SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers

CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation

Psalm 8:1, 3-4a, 9

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the Earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the Earth!

Hymn

Magnificent, Marvelous Matchless Love *(see page 4)*

Congregational Prayer

Minister: Oh Lord, Creator God, anoint our eyes with wonder to behold the manifold witness of creation.

People: Your Name is carved in every cell; constellations are brimming with Your glory.

Minister: At every turn, the miracle of life – flesh shaped by the quickening breath of God – is mystifying to us.

People: **We stand beneath the blanket of the skies, heavy with the weight of glory, as moon, stars, distant galaxies sing in infinite night- a deep chorus proclaiming Your glory.**

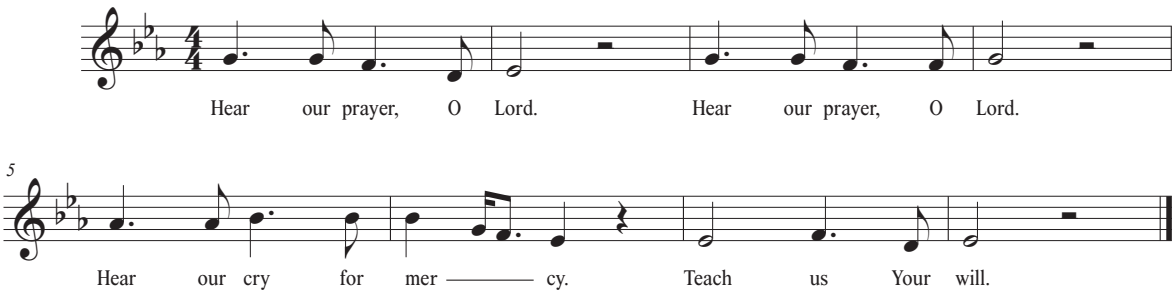
Minister: How is it, Lord, that in Your power and majesty You find time for us? You – spinner of galaxies, sculptor of space, of time, of matter, became Immanuel.

People: **Hear us, Lord! Hear the song of creation giving You the praise and glory- How majestic is Your Name in all creation!**

Evening Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord



Responsive Reading

Psalm 111:1-4, 6-9

Minister: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**

Minister: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: **He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

Minister: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

People: **The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;**

Minister: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

People: **He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His Name!**

Hymn Medley

This Is My Father's World *(see page 5)*
How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed) *(see page 6)*
In Christ Alone *(see page 7)*

At the last stanza of "In Christ Alone," children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Evening Scripture Lesson Hebrews 5:1-4

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

Homily **THE OFFICE AND DUTY OF A HIGH PRIEST** Mr. Howell

Part 2

Hebrews 5:3-4

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A sermon outline can be found on page 9.

Benediction

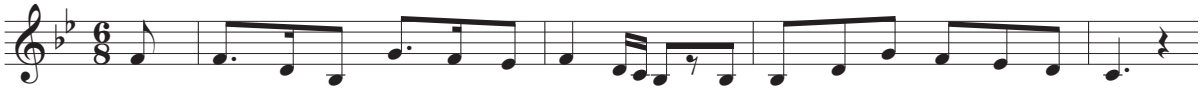
Congregational Response *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Turn your eyes to the heavens, Our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout "All glory to Jesus alone!"

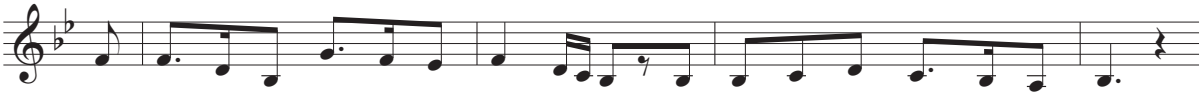
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Postlude

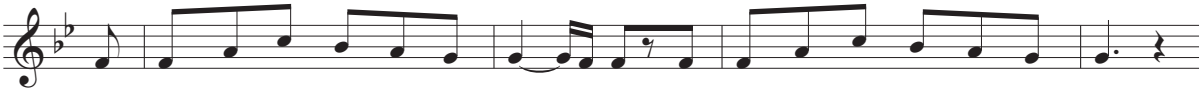
Magificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love



1.Mag - nif - i - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love, too vast and as - tound - ing to tell,
2.Cre - a - tion is brim - ming with thank - ful - ness, the moun - tains ex - ult - ant they stand.
3.What grace, that You en - tered our bro - ken - ness, You came in the full - ness of time.



