

POWER
I N T H E
SPIRIT



Thursday, July 17, 2025
Opening Worship
And
Taizé Worship

WELCOME and GREETING

*Read responsively with the assembly responding with words printed in **bold**.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Please rise as you are able.

OPENING LITANY

Almighty God, today we give thanks for the good gift of the Power of Your Holy Spirit, our helper.
Come, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God present among us.
Come, Holy Spirit.

As on the day of Pentecost, when Your spirit rested on Your followers as tongues of fire,
Rest on us now, Oh God.

As they were filled with the spirit and began to speak and prophesy,
Fill us now, Oh God.

Just as Jesus promised, just as the Father has promised,
The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

Empowering us to proclaim good news to the poor,
Release for prisoners

To exchange beauty for ashes,
Joy for mourning

A spirit of praise instead of despair.
Come, Holy Spirit.

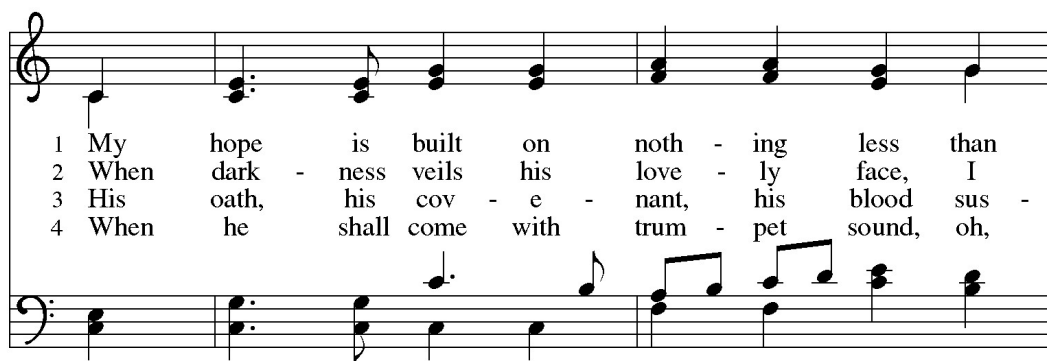
We are your church, your body on earth, who trust in the Resurrected Christ,
And in the Holy Spirit of God, here with us now.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

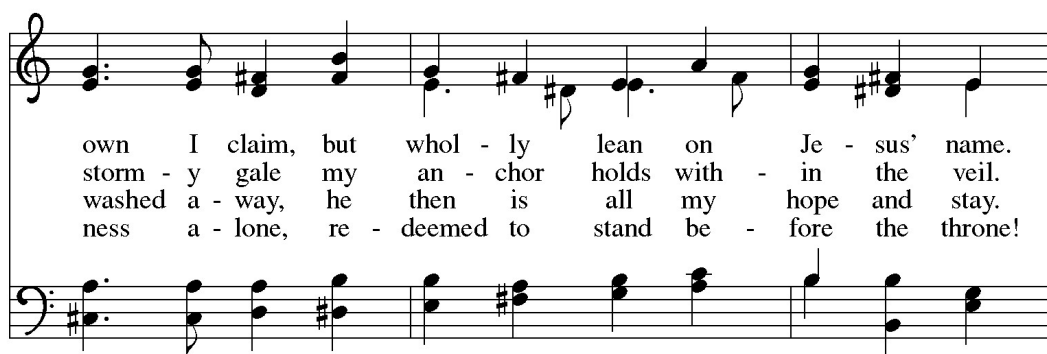
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



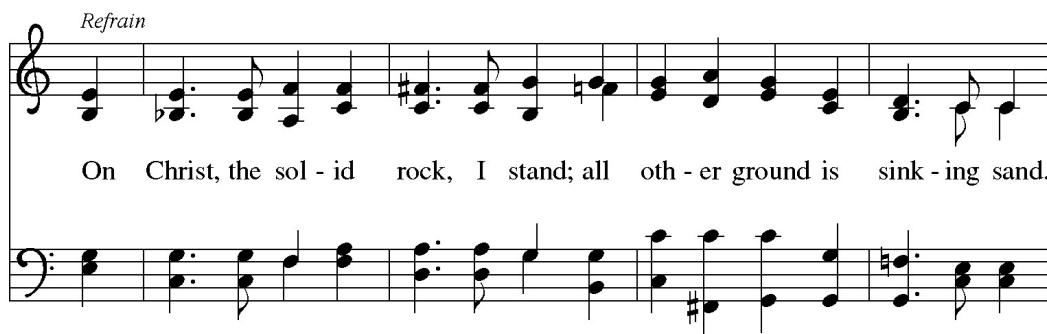
1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876


Please be seated.

THE BIBLICAL STORY TELLING OF ISAIAH 40:31


HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness




call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,




stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.




