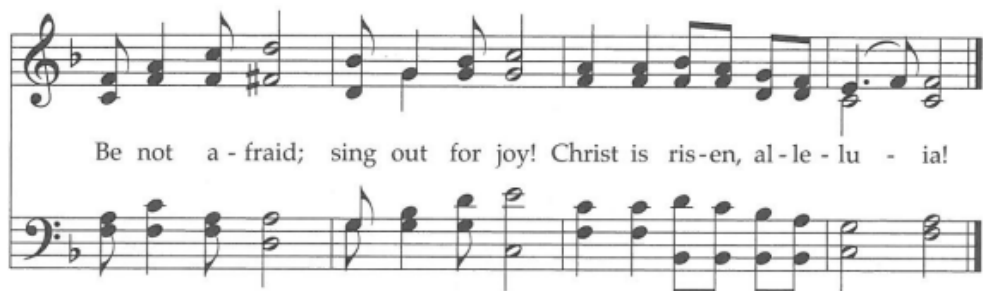
Please give generously...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Be Not Afraid

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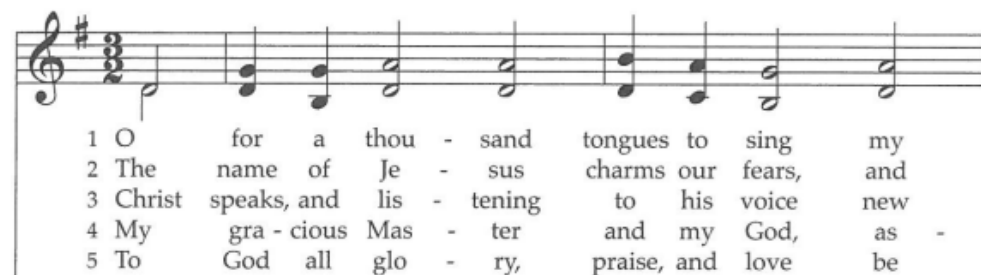


Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

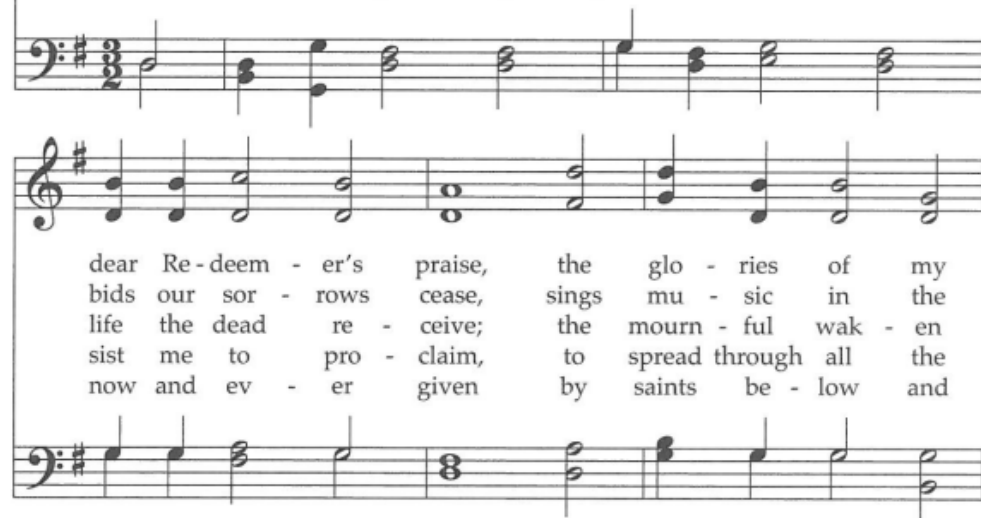


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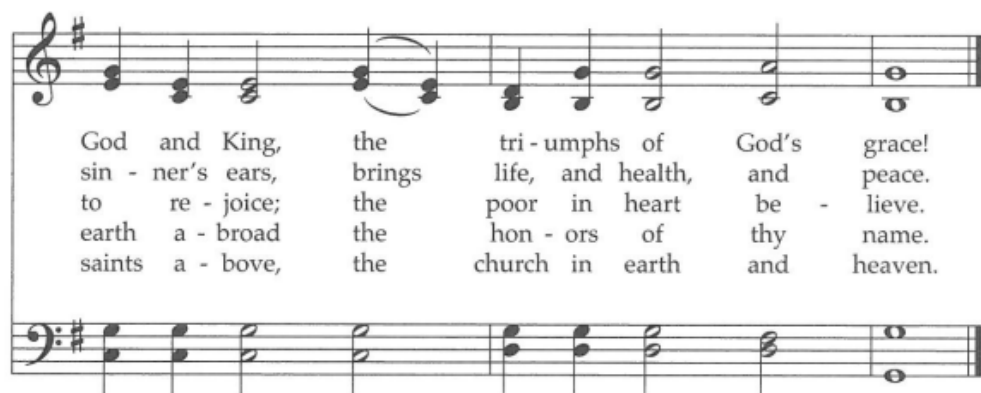
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1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



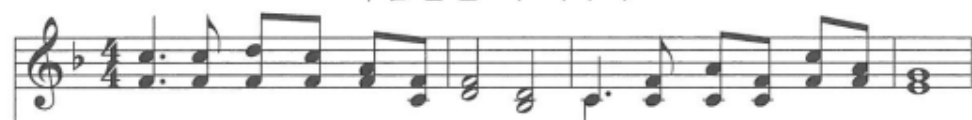
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bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and




God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus


죄짐맡은 우리구주




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, cum - bered 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 the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!




O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord 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 the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

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This Is My Song




1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.