



“Look, I am about to do something new. Now it begins to happen! Do you not recognize it? Yes, I will make a road in the desert and paths in the wilderness.” Isaiah 43:19 NET

Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

Prayer and Transition to Worship

Prelude

“More Love to Thee”

arr. Tom Fettke

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 136 The Passion Translation)

One: Let us thank God, for the Holy One is good and easy to please!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

One: Let us give thanks to the Creator who made all the continents on earth!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

One: Let us praise God who made the sea and filled it with magnificent creatures!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

One: Praise the one who filled the universe with galaxies!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

One: Praise our God who breathes life into all people!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

One: Give thanks to God who came and walked among us!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

One: Give thanks to God whose Spirit dwells within us!

Many: God’s tender love for us continues on forever!

Opening Song

“Harvest Time”

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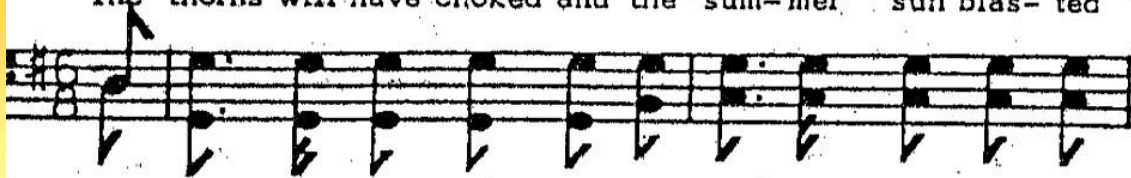
HARVEST TIME

V.A.S.

W.A. SPENCER



The seed I have scat-tered in spring-time with weep-ing
An-oth-er may reap what in spring-time I've plan-ted
The thorns will have choked and the sum-mer sun blas-ted



And wa-tered with tears and with dews from on high;
An-oth-er re-joice in the fruit of my pain,
The most of the seed which in spring-time I've sown;



An-oth-er may shout when the har-vest-ers reap-ing
Not know-ing my tears when in sum-mer I faint-ed
But the Lord who has watched while my wea-ry toll last-ed



Shall ga-ther my grain in the sweet by and by.
While toll-ing sad-heart-ed in sun-shine and rain.
Will give me a har-vest for what I have done.



Chorus

O - ver, and o - ver, yes, deep - er and deep - er

My heart is pierced through with life's sor - row - ing cry,

But the tears of the sow - er and the songs of the reap - er

shall min - gle to - geth - er in joy by and by. *fine*

D.S.
By and by, by and by, by and by, by and by, yes the
by and by by and by by and by by and by

Opening Prayer

Oh Great One, our help for ages past, our hope for years to come, encourage us in this hour to believe that you are faithful, that what you did yesterday, you can do today and tomorrow also. That what we sow today with love in tears, we or another one day will reap with joy. Help us understand that we are safe in the arms of Love—just as our ancestors were, just as our children will be. Help us choose to bring good into our future and the future of our children and our children’s children. We are safe in Christ, and Christ is the hope of glory within us, Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

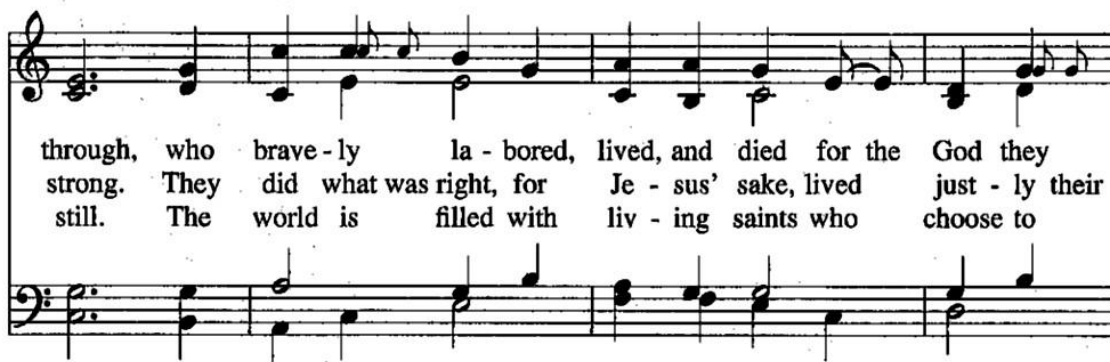
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Unison