then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



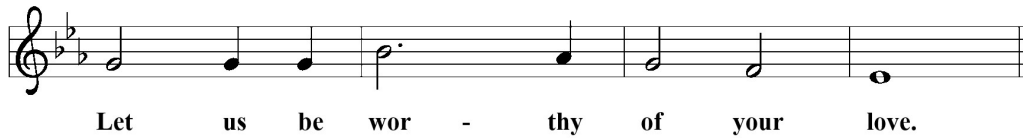
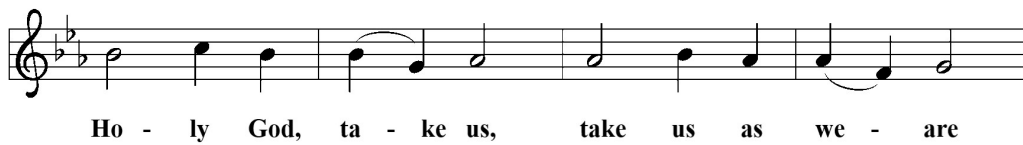
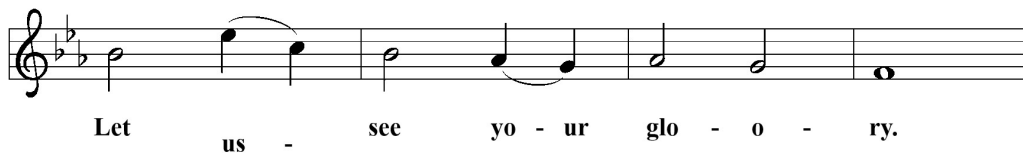
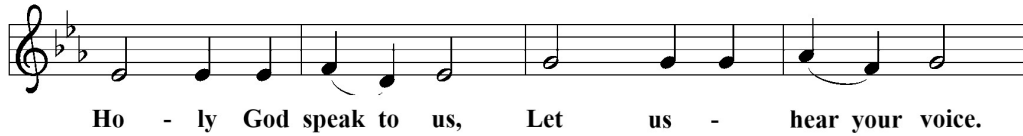
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are woven in with the hymn printed here. We will be cued for when to sing.

Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy. The response is: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayer Song (To the tune of Beautiful Savior)



Words: Edith Blake

Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

BLESSING

The Spirit of God has been poured out upon believers. May the Spirit's flame burn brightly in your hearts.
Amen.

The wind of the Spirit blows where it wills. May the breath of the Spirit rouse you for life.
Amen.

Christ said to the disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit." May you be enlightened and sanctified in his name.
Amen.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Worship leaders are Edith Blake

The Biblical Story Tellers

*Judy Wilfong
and
Kathy Thompson*

The Reverend Terrie Sternberg

Michael Benshish

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Taizé Evening Prayer

All of the music printed here will be sung by the choir and the assembly.

Prayer in the spirit of the Taizé community is a meditative form of common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. A few words sung over and over again reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. They express a basic reality of faith that can be quickly grasped by the intellect and that gradually penetrates the whole being.

PRELUDE MUSIC *Isaiah The Prophet Has Written Of Old* Joy F. Patterson and Austin C Lovelace

GATHERING MUSIC



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OPENING

“Christ, You are Light/Christe lux mundi”

Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur te ha -
Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you. You

be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.
come to bring to all the light of life.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. Some notes are circled in the original image, likely indicating specific rhythmic or melodic features.

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Tune: Taizé Community
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VIGIL OF CANDLES

“Heal Us, Lord” Text by Marty Haugen and Tom Witt

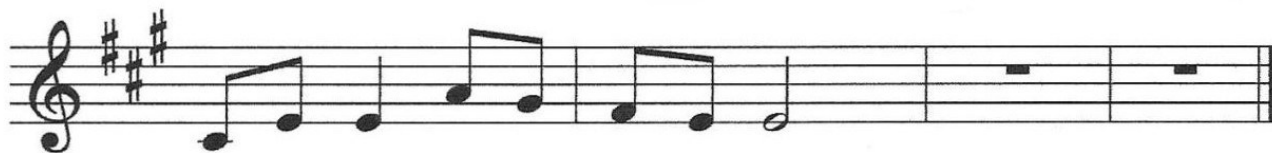
Leader
Heal us, Lord, and re - new our lives.

Assembly
Heal us, Lord, and re - new our lives.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 3/4 time, key of D major. The first system is for the Leader, and the second system is for the Assembly. The melody is primarily in the treble clef. The lyrics are repeated for both parts.



Heal us, Lord, and re - new our lives.



Heal us, Lord, and re - new our lives.

PSALMODY

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el meu
 Ở trong Chúa con mãi luôn ca tụng Ngài, ở trong Chúa con sẽ mừng
 In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -

cant. Ell m'ha les - tat la sal - va - ci - ó. En ell con -
 vui. Nhìn về Ngài, hãy an lòng vững chí, này đây Thiên
 joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

fi - o i no tinc por, en ell con - fi - o i no tinc por.
 Chúa Ngài vẫn mãi ở gần, hãy cất cao lời lòng ca tạ ơn.
 voi - ces, the Lord is near, lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

READINGS, REFLECTIONS, and SILENCE

A Reading from Isaiah 11:1-16

PRAYERS "Kyrie" Marty Haugen

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -

le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUSION

"Bless The Lord"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.

*Worship Leaders are The Reverend Heidi Moore, soprano, Alli Beck, alto, Tim Koll, baritone,
Michael Benshish,
and the Power In The Spirit Choir*

Taizé Worship Text: Taizé Community, 1991 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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INSTALLATION OF VIRGINIA SYNOD STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Phyllis Blair Milton, Bishop

Presentation

The persons being installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Bishop:

With joy, I have been authorized by the Virginia Synod Council to install members of the Virginia Synod Office of the Bishop staff. These ordained ministers are our co-workers in the gospel.

A representative of the Synod Council addresses the presiding minister:

Synod Council Member:

After prayerful deliberation, we, of the Virginia Synod Council, have affirmed the new responsibilities of these staff members:

The Rev. Colleen Hetrick to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Development and Digital Ministry.

The Rev. Elizabeth Radtke to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Director of Faith Formation, Retired Rostered Ministers Relations, and Conflict Mediation.

Bishop:

A reading from Romans: As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

Pastor Colleen and Pastor Liz, in the presence of this assembly, I ask you, will you commit yourselves to this new trust and responsibility in the confidence that it comes from God?

Staff:

I do and I ask God to help me.

Assembly:

Will you receive Pastor Colleen and Pastor Liz as messengers of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Bishop:

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

I now declare Pastor Colleen Hetrick and Pastor Liz Radtke installed as members of the Virginia Synod Office of the Bishop Staff. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ. **Amen.**