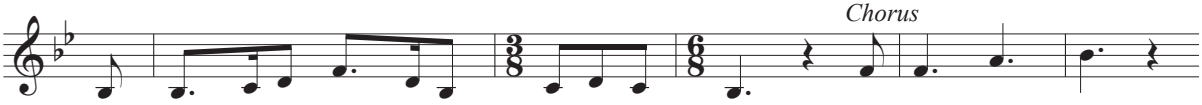
for - ev - er ex - ist - ing in worlds a - bove, now of - fered and giv - en to all.
The sea - sons re - joice in Your faith - ful - ness, all life is sus - tained by Your hand.
How far we had fall - en from right - eous - ness, but not from the mer - cies of Christ.



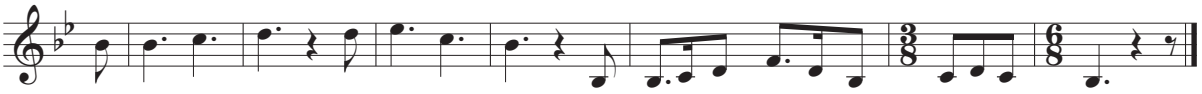
O foun - tain of beau - ty e - ter - nal, the Fa - ther, the Spir - it, the Son.
You crown ev - 'ry mead - ow with col - or, You paint ev - 'ry shade in the sky.
Your cross is our door to re - demp - tion, Your death is our full - ness of life.
4.U - nit - ed in Your res - ur - rec - tion, You lift us to in - fi - nite heights.

Suf - fi - cient and end - less - ly gen - er - ous, *go to verse 2*
Each day that dawn wakes is an en - core of
That day, how for - give - ness flowed, as a___ flood;
Could an - y - thing sev - er or take us___ from

