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<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) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Online Worship

Epiphany Sunday

January 7th, 2024

10:00 AM

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 WELCOME

Alex Sandor

*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT

Sing to God With Joy and Gladness

#657

*PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

One: Let us pray...

All: God of the nations, we praise you for speaking and revealing yourself to all people. We praise you that there is no one who is too far to be reached by you or your good news. We give thanks that you are a God of expanding tables, built bridges, and welcome. Forgive us God when we think or believe someone cannot be redeemed. Forgive any and all hate in our hearts besides the hate of injustice. Teach us your righteousness and write your law upon our hearts. Forgive us when we exclude and alienate. Heal and shape us to be more inclusive people. In your son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, you are God's beloved. Your neighbor is God's beloved. The people in the town next door, God's beloved. No matter the team you support, the state or country you hail from, the inherited and non-inherited wealth or the decade you were born, you guessed it, God's beloved. Sometimes we forget the beauty of that truth, sometimes we don't see others the way God sees them. Because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

All: We and our neighbors are 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.)

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

*RESPONSE Calm to the Waves (3x)

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON "Not About Us: Grace, Pain, Privilege, and Epiphany"

Rev. Brett M Foote
Ephesians 3:1-12

New Testament Reading

*NICENE CREED

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: 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.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alex Sandor

*RESPONSE

God, We Honor You

#709

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

*PRAYER OVER OFFERING

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of the Epiphany, thank you for making the table bigger! May we make bigger tables for our neighbors and our community. May we always seek to build bridges instead of walls with you and our neighbor in mind. 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 model your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and Ely. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.

Invitation to Holy Communion

COMMUNION HYMN

We Come as Guests Invited

#504

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most High.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Praise to You, O God, for all of Your works.

You created the world and called it good
and made us in Your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from You,
You remained ever faithful.

You taught Your disciples to pray by saying...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

You are invited to participate in this sacrament regardless of age, church affiliation, or location. We invite you to use what elements you have near you at home, preferably bread and grape juice. Please do not let having those specific items preclude you from participating in this sacrament. Please use what is available. At home we invite you to serve one another or yourself using the words "The Bread of Heaven" for the bread and "The Cup of Salvation" for the juice in whatever form they take after the pastor has spoken the words of institution. Here at the church we invite you to come forward in two lines, row by row, down the middle of the sanctuary to receive the elements. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please raise your hand in your seat if you would like to receive the elements without leaving it. We will come around and offer them to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us give thanks.

All: With this bread of life and cup of salvation, O God, You have brought us into Christ's presence, united us with Him, and bound us to each other. Now send us out, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be Your light and love in the world. 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

***CLOSING HYMN**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #700

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

THE LORD'S SUPPER *is open to all Christians. Celebrating the Eucharist is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in curiosity, faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to be brought into the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, the person confesses sin and brokenness, seeks reconciliation with God and neighbor, and trusts in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts, or whose trust is wavering, comes to the Table to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 60:1-6***

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 For darkness shall cover the earth
 and thick darkness the peoples,
 but the Lord will arise upon you,
 and his glory will appear over you.
 Nations shall come to your light
 and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
 Lift up your eyes and look around;
 they all gather together; they come to you;
 your sons shall come from far away,
 and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
 Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
 A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense
 and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING***Ephesians 3:1-12***

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar**SUNDAY 1/7**

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 AM Morning Worship
 10:15 AM Children's Church
 6 PM Boy Scouts
 6 PM Volleyball

MONDAY 1/8

1:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach
 6:15 PM Welcome Corps
 6:15 PM Piano Lessons

TUESDAY 1/9

10 AM Pickleball
 6 PM Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY 1/10

10 AM Crafters Group
 12 PM Staff Meeting
 2-6 PM CSA Pickup
 5:45 APM Get to Know United
 7 PM Personnel Committee

THURSDAY 1/11

10 AM Pickleball
 6 PM Buildings and Grounds
 7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 1/12**SATURDAY 1/13****Birthdays This Week**

1/7 Barb Granquist
 1/7 Monica Lenihan
 1/8 Deborah Schlacks
 1/10 Kirsten Standen
 1/10 Bob McClellan
 1/13 Jack Finstad

LOOKING AHEAD

January 15-22	Pastor Out –Vacation
January 15	Office Closed

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>

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.

SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT DINNER

Next Sunday, January 14th, middle and high school students are invited to our Second Sunday Student Dinner! The dinner will take place at Laura and Brett's home at 6:30p. It will be a time to connect with one another, grow in our faith, and of course...fill our bellies! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or by emailing: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER AT GREAT LAKES ELEMENTARY

United, we have an amazing opportunity to support our neighbor—Great Lakes Elementary! They are in need of adult volunteers to listen to children read. Support is needed for all grade levels at various times of the day, and will continue through the end of the school year. You can commit to visiting weekly or every other week. There will be a sign-up sheet in the bulletin on December 31st and on January 7th. Martine and Michele, from Great Lakes, will be visiting during the service this Sunday, January 7th to share more. A passed background check is required to participate. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR THE PRIZES

Thank you to everyone who brought in prizes for the prize drawer at Great Lakes Elementary! It really does make a difference!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes are on the table in the back of the church. If you want envelopes and you were omitted, please contact Jan Letsos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 28th following the service.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**. We hope to see you there!

Volleyball will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Lisak family for hosting a lovely New Years Party at the lake! The girls beat the boys in a close boot hockey game 9 - 8.

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK INFORMATION

Please find sign up sheets in the narthex for the birthday potluck, coming soon, on January 28th, following the Annual Meeting. You may sign up to bring a themed cake, (we need only one per month), a hot food dish, a cold food dish or bread. The themed cakes are the center pieces on each of the 12 months tables. When it is time to “dine” you sit at the table of your birthday month. It is a great chance to reconnect with those birthday sharing friends from last year’s birthday potluck! Everyone is welcome; we always have plenty of delicious food and many cakes to sample!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, January 5th, Douglas County is at a **Medium COVID-19 Community Level**. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members wear high-quality masks or respirators indoors, host gatherings outside (when possible), stay home when sick, and stay up to date on vaccinations.

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 Office Closed	02 UPBeat Mailing 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 4:30 PM Worship Committee	03 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 6 PM Book Club	04 Fellowship Hall in Use 7 PM AA Meeting	05 Fellowship Hall in Use	06 Fellowship Hall in Use 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
07 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	08 1:30 PM Fellowship & Outreach 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 PM Welcome Corps	09 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 6 PM Bell Choir	10 10 AM Crafters Group 12 PM Staff Meeting 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 7 PM Personnel Committee	11 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 6 PM Buildings & Grounds 7 PM AA Meeting	12	13
14 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 9 AM Spiritual Formation 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Second Student Dinner	15 Office Closed Pastor Out - Vacation 5 PM Finance Committee 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons	16 Pastor Out - Vacation 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 6 PM Bell Choir	17 Pastor Out - Vacation 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 6:15 PM Welcome Corps	18 Pastor Out -Vacation 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 7 PM AA Meeting	19 Pastor Out -Vacation	20 Pastor Out -Vacation
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28 8:45 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church Annual Meeting following Service Birthday Potluck following meeting 6 PM Volleyball	29 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:15-8 PM Piano Lessons	30 10 AM - 12 PM Pickleball 1 PM UPBeat Packing 6 PM Bell Choir	31 UPBeat Mailing 2-6 PM CSA Pickup	01	02	03

VOLUNTEER AT

Great Lakes Elementary

Listen to kids read and build relationships
with the students and educators right next door.
**There may also be opportunity to support in other subjects.*

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE(S):

All Grades	3rd Grade	Frequency:
Read Live 8-9a	8:45-9:45a or 12:15-12:40p	1x a week
Kindergarten		
9:15-10:15a or 2:30-3p	4th Grade 8:30-9a	2x a week
1st Grade		
8:45-9:15a or 12:35-1:05p	5th Grade 1:45-2:30p	3x a week
2nd Grade		
12:30-1p		Every other week

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

A passed background check is required to participate.

