

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

Prelude Verset de Procession Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Introit *To God be the glory*

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

— Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

The Call to Worship

Officiant Brothers and sisters, the love of God is poured over you.

People **We feel our thirsting souls quenched by God's mercy.**

Officiant We are called to share God's love by our words.

People **We are invited to share God's love by our compassionate acts.**

Officiant Come, let us worship the Lord!

People **Let us bow down and proclaim God's goodness.
Amen.**

*** Hymn 374**

Standing on the promises

Promises

The Confession and Pardon, *All sit.*

All

O God of Shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Officiant

Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, as you are forgiven.

All **Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. Remember you are forgiven! Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Reader The word of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121, UMC Hymnal p. 844

The Psalm antiphon is sung first by the psalmist, then by all.

*** Hymn 452**

My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Pastor The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *Remain Steadfast*

*** The Affirmation of Faith, UMC Hymnal 888**

Concerns and Prayers, *All sit.*

Officiant Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

The Offering

Anthem Awake, my glory Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

Awake my glory; wake up, psaltery and harp: I myself will wake early. I will praise thee, O Lord among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God: let thy glory be above all the earth. Be merciful unto me, O God, for my soul trusteth in thee.

— *Psalm 57*

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As the offering is presented the following hymn is sung by all:

*** Hymn 70**

Glory be to the Father

Meineke

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 577**

God of grace and God of glory

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal with Blessing

Officiant The peace of Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Response

To God be the glory

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

— Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Postlude

Grand Chœur

Théodore Dubois

Officiant & Preacher

Rev. Miranda Hornsby; Rev. Nathan Kilbourne

The Lay Ministers

Chris Andrews, reader; Kyla Blickenstaff, psalmist;

The Chancel Choir; Jason Saugey, organ.

Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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WORDS: R. Kelso Carter, 1886 (Eph. 6:14-17)
 MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

PROMISES
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Refrain

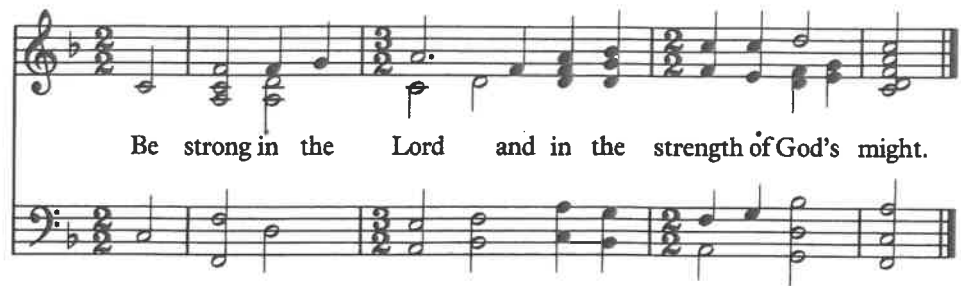
Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;


stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

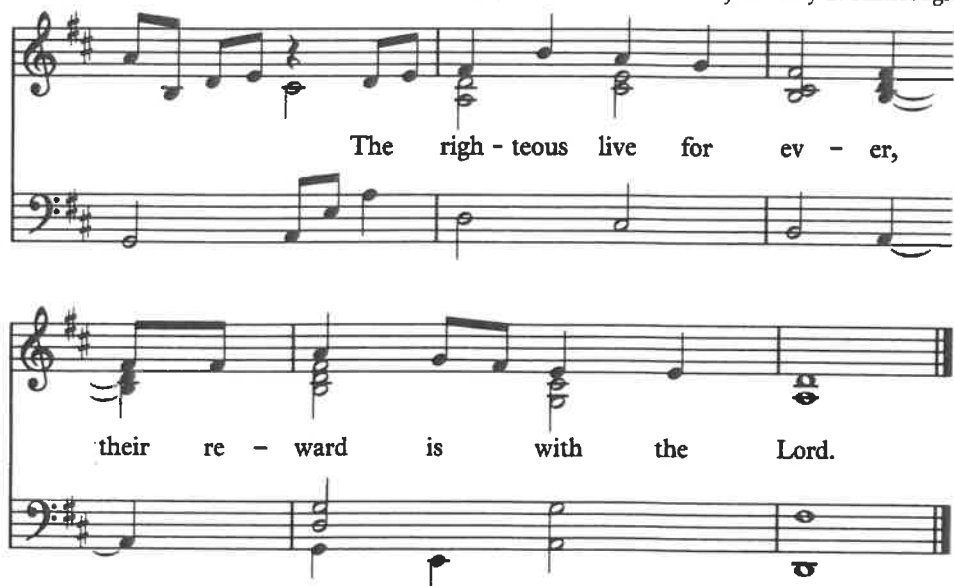
Psalm 121

RESPONSE 1 (*Evening Prayer & General*)Eph. 6:10
Carlton R. Young


Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's might.