Chorus

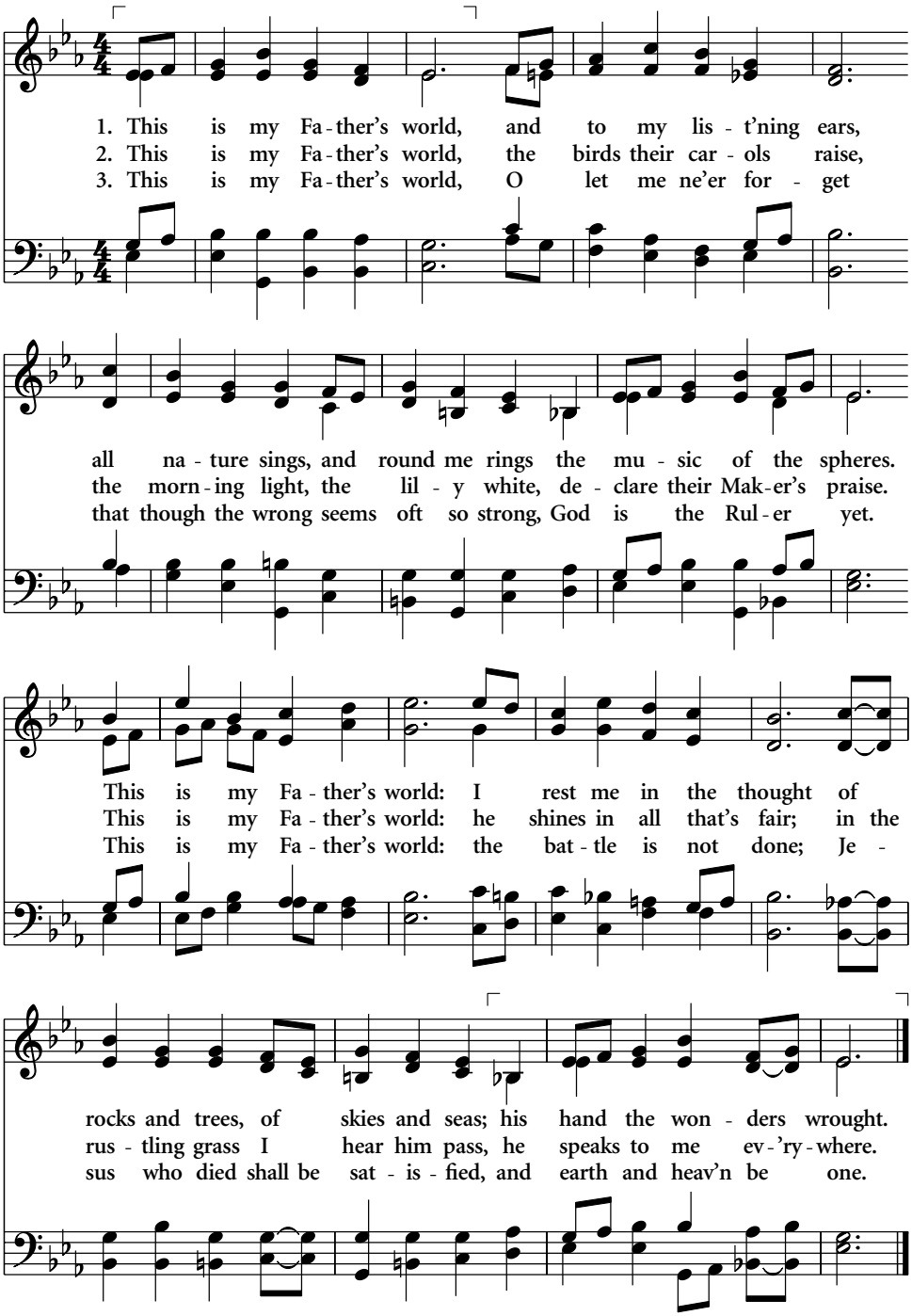


Mag - nif - i - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love. How great, how sure,

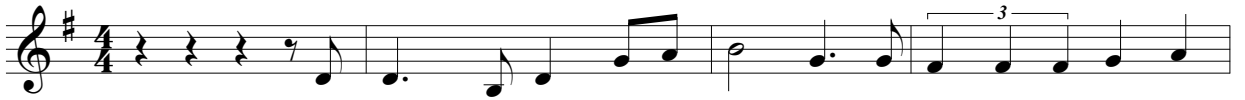


His love en - dures for - ev - er - more. Mag - nif - i - cent, mar - vel - ous, match - less love.

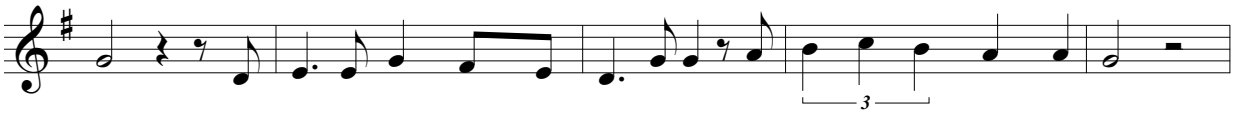
This Is My Father's World



How Marvelous

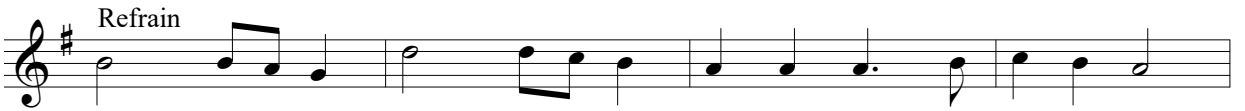


1. I stand a-mazed in the pre - sence of Je - sus the Na - za -
2. He took my sins and my sor - rows, he made them his ve - ry
3. When with the ran - somed in glo - ry his face I at last shall

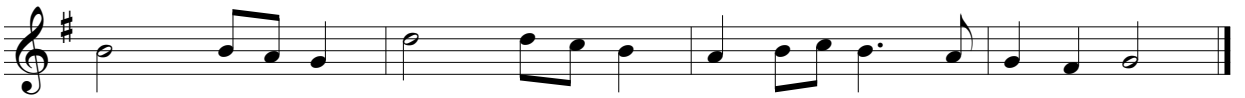


rene, and won-der how he could love me, a sin - ner con-demned, un-clean.
own; he bore the bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.
see, 'twill be my joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.

