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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 each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 (jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com) or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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Online Worship

4th Sunday in Eastertide

April 21st, 2024

10:00 AM



**A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is **bolded**, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** O Lord, Our God, How Excellent #25

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: God of truth and action, we praise you for your sacrifice. Your son Jesus laid down his life for us. Your son Jesus showed us what love looks like in action. He taught, healed, served, set the table, washed and sacrificed for others. Forgive us when we aren't loving to our partners, children, neighbors and those we meet. Blot out the stain of sin in our lives. Make us instruments of love and not hurt or hate. In the name of the Holy Trinity we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: You, even when you don't meet the standards you set for yourself or that others set for you, are forgiven. In and through Jesus, you are enough as you are. Love is the very substance of God. Sometimes our flaws shine brighter than we'd like. Sometimes, we mess up. The good news is that God is love and God loves all of us. This includes the parts of our lives we think are perfect and our supposed flaws. Know that today because of Christ's birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection....

All: We are all forgiven!

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" In response you may say "**And also with you!**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

*RESPONSE O for a World #372

Children are invited to gather by the round table in the narthex for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Sue Olson

Old Testament Reading Psalm 23: 1-6

SERMON UPC Abiding: Loving Others Rev. Brett M Foote

New Testament Reading 1 John 3: 16-24

*HYMN Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me #703

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

Kate Long

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING HYMN Give Thanks #647

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who lays down his life for us, thank you for the gifts of love and sacrifice before us, thank you for making yourself know to us and healing us in Jesus! Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by society. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we live out your expansive justice and love. Send your merciful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregation, Superior community, and this world. We want others to know your "Yes!" towards all humanity! 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 Today We Are All Called Disciples #757

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to meet by the round table in the narthex, from there they will go together to the Youth room for Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith.

CAMP SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5th the Spiritual Formation Committee will be hosting a camp-themed Coffee Hour. The goal is to share about the positive influence of camp and raise funds to send students to camp this summer!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Committee overseeing Spiritual Formation Small Groups will meet today at 11:15 AM in the Youth Room.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there! (No pickleball April 23rd)
Volleyball will be **every Sunday at 6 PM** except May 5th will start at **12 PM**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF NORTHERN WATERS

The theme of the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Northern Waters is from Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." We will gather May 3-4 in Grand Rapids. The gathering will begin at 6:30 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church, 703 N Pokegama Ave with a time of fellowship and pizza. If you plan to stay overnight, a complete list of hotels in Grand Rapids is available on **visitgrandepids.com**. The meeting on Saturday morning will begin with registration and coffee at 9:30 and features our speaker, Mary Shideler who kayaked 1007 lakes in Minnesota. Please contact **Barb Meyer, 218 -256-8884** to register by Thursday, April 25th. \$7.00 includes lunch.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 4/21

8:45 AM Chancel Choir

10:00 AM Morning Worship

10:15 AM Children's Church

11:15 AM Spiritual Formation Committee— Small Groups

2:00 PM Rampage Softball

4:00 PM Community Dinner

6:00 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 4/22

6:00 PM Rampage Softball

6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 4/23

6:00 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 4/24

4:00 PM Rib Dinner

THURSDAY 4/25

10:00 AM Pickleball

4:30 PM Mission Committee

FRIDAY 4/26

SATURDAY 4/27

Birthdays This Week

4/21- Ryan Gayken

4/24- Londa Hatch

4/24- Brian Schmitt

LOOKING AHEAD

April 21st- Community Dinner 4-6 PM

April 24th- Rib Dinner 4-6PM

May 17th- UPC Rummage Sale 3-6 PM

May 18th- UPC Rummage Sale 8AM-12PM

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>

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UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN DOINGS, TODAY AND APRIL 28TH

Today, right after church, please stay for a bit, if you can, to help us take down the garden fencing. This is being done to prepare for the moving of the pots. With enough help it won't take long. Then on the 28th please join us after church for a salad-and-dessert potluck to kick-off garden season. (And if you'd like to sign up to bring a dish, please do so today at the garden table in the narthex.) Everyone is invited! After the potluck, Heather Bergherr, co-owner of The Green House in Carlton will give a garden talk.

BUMP SET SPIKE BY JAY

UPC had some good volleyball on April 14th. We had great sets and spikes! Come join us today @ 6:00PM.

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, April 19th, Douglas County is at a **Low COVID-19 Community Level**. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE SIGN-UP

Don't forget to sign up for summer volleyball league at Aces. League starts in May and the last day to sign up is April 28th. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The UPC Rummage sale will be May 17th (3-6pm) & May 18th (8am-12pm). Donations can be brought to the church starting Sunday, May 12th. We ask that you be considerate of the items that you are donating and bring only items that are still in good condition. Please limit adult clothing donations to only specialty items in new condition. If you have any furniture or in good condition-small appliances, please reach out to Cathy Hecht or Kate Long, to arrange pick-up or check if it is something we can accept into the sale.