RESPONSE 2 (*General*)Ps. 63:7
Michael Joncas


In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

RESPONSE 3 (*Funeral & Memorial Services*)Wis. of Sol. 5:15
Arr. from *Gesangbuch*, Meiningen
by Timothy E. Kimbrough


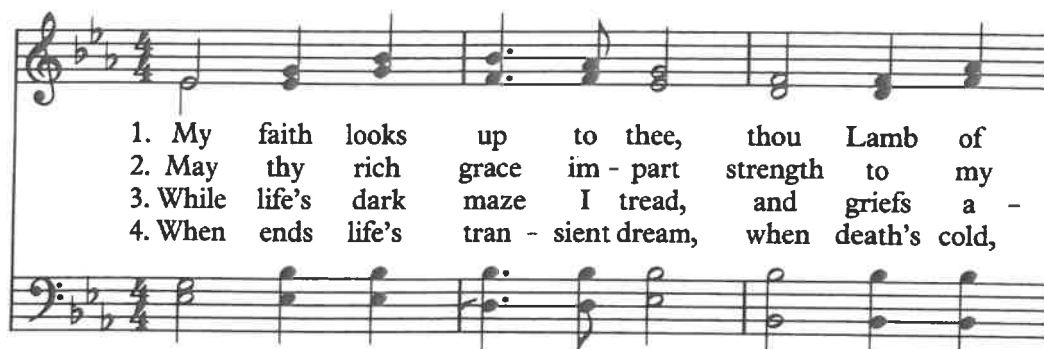
The righteous live for ever,
their reward is with the Lord.

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- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, the One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade
on your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil,
and will keep your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore. R

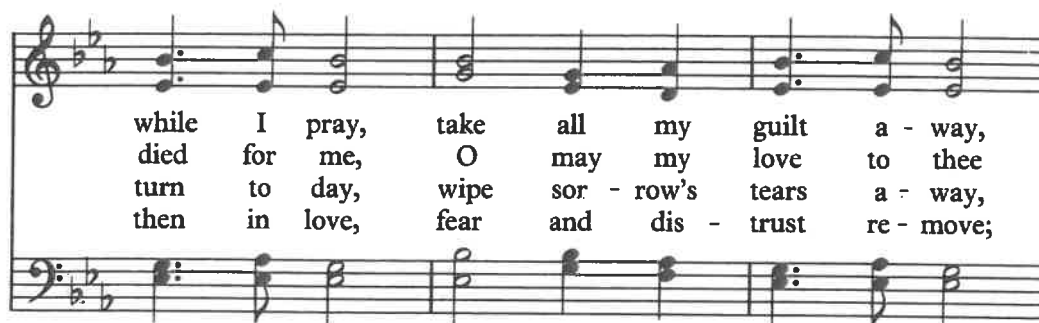
My Faith Looks Up to Thee



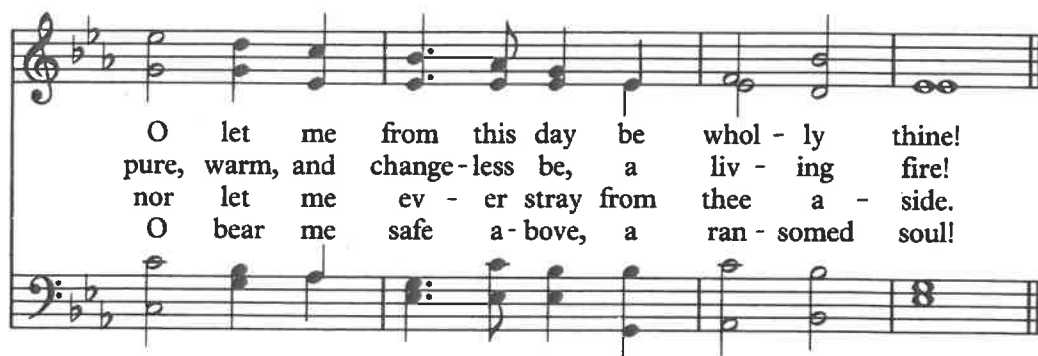
1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold,



Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me
 faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire! As thou hast
 round me spread, be thou my guide; bid dark - ness
 sul - len stream shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior,



