



July 20, 2025  
6th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m.

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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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## ***We Gather to Praise God***

### **PRELUDE**

*Variation on "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

arr. James E. Clemens (b. 1966)

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME**

Yena Hwang

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 47*

ONE: We remember who we are:

**ALL: We are the body of Christ.**

ONE: We remember whose we are:

**ALL: We are God's beloved children.**

ONE: We remember our chief purpose:

**ALL: To glorify and enjoy God forever.**

ONE: Let us worship God!

### **\* GATHERING HYMN 14** (vv. 1, 2, & 5)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: Those who speak the truth from their heart abide in God's presence. Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sin together.

*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Holy God, we are so distracted. We are distracted by the news: natural crises, human-made crises, headlines of dismay and despair. We are distracted by our fears: for our health, for our safety, for our financial security. We are distracted by tasks: calendars that shape our priorities, work that defines our worth. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us examine the ways we contribute to and benefit from injustice in the world. Help us quash fears of scarcity by proclaiming your abundance. Help us remember that we are your beloved children, worthy and loved just as we are. Help us discern and choose the better—sometimes more difficult—path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Personal prayer in silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

**ONE:** The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**ALL:** Thanks be to God!

## \* GLORY TO GOD 582

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The musical score is written for a single voice in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first three staves correspond to the lyrics: '1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.' The fourth staff is a concluding phrase: 'As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

## \* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

## *We Listen for God's Word*

### SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 456

Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

TEXT: Kenyan; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1987  
MUSIC: Kenyan; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1987  
English Trans. © 1987 Lutheran Theological College, Makumira (admin. Augsburg Fortress)  
Music Arr. © 1987 Austin C. Lovelace (admin. Augsburg Fortress)

NENO LAKE MUNGU  
6.4.6.4 with refrain

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 15

Carolyn Bruce

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 4:8-17

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*For Such a Time as This*

Megan Klose

## *We Respond to God's Word*

### \* SERMON HYMN 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ionian Creed*

Yena Hwang

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal

**fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Carolyn Bruce

**ONE:** Lord in your mercy,

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at [prayers@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:prayers@fallschurchpresby.org).*

*Please keep in your prayers:*

The family of Ksenija Daab, mother-in-law of Vincent McLeese (Jenneke Fijn van Draat's son), on her sudden death on July 4

Gail Warner on the death of her mother, Nancy Hogan, on July 2

Chris Lanier on the death of his father, William Lanier, on June 28

Mark Brasler on the death of his wife, Mary Brasler, on June 15

*Ongoing prayer concerns:*

*FCPC members:*

Andrea Brown, Avery Burns, Winnie Harris-Zoellner, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh.

*Relatives and friends:*

Bill Armstrong, Don Armstrong's father; Carolyn Armstrong, Scott Armstrong's mother; Vincent DiPerno, Paige Whitlock's nephew; Cynthia Hintze, Carol Kercheval's sister; Ansley McCraw, Shawn Sledge's niece; MacKenzie Morgan, Irv Morgan's niece.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Yena Hwang

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal ([fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online](https://fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online)), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.*