Refrain



How mar - ve - lous! How won-der - ful! And my song shall e - ver be:



How mar - ve - lous! How won-der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!

In Christ Alone

Unison

Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb Ab Fm Bbsus

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb

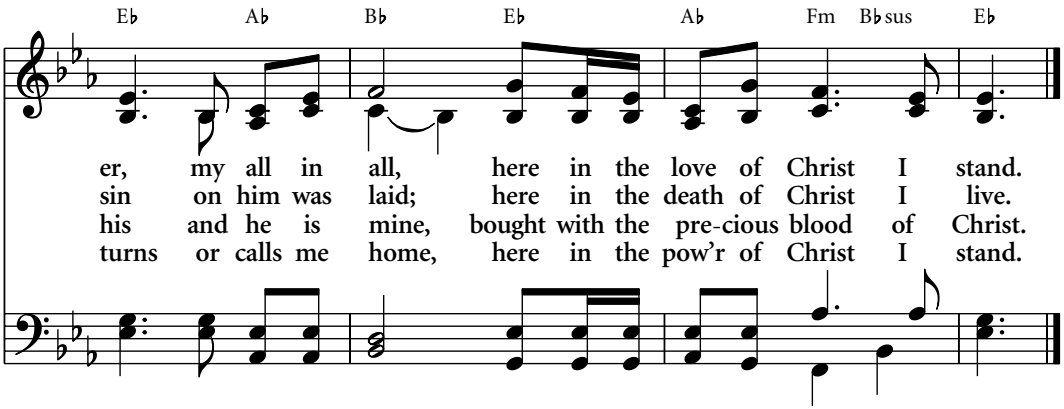
song. This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe. This gift of love and righ-teous - ness, scorned by the
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com-

Ab Fm Bbsus Eb Ab Eb

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones he came to save, till on that cross, as Je - sus
grave he rose a - gain. And as he stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

Bb Eb Ab Eb Bb Ab

peace when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com - fort-
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am
man can ev - er pluck me from his hand, till he re-


E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ Fm B♭sus E♭
er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
his and he is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

THE OFFICE AND DUTY OF A HIGH PRIEST

Part 2

Hebrews 5:3-4

1. Duty of the Office: v. 3

    A. Condition

    B. Command

    C. Contrast

2. Call to the Office: v. 4

    A. Negatively

    B. Positively

Making a Joyful Noise

Devotional Thoughts on Congregational Singing

Let God speak directly to His People through the Scriptures,
and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.
–Martin Luther

Created and Designed to Sing

We are a singing people because it is how God has created us. We are all singers. We may not all be very good singers, but we are all created to be singers nonetheless (Psalm 139:13-14).
God designed our psyche for singing. He gave us minds to judge pitch and lyric; to think through the concepts we sing; to engage the intellect, imagination, and memory, and to remember what is set to a tune. Almost all of us can remember more lyrics set to music than memorized Scripture. God has formed our hearts to be moved with depth of feeling and a whole range of emotion as the melody-carried truths sink in, convicting us of the Lord's nature, and our own.

Christian singing begins with the heart, not on the lips (Ephesians 5:19). He is far less concerned with your tunefulness than your integrity. Singing with your whole heart may not manifest itself in loud, or at times even audible singing, but it is the bare minimum of what our Lord requires. If we view singing in worship as communing with our Lord, we will not settle for mumbling, merely listening, or performing for our neighbors in the pew. Instead, we will be so thrilled with the beauty of His holiness, the truths of the text, and the remembrance of His grace that we will forsake our image and only seek to glorify His. Whatever your ability is, bring it all before the Lord and enjoy Him through this most gracious and beautiful gift of communicating with Him!

God does not mind how well you sing, but that you sing as part of the ultimate choir – the congregation. No audition is required and everyone can be and should be in it. The true beauty of such a congregational choir is that our voices and our hearts are knit together in praise. It is exhilarating to be part of a body of believers singing truth together. Your voice may not be of a professional standard, but it is of a confessional standard.

We are all singers. Some have talents that allow them to sing with beautiful tone and good pitch, while others have talents to sing with their soul. What a beautiful sound we all make as singers to our heavenly Father's ears as we join our voices in worship.

Liberally taken from *Sing!, How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church*, chapter 1 pp 1-5.

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