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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  
Jan Heckman at 715-392-1072 ([jan\\_KB9LTA@yahoo.com](mailto:jan_KB9LTA@yahoo.com)) or  
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**Online Worship**

***Fifth Sunday in Easter & Confirmation Sunday***

**May 7th, 2023**

**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** Alex Sandor

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT**

Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House #419

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God who holds us together, we praise you for being at the center of our lives. We confess that often when it all “hits the fan” or we go “canoeing without a paddle” we don’t think about Jesus. Help us, when the going gets tough to turn to Christ and the neighbors who love him. We love you God, thank you for loving us first. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: United, it's like a garden hose to muddy feet or paws. It's like a frigid dip into Lake Superior after we got way too sandy that washes it all away. All the brokenness, sin, and muck that clings so tightly is washed away with fresh water. Even when we feel far away from the source and center of our faith, God is near to us. Because of Christ’s birth, life, death, and especially his resurrection:

**All: We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Amen.**

**\*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** Our God is an Awesome God (3x) #616

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Christy Willmore  
Old Testament Reading Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

**SERMON** “The Heart Of United: Jesus” Rev. Brett M Foote  
New Testament Reading John 14:1-12

**CONFIRMATION OF ADALIA PAUNA**

**CREED - “God Is” (Written by Adalia Pauna)**

One: Let us confess our faith together using these words.

**All: God is the United that brings us together.**

**God is the Love when we are together.**

**God is the Word of wisdom.**

**God is the Light in the path of darkness.**

**God is the Color within the rainbow.**

**God is within us, you and me.**

**\*HYMN**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**#450**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION**

**Jan Letsos**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**Alex Sandor**

**\*RESPONSE**

**Give Thanks**

**#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 at the center of our lives, may we be good stewards of these gifts, for they are yours. May we be loving neighbors. May all those who have been pushed aside or had their voices ignored find in us good friends and companions on the journey. As we give of our time, talents, or treasures, may we practice resurrection. Help us to be Christians, little Christs out in Superior. Help us to connect with, serve, and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth and the rest of the Northland may know your resurrection love. Amen.**

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

**COMMUNION HYMN Come to the Table ( vs. 1-3) #507**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Adapted from the Book of Common Worship & lyrics written by Aaron Weiss)**

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 you are a door without a key, a field without a fence. When we try to avoid and forget you, you meet us where we cannot fathom your presence. You appear in places, times, and people we least suspect. You often make holy fools of us all and we thank you forever for that. Today we are reminded that when we come to your table and this holy meal without a thing besides ourselves, we come with all we need. We are reminded that your real presence knits us together with your body here in this place and all over the world. You taught your disciples a similar prayer, when they asked how they were to pray, by saying...

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Adapted from the 1989 New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book influenced by the Maori & Polynesian traditions.)

**All:** Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Parent of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and 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** Old Rugged Cross – Viola Accompaniment by Adalia Pauna

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Alex Sandor**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16***

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

***John 14:1-12***

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.'

**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.

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY 5/7

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Morning Worship  
11 AM Garden Kickoff  
4 PM Softball Practice  
6 PM Volleyball  
6 PM Boy Scouts

### MONDAY 5/8

4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons  
4 PM Adventure Group—Canal Park  
5 PM Finance Committee

### TUESDAY 5/9

3:45-7:30 PM Piano Lessons  
4 PM Pickleball

### WEDNESDAY 5/10

10 AM Pickleball  
12 PM Staff Meeting  
2-6 PM CSA Pickup  
3-4 PM Planning AHEAD Workshop  
4-4:45 PM Piano Lessons  
6:15 PM Personnel Committee

### THURSDAY 5/11

Pastor Out of Office—Working Remote  
5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7 PM AA Meeting

### FRIDAY 5/12

Pastor Out of Office—Working Remote

### SATURDAY 5/13

Pastor Out of Office—Working Remote

#### LOOKING AHEAD

May 16  
May 22

First Softball Game vs Bayside  
UPBeat Deadline

#### 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>

# Community Dinner Value and Volunteers

Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey and return it to the designated place following the survey or the UPC office.

Name:

Phone Number:

1. Do you feel that community dinners are still an important mission that should continue at UPC? Yes or No

2. I would be willing to help support the community dinners in the following ways: (check all that you would be willing to help with)

- ☐ Volunteer to Cook
- ☐ Volunteer to Set Up
- ☐ Volunteer to Serve
- ☐ Volunteer to Clean Up
- ☐ Volunteer to be a Dishwasher
- ☐ Donate Financially
- ☐ Donate Store Bought Food Item
- ☐ Donate & Prepare Dessert

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, May 5th, 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.

### 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!

### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

#### ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Planning AHEAD has been a huge success so far, and you can always join in on the fun. Join us on **Wednesdays from 3-4 PM** through May 24th as we continue to learn how to plan ahead for our futures. The 7-session workshop, taught by Chelsea Thompson, covers the topics of getting started, handling financial changes, advance medical and legal directives, estate planning, choices in end-of-life care, final wishes, and understanding grief.