## OFFERTORY

*The Heart Worships*

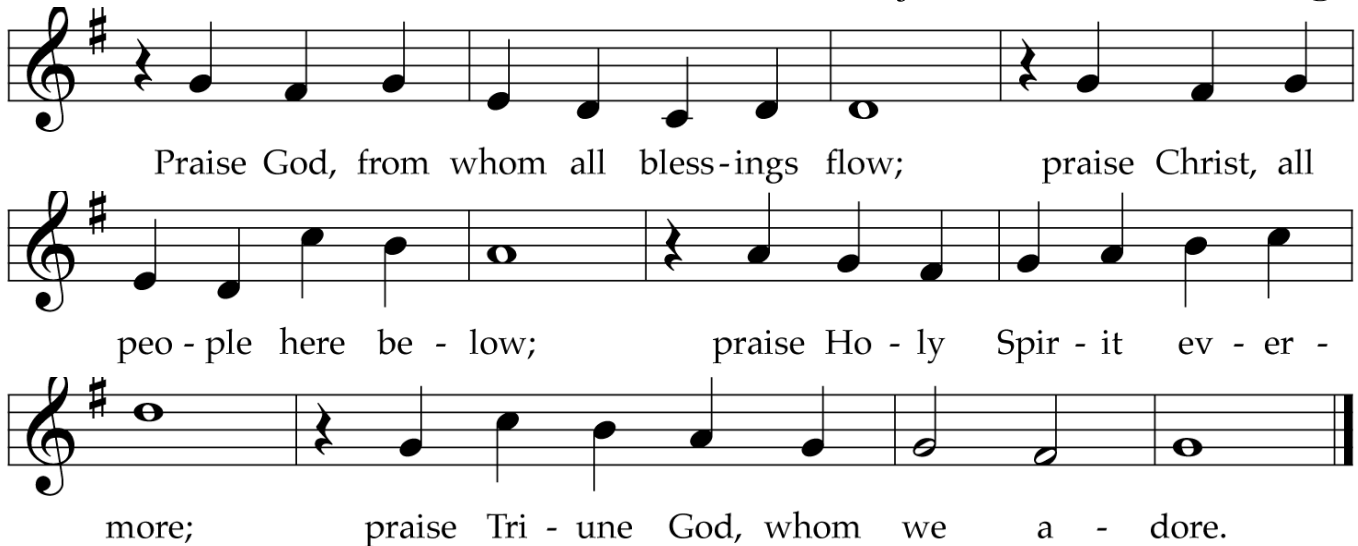
Gustav Holst (1874-1943)

Christine Conner, voice

*Silence in Heav'n,  
Silence on Earth  
Silence within!  
Thy hush, O Lord,  
O'er all the world covers the din.  
I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind  
And yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind.  
Only I need and kneel again  
Thy touch to win;  
Silence in Heav'n  
Silence on Earth  
Silence within!*

## \* DOXOLOGY 608

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -  
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 2008  
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Music © 2008 Hal H. Hopson

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)  
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## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Yena Hwang

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## ***We Are Sent into the World***

**\* SENDING HYMN 13**

*The Mighty God with Power Speaks*

**\* CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Megan Klose

**POSTLUDE**

*Variation on "Foundation"*

arr. Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

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### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leader	Carolyn Bruce
Ushers	Stacey Cruse, Carol Kercheval
Audio/Video	Alexi Hawkins
Sexton	Carolyn Bruce
Sanctuary Flowers	Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John W. Roberts III, father of Paige Whitlock.

### ***A Warm Welcome***

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor.

There are nametag boards outside of the sanctuary side entrance. Please make a nametag and wear it as a sign of hospitality.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex or from an usher.

A recording of today's service can be found at [www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon](http://www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon).

If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, talk to one of the pastors or email Pastor Yena ([yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:yhwang@fallschurchpresby.org)) or Pastor Megan ([mklose@fallschurchpresby.org](mailto:mklose@fallschurchpresby.org)). Please visit our website for more information.

### ***Children in Worship***

Children are always welcome in our services. **The Kids' Corner** at the front right side of the Sanctuary is where children and their grownups can play, read, or color quietly while in worship. **Children up to age 4:** Child care is offered in Room 201 by paid nursery staff. Godly Play and BibleFun, for children ages 4 and up, are on break for the summer.

## ***Fellowship Hour + 33/26 Bible Trivia***

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. We're also celebrating the halfway mark in our Project 66/52 Bible reading plan with Bible Trivia! Grab your coffee and a snack and get ready for some fun. We'll start with some warm-up questions (perfect for kids) and then move into more challenging ones. Do you know what the 6th Commandment is? Remember the names of Joseph's two sons? Team up with your Bible expert friends! There will be prizes!

### ***Announcements***

**Escape Weekend 2025.** Escape to Shrine Mont, Orkney, Virginia, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. More information is on our website and in the Friday egram.

**WE ARE BEAN SERIOUS!** Your generous gifts of dried beans, tuna, and peanut butter filled some empty bins at Knox Food Pantry this past week. Due to heightened food insecurity concerns in our area, if you "have the means to pick up some proteins" during the week, it would be greatly appreciated. Drop off donations by the white cupboard in the main hallway at the next Drop & Dash on July 27 or any time before then. The cupboard is checked every few days and items are taken directly to Knox.

**PDA for Texas Hill Country floods.** You can help Texas flooding victims by contributing to PC(USA)'s Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Donations help relief and recovery efforts, including assessments, clean-up efforts, and rebuilding. Give through FCPC's online giving portal or by check. Please note "PDA" or "Texas flooding" in your giving. FCPC recently sent \$500 to PDA and will continue to send money as your donations come in.