CRAFTERS GROUP

Please join us in the craft room every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and work on our quilting projects, or bring your own. Come for the fellowship! (Crafters group will not meet April 24th)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

I'll be away participating in some continuing education and a pilgrimage this May with the Iona Community on the Island of Iona in Scotland. I'll be studying worship and helping lead it, participating in guided reflections, sharing in community tasks, and I'll experiment and "play" with liturgy, all in an intensive and communal way. Feel free to ask me questions about it. I'll be gone from May 8 - May 29. These dates also include some vacation time. Filling the pulpit will be Rev. Rich Blood- General Presbyter for the Presbytery on May 12, Jocelyn Langholz- Candidate for Ordination in the Presbytery on May 19, and Rev. Diana Bell- Moderator of the Presbytery on May 26. After I get back I'll be leading a sharing time with the congregation this Summer or Fall. I'm truly grateful to the Session and congregation for providing great opportunities to learn and grow as a pastor and as a follower of Jesus.

- Pastor Brett

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23: 1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

O for a World

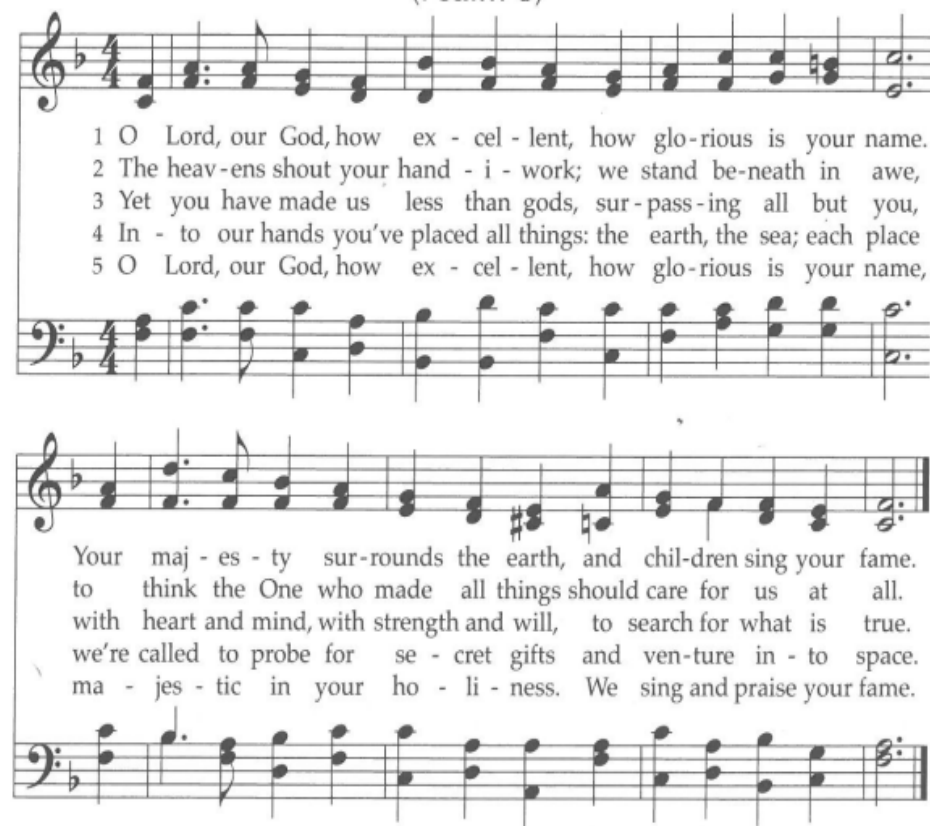
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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug-gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,
 where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a-chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

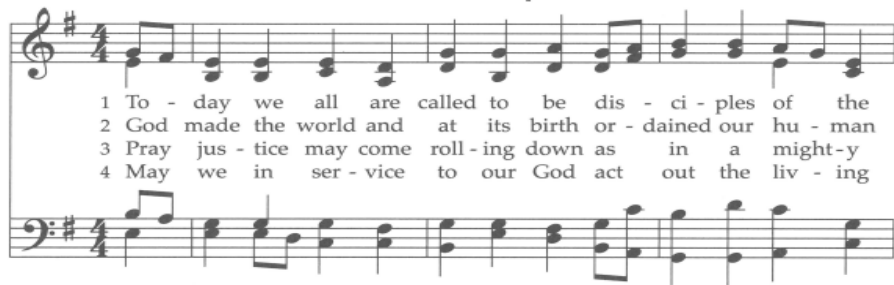
O Lord, Our God, How Excellent 25

(Psalm 8)