#### FIRST ADVENTURE OF 2023: May 8th at 4:00 PM

The Adventure Group is back at it! This Monday, we will meet in **Canal Park** to walk around and enjoy the Spring air. We plan to eat at Chachos Taqueria. If you need a ride, carpooling will be available at the church at 3:30 PM, otherwise we will meet next to Caribou Coffee at 4:00 PM. If the weather is bad on Monday, we will plan on Tuesday as a backup. In the event of a change/reschedule, the congregation will be notified via email.

#### SPRING CLEAN UP AT UPC: May 21st following church service

Please join us as we freshen up the church for the upcoming season. Join us for pickleball every **Tuesday from 4-6 PM** and volleyball every **Sunday from 6-7:30 PM**.

### INCLUSIVE CARE UNIT

We are ready for donations for the spring and summer months! We are accepting: hand sanitizer, toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, floss, deodorant, etc.), and canned/sealed food items that are not expired. Please bring donations in during office hours or on Sunday morning. Thank you!

### POTLUCK AND GARDENING TALK TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE

Today's the day for the UPC Community Garden kick-off AND our Confirmation Sunday recognition! Please stay after today's service for a potluck celebrating both of these momentous occasions. After that, Master Gardeners Jon and Holly Wolfe will offer gardening tips to our community gardeners (and whoever else would like to stay for their presentation).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is staffed 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Stop by the Nursery and meet Iris, our Nursery Coordinator and her volunteer assistants. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will not meet for the month of May — we will resume on June 4. After the Passing the Peace portion of our service, children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church! This is a time designed specifically for our young ones to learn and grow in their faith. Children's Church takes place in the Youth room, which is next to the Nursery.

### SUMMER CAMP

Clearwater Forest offers summer camp opportunities for a variety of ages! The theme this year is: What's in a Name. If you would like more information please visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/summer-camp/>. There is a camp scholarship available through our presbytery. Please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### GRADUATION SUNDAY

We will be celebrating our graduates on May 21! If you or someone you know is graduating please connect with Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com) by May 14.

### SOFTBALL

Softball season is almost here! If you are looking for some summer fun come out and join the team! No previous experience needed. We will be practicing this Sunday, May 7, as well as next Sunday, May 14 at 4p in the gym. If you were not able to make it to the meeting, but would like more information, connect with Jill or Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

### HOLY SMOKIN' BARBEQUE

Mark your calendars for our Holy Smokin' BBQ! This is a fundraiser for our youth mission trip this summer! The event will take place here at UPC on June 1st at 5 PM. Come enjoy live music by Ross Thorn, good food, and gather around a fire with a yummy s'more. There will be jackfruit available for anyone who would prefer that over pulled pork. This will be a fantastic way to start the summer! Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids. If you would like to volunteer your time or good cooking, sign up sheets are available at the back of the Narthex! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to [lmfoote.upc@gmail.com](mailto:lmfoote.upc@gmail.com).

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 4 PM F&O Meeting 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>2</b> Tiff Out of Office 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 -6 PM Rib Feast 4:30 PM Worship Committee	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM PW Meeting 10 AM Pickleball 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Deacons Meeting 6 PM Book Club	<b>4</b> 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 10 AM—12 PM Piano Lessons	<b>6</b> 6 PM AA Speaker Meeting
<b>7</b> Confirmation Sunday 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 11 AM Garden Kickoff 4 PM Softball Practice 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Adventure Group @ Canal Park 5 PM Finance Committee	<b>9</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball	<b>10</b> 10 AM Pickleball 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons 6:15 Personnel Committee	<b>11</b> Pastor Out of Office—Working Remote 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM B&G Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>12</b> Pastor Out of Office—Working Remote	<b>13</b> Pastor Out of Office—Working Remote
<b>14</b> 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 4 PM Softball Practice 6 PM Volleyball	<b>15</b> Tiff Out of Office 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons 5 PM SF Committee	<b>16</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 6 PM Softball vs Bayside—Field 1	<b>17</b> 10 AM Pickleball 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 1 PM Caregiver Conversations 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>18</b> 5 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Session Meeting 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12:30 PM Robert Perrault Funeral
<b>21</b> Graduation Sunday 8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) Church clean up following service 4 PM Community Dinner 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 1 PM UPBeat Deadline 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>23</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball 6 PM Softball vs Hope Community—Field 2	<b>24</b> Tiff Out of Office 10 AM Pickleball 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 3-4 PM Planning AHEAD 4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>25</b> 7 PM AA Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 AM Worship (YouTube & In Person) 11 AM Mission Committee 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> Office Closed—Memorial Day 4-8:30 PM Piano Lessons	<b>30</b> 3:45-7 PM Piano Lessons 4 PM Pickleball	<b>31</b> UPBeat Mailing 10 AM Pickleball 12 PM Staff mtg (Zoom) 2-6 PM CSA Pickup 4-5:30 PM Piano Lessons			