**Prayer & Pose Yoga, Mondays at 5:00 p.m.** Join us for Prayer & Pose Yoga every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Loft. Whether you are a devoted yogi or have never done yoga before, you are welcome. Led by Isabelle (Izzy) Ulsh. Registration is not required. Bring your own yoga mat, water, and towel.

**Project 66/52.** The congregation is reading the entire Bible in 2025. More information is in the Friday egram and at [fallschurchpresby.org/6652](http://fallschurchpresby.org/6652). Week 29 reading plan:

Sun 7/20	Isaiah <u>21, 22, 23</u>
Mon 7/21	Isaiah <u>24, 25, 26</u>
Tues 7/22	Isaiah <u>27, 28, 29</u>
Wed 7/23	Isaiah <u>30, 31, 32</u>
Thurs 7/24	Isaiah <u>33, 34, 35</u>
Fri 7/25	Isaiah <u>36, 37</u> ; Psalms <u>105, 106</u>
Sat 7/26	Isaiah <u>38, 39</u> ; Psalm <u>107</u>

**Interested in learning more about the Bible?** If you are reading along with Project 66/52 or just interested in exploring the Bible in a beautiful setting, consider joining your church friends on a trip to the Museum of the Bible! Please email Sue Armstrong at [sue.g2g.armstrong@gmail.com](mailto:sue.g2g.armstrong@gmail.com) to indicate your interest and preferred afternoon date(s): August 15, 16, 29 or 30.

## ***Church Calendar***

### **Sunday, July 20 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

Project 33/26 Celebration & Bible Trivia, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, July 21**

Prayer & Pose Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Loft

### **Tuesday, July 22**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

### **Wednesday, July 23**

66/52 Bible Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Wednesday Evening Project 66/52 Group, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

### **Thursday, July 24 – *No scheduled events***

### **Friday, July 25 – *No scheduled events***

### **Saturday, July 26 – Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor**

William Lanier Memorial Service & Reception, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, July 27 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Drop & Dash Sunday – Drop off Knox Food Pantry donations in main hallway

Matthew 25 Group, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online

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“working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons,  
seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just  
and inclusive church.” Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build  
congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.*

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

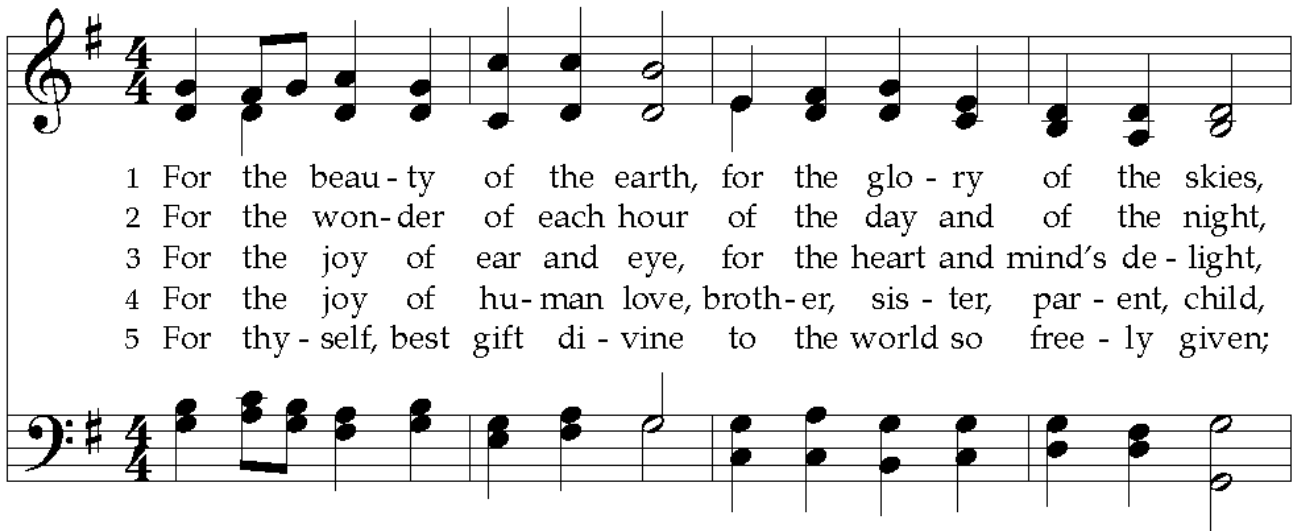
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Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