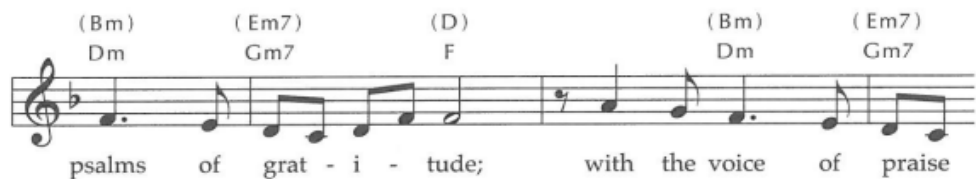
Please give your completed form to Laura by January 8th.

657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)



Sing to God, with joy and glad-ness, hymns and



psalms of grat-i-tude; with the voice of praise



dis-cov-er that to wor-ship God is good.



1 God u-nites the scat-tered peo-ple, gath-ers
2 Such is God's great power and wis-dom, none can
3 God with clouds the sky has cur-tained, thus en-
4 God's dis-cern-ment nev-er fa-vors strength or



those who wan-dered far, heals the hurt and bro-ken
cal-cu-late or tell; keen is God to ground the
sur-ing rain shall fall; earth, re-spond-ing, grows to
speed to lift or move; God de-lights in those who



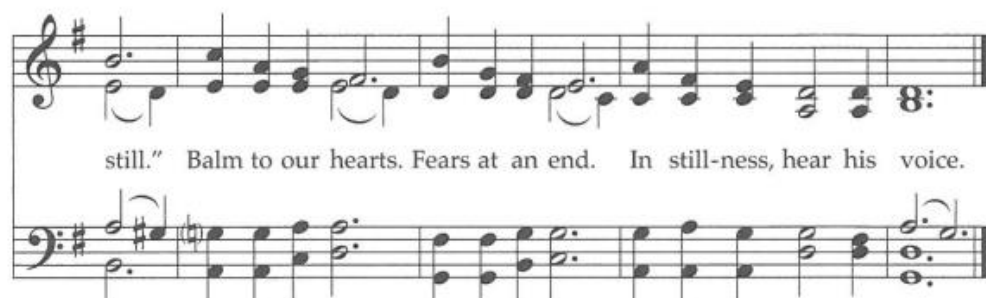
spir-its, tend-ing ev-ery wound and scar.
wick-ed and with hum-ble folk to dwell.
or-der food for crea-tures great and small.
wor-ship, trust-ing in God's stead-fast love.

Calm to the Waves

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Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je-sus whis-pers, "Peace, be



still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

463 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."

709 God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

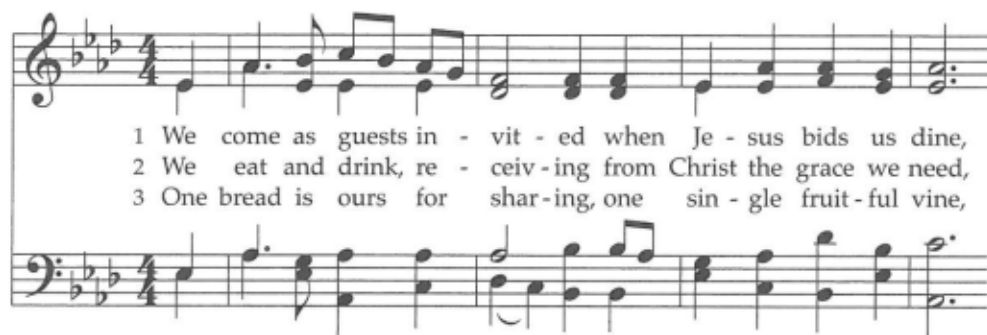
Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