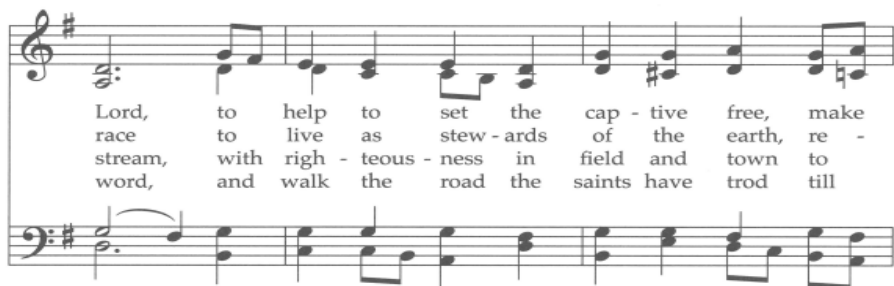


1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo-rious is your name.
 2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be-neath in awe,
 3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur-pass-ing all but you,
 4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
 5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo-rious is your name,
 Your maj - es - ty sur-rounds the earth, and chil-dren sing your fame.
 to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
 with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
 we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven-ture in - to space.
 ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

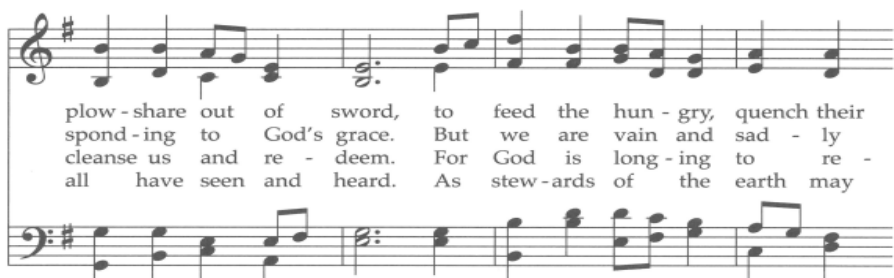
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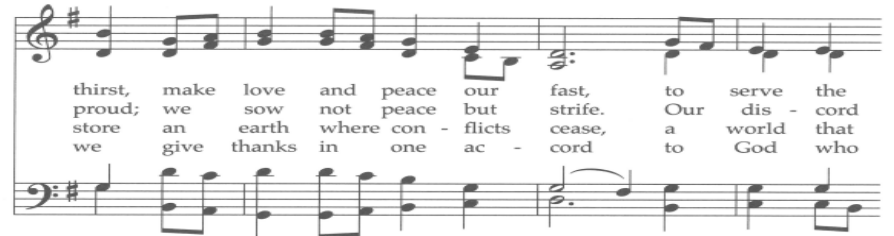
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



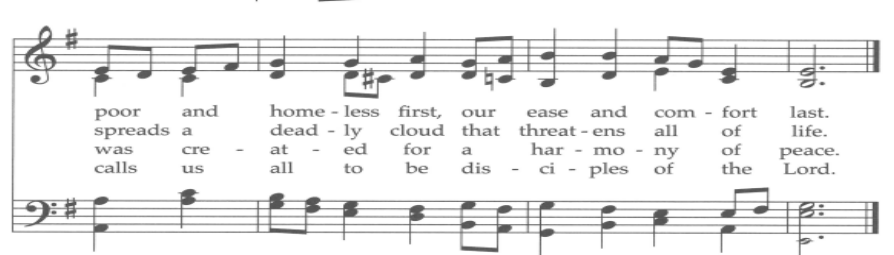
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