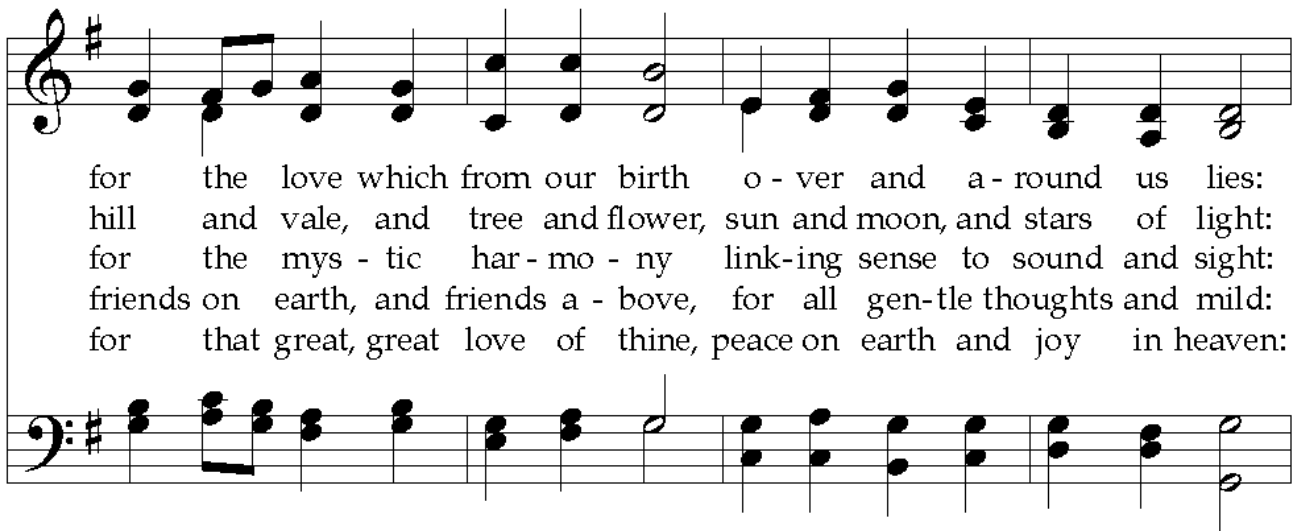
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# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

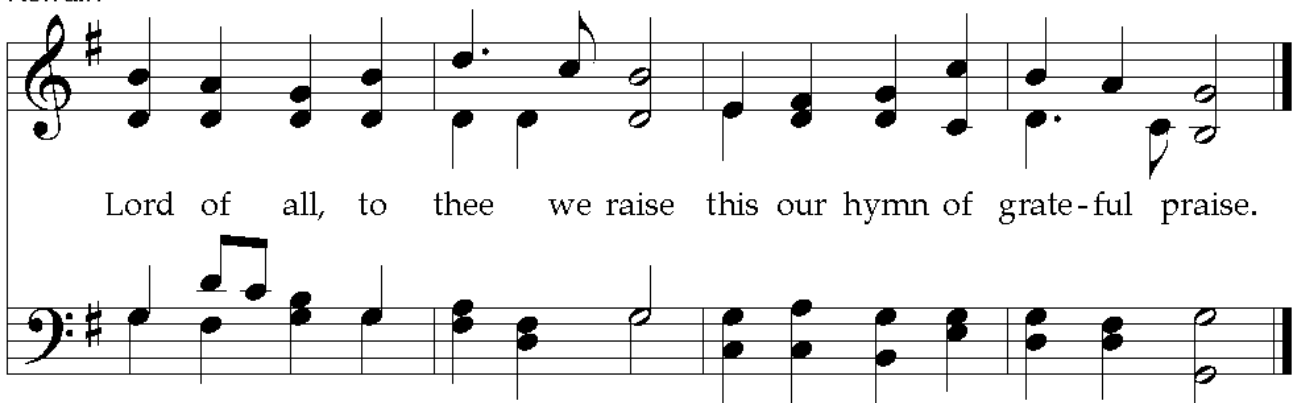


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

# 13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;  
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;  
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.  
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.  
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;  
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;  
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.  
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.  
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.