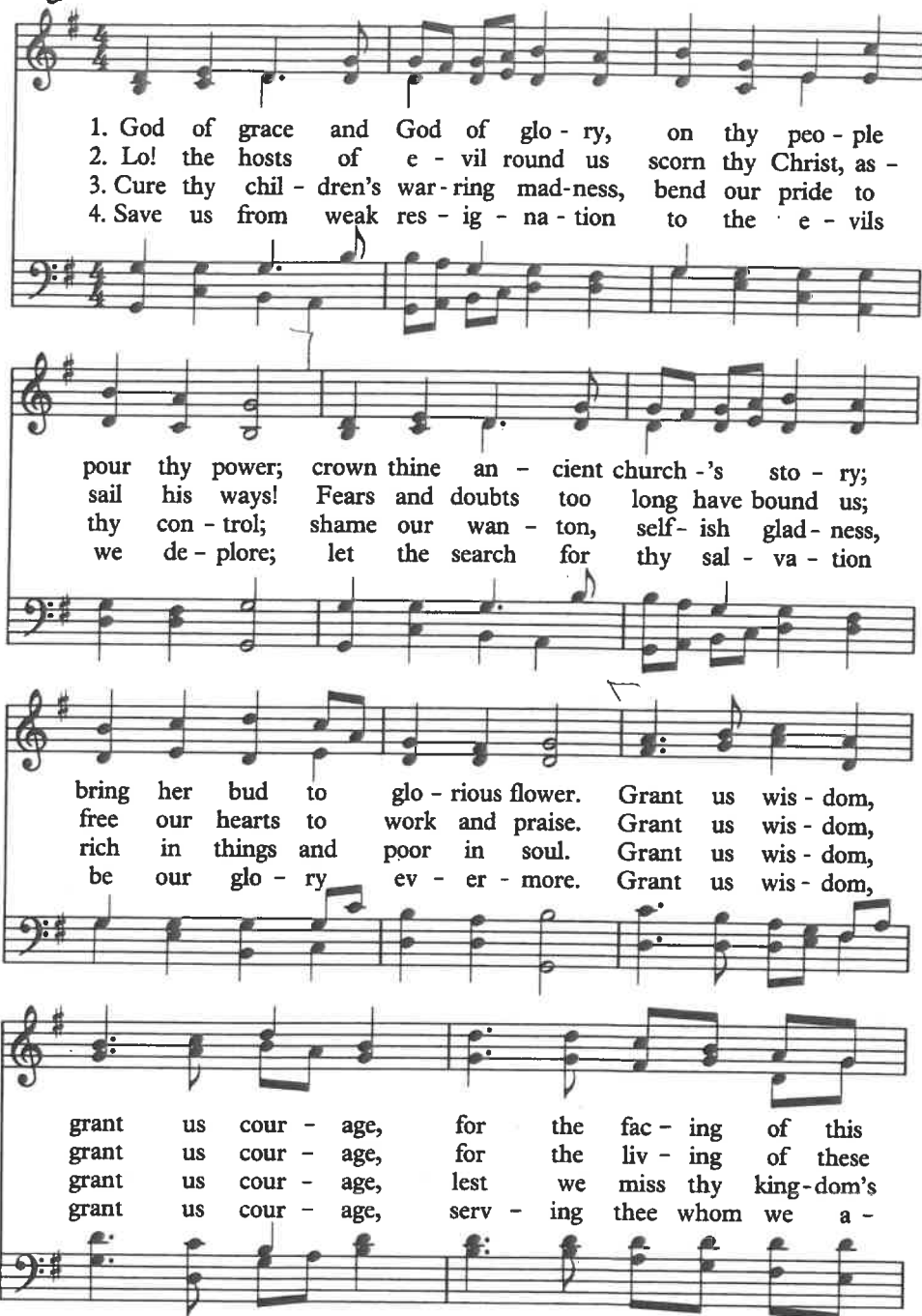
while I pray, take all my guilt a - way,
 died for me, O may my love to thee
 turn to day, wipe sor - row's tears a - way,
 then in love, fear and dis - trust re - move;



O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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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 church - 's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