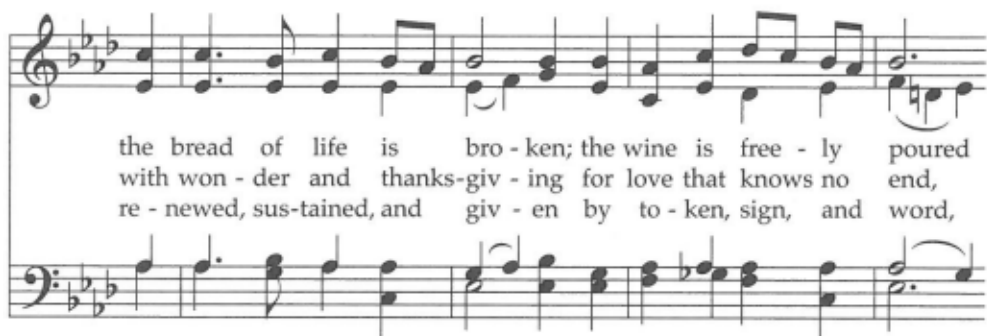
504 We Come as Guests Invited



1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

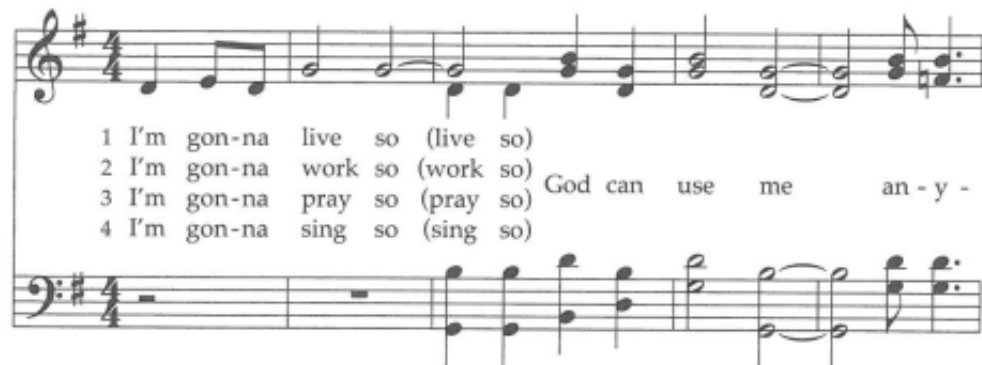


the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

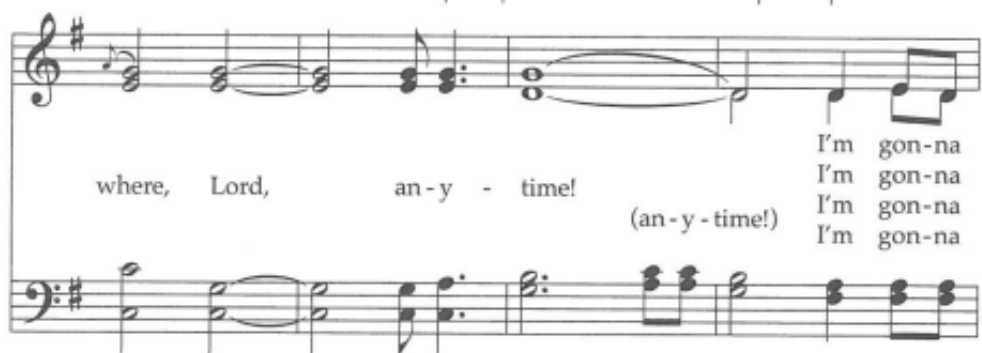


for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

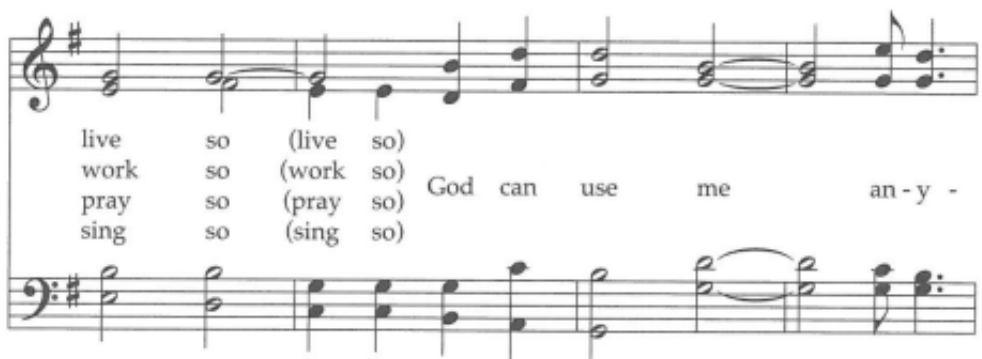
700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na
I'm gon-na



live so (live so)
work so (work so)
pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -
sing so (sing so)



where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)
(an - y - time!)