

Online Bulletin, August 23, 2026
We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship

God, We Praise You

Arr. Sadowski

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

Introit

Sing Praises All You Peoples

LAUDATE OMNES GENTES

**Sing praises all you peoples
Sing praises to the lord
Sing praises all you peoples
Sing praises to the Lord (2x)**

*‡Call to Worship

Leader: The Holy One is our light and our salvation. Whom shall we fear?

People: God is the stronghold of our lives. We will trust and be brave.

Leader: Come, offer your whole selves to God, your gifts, your hopes, and your lives.

People: We come as one body, called to serve with courage and grace.

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

People: Together, we will worship the God who calls us forward in bold trust.

*‡Hymn No. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

**Courageous and compassionate God, you call us to follow, but too often
we remain where we feel safe. You send us to serve those in need, but we turn away.
You teach us to forgive, but we cling to old wounds and resentments.
We confess that fear, uncertainty, and self-interest keep us from offering our whole
lives to you.
Forgive us, renew us, and strengthen our hearts. Help us trust your presence, follow
where you lead, and live boldly into your promised kingdom. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

**Lord, Have Mercy, Christ, Have Mercy
Lord, Have Mercy upon us. (2x)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*‡Exchange of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

*‡Response Hymn No. 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading - Psalm 27:1, 7-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Called Me Higher All Sons & Daughters

Gospel Reading - Romans 12:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Trust

Kirk Anderson

*Hymn No. 697

Take My Life

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We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Anthony

Ministry: Session

Care and Comfort: Braelyn Aldino, Jay Ayers, Calissa Frye,
Norma Sherback, and Teresa Stange

Sympathy: Family and friend of Mary Smith

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

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Birdtalker

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and bold trust. Use what we offer, and use our lives, to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, serve our neighbors, and heal your creation. Give us courage to join the work you are already doing, so that your promised kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace may come near. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Amen.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

The Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr. Larson

*(*Please rise in body or in spirit.*)

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

Kirk Anderson, Dir. of Student Ministry

Kevin East, Liturgist

Phyllis Lesage, Reader

Sean Foster, Director Chancel Choir

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Olivia and Amy Waliczek, Soloists

Martin Burch, Ahmad Plummer, Sound

Chris Anderson, Broadcasting

Burris Family, Online Moderators

Worship Notes

Called Me Higher (Anthem)

All Sons & Daughters

I could just sit, I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness

Hope to feel Your presence , And I could just stay

I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You

Hope to feel something again

And I could hold on , I could hold on to who I am and never let You

Change me from the inside, And I could be safe

I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home

Never let these walls down

But You have called me higher

You have called me deeper

And I'll go where You will lead me, Lord

You have called me higher

You have called me deeper

And I'll go where You lead me, Lord

Where You lead me

Where You lead me, Lord

And I will be Yours, oh

I will be Yours for all my life

So let Your mercy light the path before me

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

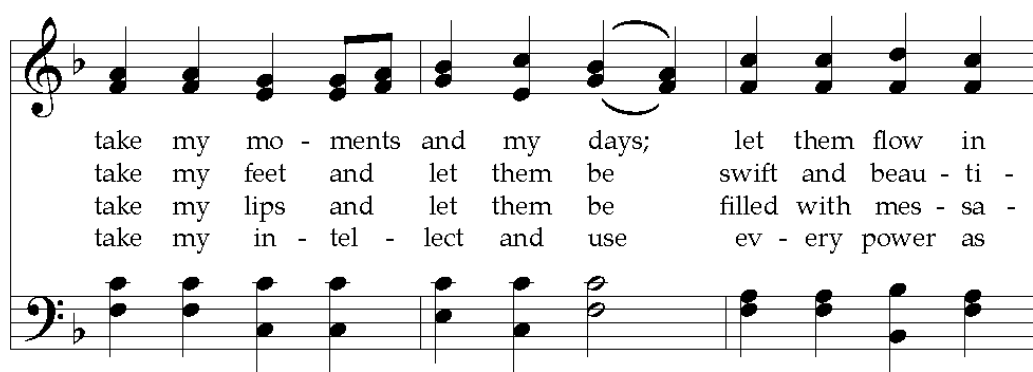
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Take My Life

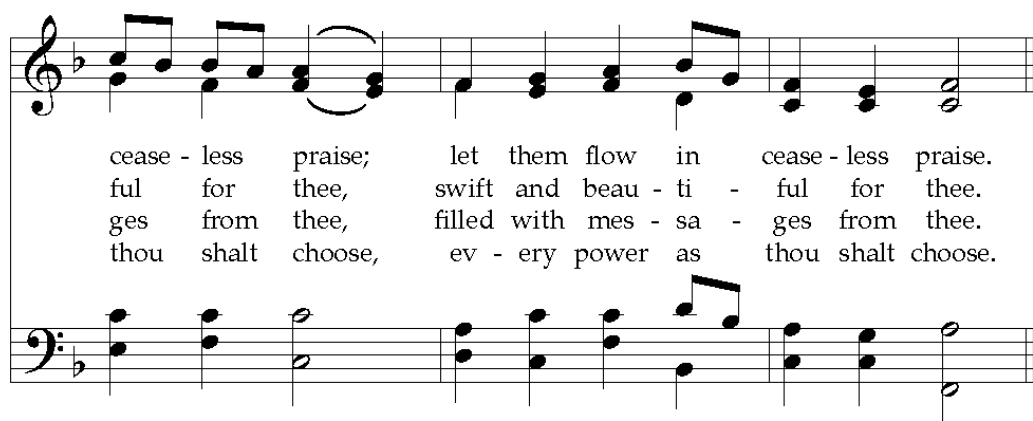
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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974

MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

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