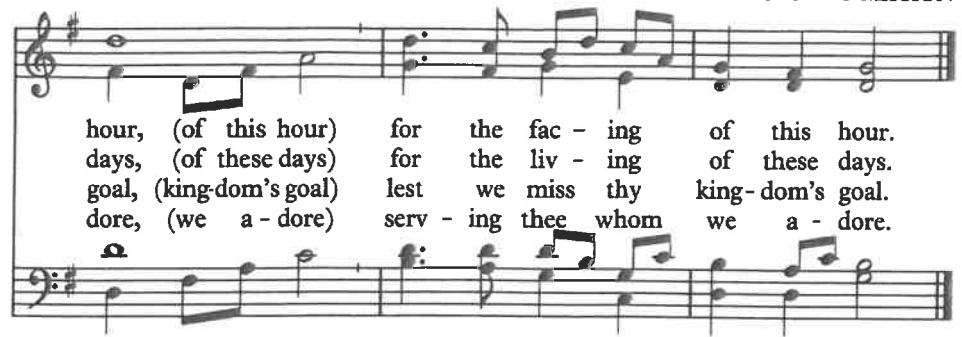
grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

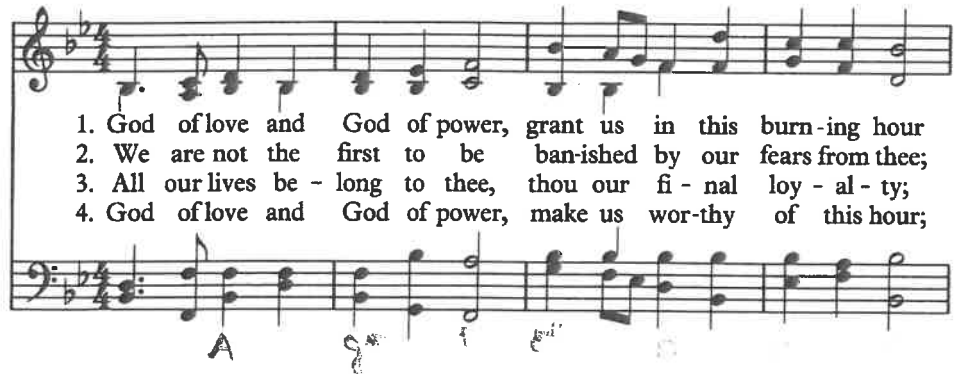
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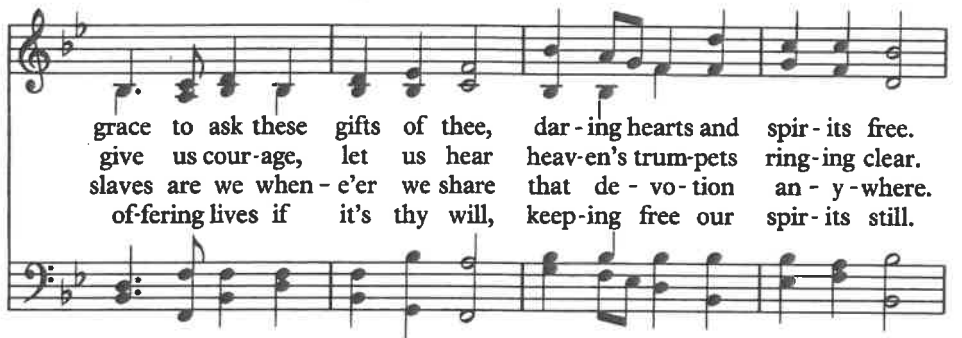


hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, (king-dom's goal) lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
 dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

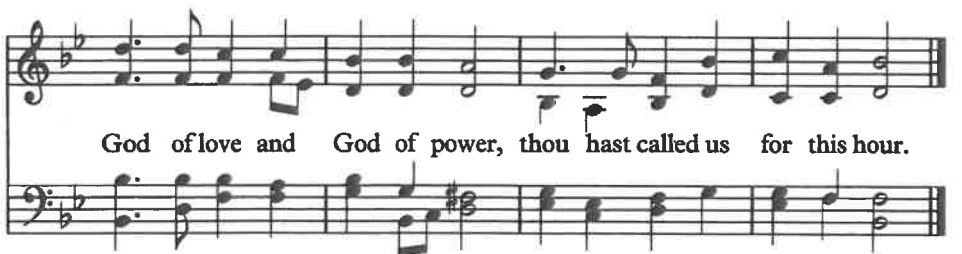
God of Love and God of Power 578



1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burn-ing hour
 2. We are not the first to be ban-ished by our fears from thee;
 3. All our lives be - long to thee, thou our fi - nal loy - al - ty;
 4. God of love and God of power, make us wor-thy of this hour;



grace to ask these gifts of thee, dar - ing hearts and spir - its free.
 give us cour-age, let us hear heav-en's trum-pets ring-ing clear.
 slaves are we when - e'er we share that de - vo-tion an - y - where.
 of-fering lives if it's thy will, keep-ing free our spir - its still.



God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

WORDS: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

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