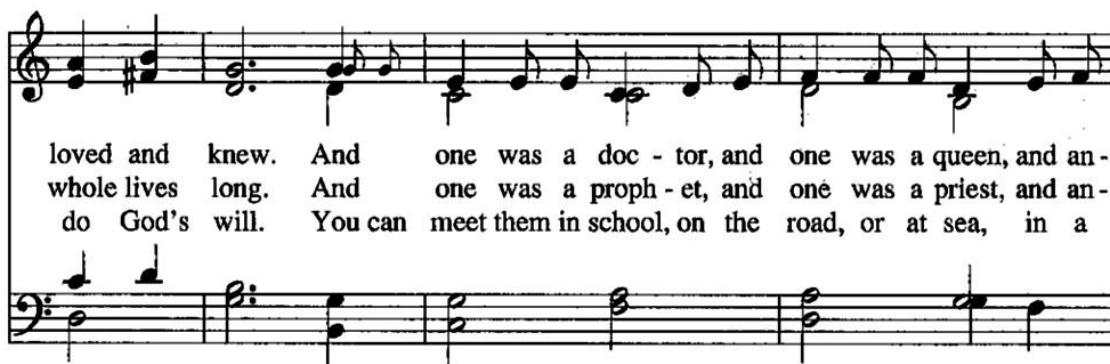
The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some notes in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . faith-ful their whole lives
2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov-ing that made them
3 They lived not on-ly in a-ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou-sands

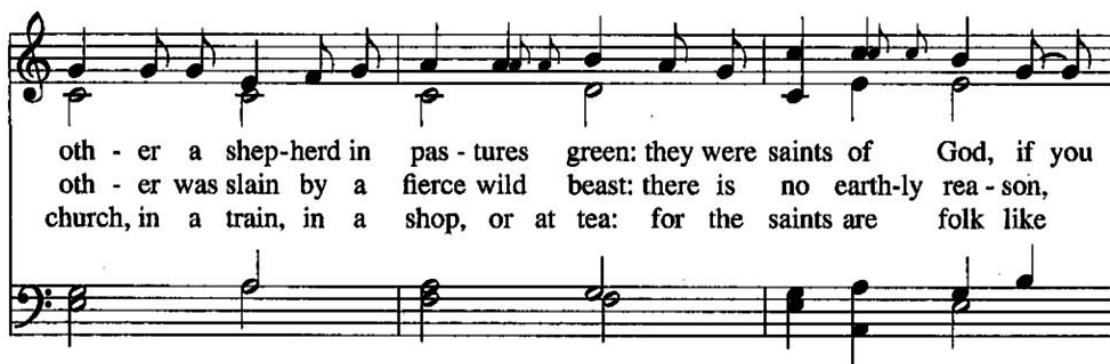
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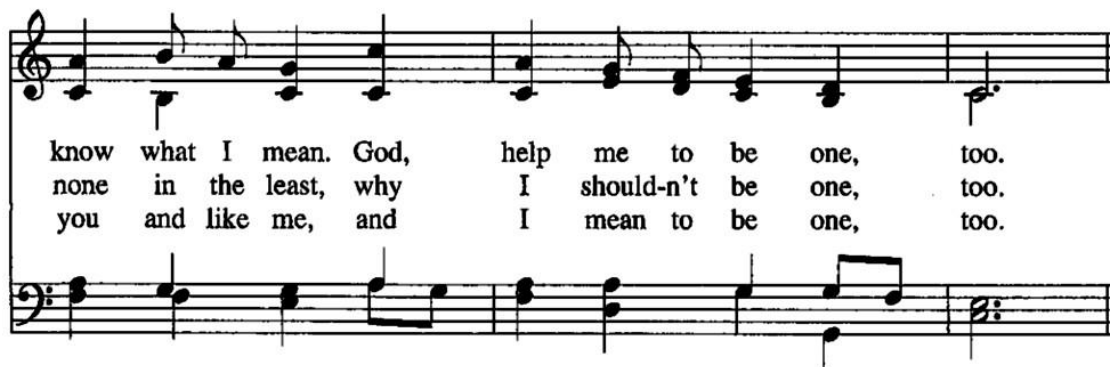
through, who brave - ly la - bored, lived, and died for the God they
 strong. They did what was right, for Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their
 still. The world is filled with liv - ing saints who choose to



loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and an -
 whole lives long. And one was a proph - et, and one was a priest, and an -
 do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a



oth - er a shep - herd in pas - tures green: they were saints of God, if you
 oth - er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth - ly rea - son,
 church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like



know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.
 none in the least, why I should - n't be one, too.
 you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

Children's Message

A Prayer for the Spirit

"Come, Share the Spirit"

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1 Come, share the Spir - it, mov - ing a - mong us, weav - ing
 2 Come, Rush - ing Wa - ters, let jus - tice roll like an
 3 Come, Gen - tle Breez - es, breath of all lov - ing, giv - en

in and through this place; break - ing down the walls that
 ev - er - flow - ing stream; till the poor find strength as they
 to God's cho - sen band; let us dance and feast with the

split and di - vide, bring - ing whole - ness to em - brace.
 hear the good news, and the rich a - dopt new dreams.
 bro - ken ones, bring com - pas - sion to our land.