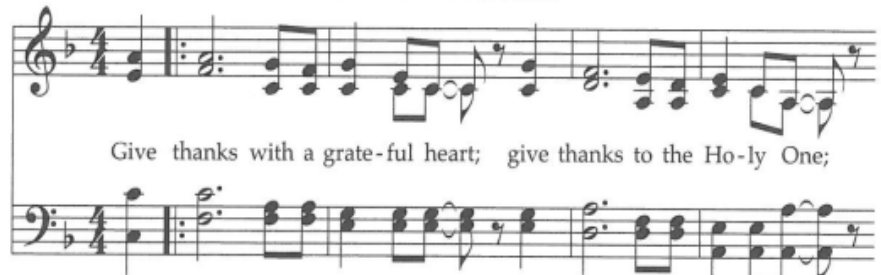


thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

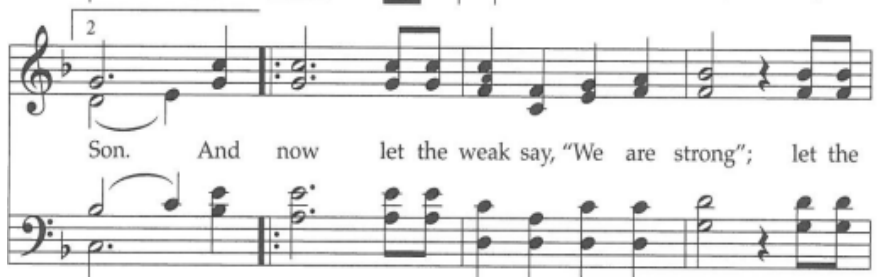
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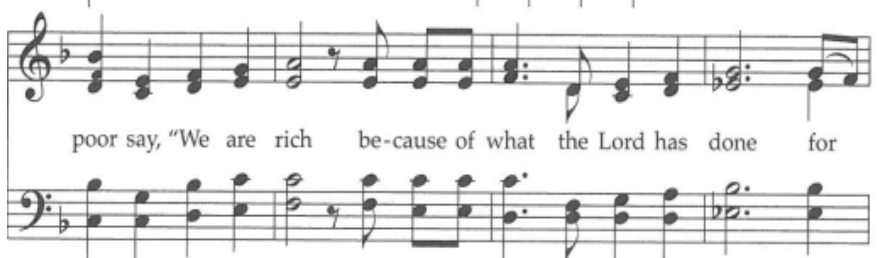
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; give thanks to the Ho - ly One;



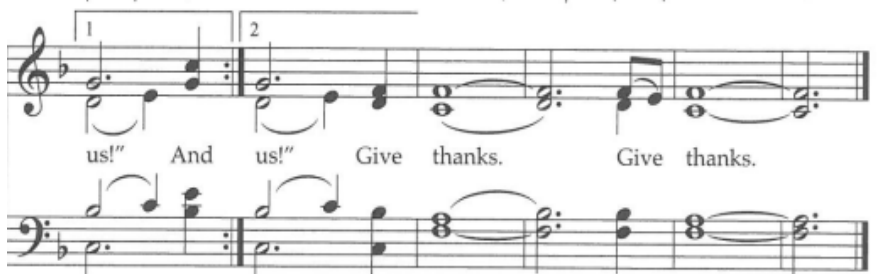
give thanks be - cause we're giv - en Je - sus Christ, the Son. Give



Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

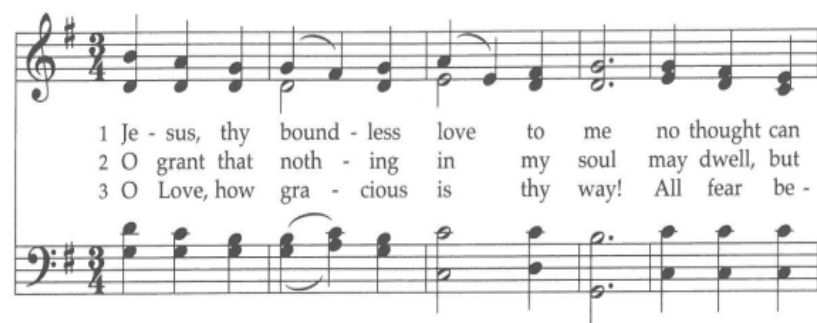


poor say, "We are rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for



us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

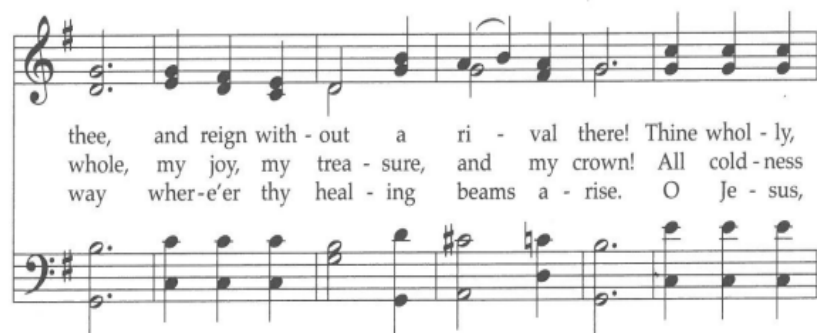
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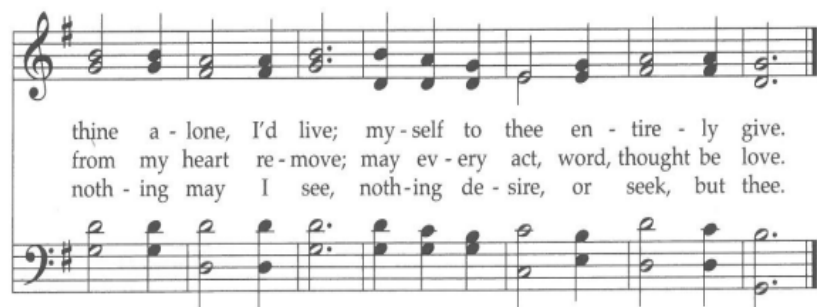
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.