# Lord, Who May Dwell 419

## within Your House

(Psalm 15)

Capo 1: (A7) (D) (Bm7) (G) (Bm) (A7)  
B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$  Cm7 A $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$ 7

1 Lord, who may dwell with - in your house or  
2 Who have no guile up - on their tongues nor  
3 Who do no wrong, but keep their word and

(D) (Bm7) (A) (A7) (G) (D)  
E $\flat$  Cm7 B $\flat$  B $\flat$ 7 A $\flat$  E $\flat$

on your ho - ly hill? Those who do good and  
harm their neigh - bor's life, but hon - or those who  
seek no bribe or gain. All those who do such

(G) (A) (D) (Bm) (A7) (D)  
A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

speak the truth, whose lives are blame - less still;  
fear the Lord and turn a - way from strife;  
things shall live and safe from harm re - main.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

# Our God Is an Awesome God 616

## Awesome God

C G D Em  
Our God is an awe-some God who reigns from heav-en a-bove

C G Am Em B7 Em  
with wis - dom, power, and love; our God is an awe-some God!

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

## Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B<sup>b</sup>

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

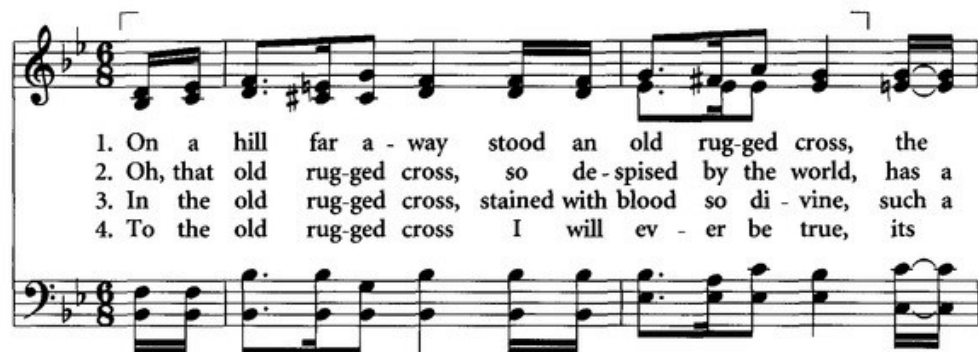
(D/A) F/A (G) B<sup>b</sup> (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F

2 Come to the table of peace...

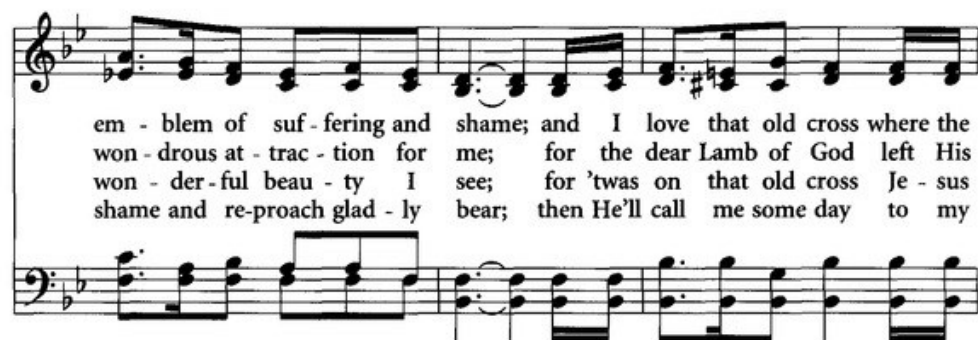
3 Come to the table of love...



## The Old Rugged Cross



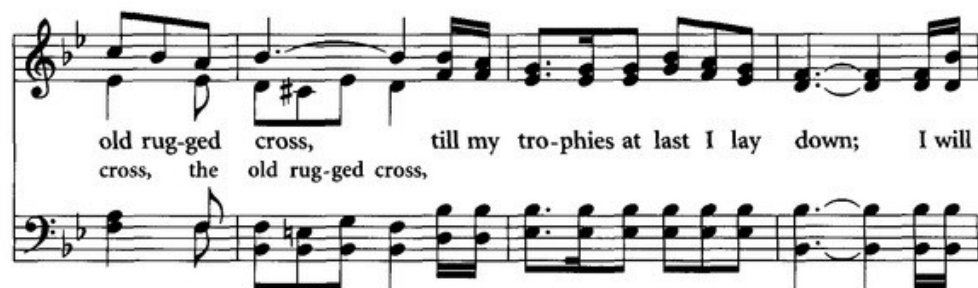
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the  
 2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a  
 3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, such a  
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its



em - blem of suf - fering and shame; and I love that old cross where the  
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left His  
 won - der - ful beau - ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus  
 shame and re-proach glad - ly bear; then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 glo - ry a - bove, to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher-ish the  
 suf - fered and died, to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



old rug-ged cross, till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will  
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,