Come, Liv - ing Spir - it, bloom in our hearts as when the
 Come, Blaz - ing Fire, a - noint our tongues with the
 Come! Lift our hands in joy - ful ap - plause to the

Chords: Bb, C, F, Bb, C, F, Gm, Dm/A, Am, Dm, Am, Dm, Gm7, Dm, Bb, F/A

des - ert bursts with life; take thirst - y souls, fill
mes - sag - es of peace; till, though blind, we see, and
Mak - er of the earth; for our Fa - ther who lifts us

them with your love, and re - move all greed and strife.
deaf, we hear, and im - pris - oned, find re - lease.
when we fall, and our Moth - er who gives us birth!

Vicki Vogel Schmidt wrote this hymn for a meeting of the Northwest Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It utilizes the theme for the merger of Lutheran denominations in 1987—"Come, share the Spirit."

Tune: SHARE THE SPIRIT Irr.
Vicki Vogel Schmidt, 1987
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Sermon

"What Will You Do?"

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:1-4, 16-21 NIV

One: What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does Scripture say?

Many: "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

...

One: Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham.

Many: He is the father of us all.

One: As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—

Many: the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

One: Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him,

Many: "So shall your offspring be."

One: Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

Many: Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

One: In these ancient words, let us hear the living word of God today.

Time of Prayer

Email or call the church office or pastor with prayer requests. There is also a basket on the table in the lobby where you can put your written requests. Please indicate whether you would like your request to be private to the pastor and/or prayer circle or to be public in the newsletter or worship service. You were given an index card when you walked into the service. Please write your name on the card as well as a prayer request for *yourself*. Please trade it with another individual during prayer time and then pray for the other individual throughout the week.

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

One: God's faithful generosity throughout the ages inspires us to action. Let us take the advice of the Apostle John and remember:

Many: "We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. But whoever has worldly goods and sees their brother or sister in need, and closes their heart against them, how does the love of God remain in that person? Little children, let's not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." I John 3:16 -18, adapted

Offertory

"Open Heart, Open Doors
Chancel Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and generous God, the ever-faithful one, we freely give now to our community the gifts you've given to us. Multiply these resources to provide for the needy, prosper the poor, comfort the scared and weeping, and refresh the exhausted. For the sake of the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Cornerstone"
By Hillsong Worship

On Screen

Cornerstone

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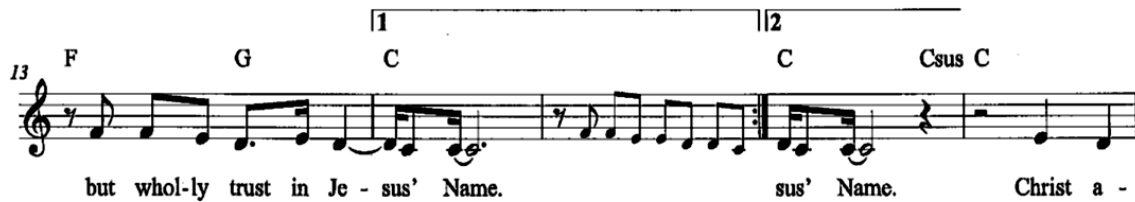
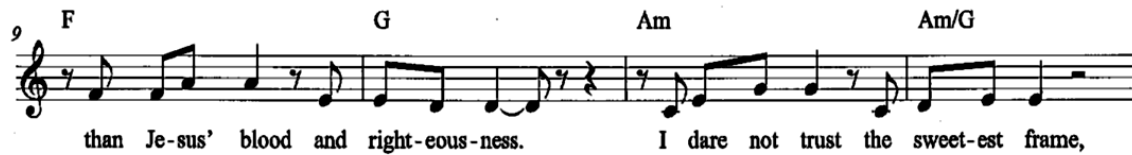
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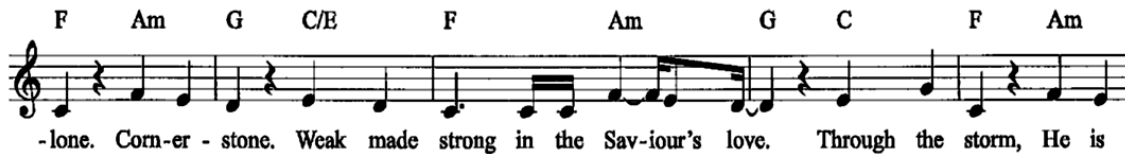
INTRO



VERSE 1



CHORUS



VERSE 2 & 3



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27 F G Am

hide His face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace. In ev-'ry high and
trump-et sound, oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right-cous-

Am/G F G C

31 storm-y gale, my an-chor holds with-in the veil. Christ a - lone. Corn-er -
-ness a - lone. Fault-less stand be - fore

CHORUS

F Am

G C/E F Am G C F Am

stone. Weak made strong in the Sav-iour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.

Between verse 2 + 3

D.S. al Coda

only repeat chorus
2x after the 3rd verse

Benediction

Sending Song

“Go Forth for God”

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1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in the king - dom we see face to face.
 God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful”

arr. Victor Labenske

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