

Online Bulletin, 04-26-2026
We Gather as the People of God

‡Prelude

Again I Say, Rejoice!

Arr. Lloyd Larson

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

Moment for Mission – Justice Together

Living Witness

Leader: We are listening.

People: We are ready to Hope.

Introit

Sing Hallelujah Praise the Lord

Arr. Mueller

***‡Call to Worship**

Leader: God gathers those who mourn.

People: We come seeking comfort and hope.

Leader: God gathers the gentle and humble.

People: We come trusting in God's promise of life.

Leader: God gathers those who hunger and thirst for justice.

People: We come longing to be filled with righteousness and mercy.

Leader: God gathers the merciful and the pure of heart

People: We come as beloved children of God.

All: Let us worship the God of peace together.

*‡Hymn No. 805

Come Sing to the Lord

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Let us pray with one voice.)

Holy God, we confess that we often place our hope in the wrong things. We trust in wealth instead of generosity. We seek control instead of surrender. We admire power instead of compassion. We ignored those living in poverty, overlooked those burdened by grief, and turned away from neighbors crying out for justice. Too often we accept the world as it is instead of trusting your power to renew what is broken. Forgive us. Lift us from the places where fear has trapped us. Restore our hope. Teach us to trust in your justice, your mercy, and your promise of new life. Amen

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

Kyrie No. 575

Lord, Have Mercy

**Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

Assurance of Pardon

*‡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 - 1 Samuel 2:2-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sing This Day with Joy

Patterson

(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

Gospel Reading - Luke 2:36-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hannah's Hope

Rev. Kevin Ireland

*Hymn No. 772

Live In Hope

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We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

Joy: Federated Community Church, Spearville

Ministry: Justice Together

Care and Comfort: Jay Ayers, Linda Crawford,
Calissa Frye, Norma Scherback, and Teresa Stange

Sympathy: Family and Friends of Bill Wynne
Family and Friends of Susan Kinsell

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

Joyous Jubilee

Arr. Heinlein

*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.)

God of peace and generosity, we offer these gifts in gratitude for the grace you have shown us. Use them to bring healing where there is hurt, understanding where there is division, and hope where fear has taken root. Shape us to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to us, so that our lives, as well as our offerings, may bear witness to your reconciling love in the world. Amen.

We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World

*Hymn No.353

Faith of Our Fathers

SOLID ROCK

*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia, Amen

People: Alleluia, Amen.

The Postlude

Faith of Our Fathers

Arr. Berry

Leading and Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Kevin Ireland, Pastor, Head of Staff

Fred Heismeyer, Liturgist

Marcia Brown, Reader

Sean Foster, Director Chancel Choir

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Chancel Choir

Bryce Mulkey, Bell Choir

Mitzi Darmstetter, Sound

Chris Anderson, Broadcasting

Burris Family, Online Moderators

Worship Notes

Sing Hallelujah Praise the Lord (Introit)

Arranged by Carl F. Mueller

Sing hallelujah praise the Lord

Sing with a cheerful voice!

Exalt our God with one accord

And in His name rejoice

Never cease to sing, thou ransomed host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Until in realms of endless light,

Your praises shall unite.

Sing This Day with Joy (Anthem)

By Mark Patterson

Rejoice this day, O people of God; jubilate Deo!

Bring forth your praise, give thanks to the Lord; jubilate Deo!

Jubilate Deo, sing this day with joy;

jubilate Deo, sing this day to praise the Lord.

Come with adoration, sing with jubilation, join in exaltation!

God of all the ages, who called us long ago,
you have blessed each generation with grace and goodness shown. Still, you bring us new beginnings
and meet us in our youth

so we sing and we serve and we live to bring glory to you.

Come before God's presence with a song.

Welcome to God's House

We are grateful you are here as we worship together – lifting our voices in praise, our hearts in prayer, and opening ourselves to the work of God’s Spirit in our midst.

Grace is a special place. We are people of many ages and stages, from different walks of life, backgrounds, and traditions. Each of us brings unique gifts. **All are welcome.** What we share in common is a desire to follow Christ, a love of God and neighbor, and a deep passion for serving the world God so loves.

Children are always welcome in worship. God put the wiggle in children—and we celebrate the giggles too. We do not expect anyone to sit perfectly still or silently. Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary doors if helpful. You’re encouraged to help your child follow along in the bulletin or hymnal. If they are readers, invite them to circle words they don’t know and talk about them after the service. A nursery is available for children up to age three in Room 107 (next to the north entrance).

We invite you to let us know you are here by signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew and passing it along to others. It helps us connect names with faces and care well for one another. If you have a prayer concern, we invite you to share it by placing a blue prayer card in the offering plate. Your prayers will be held in confidence and shared with our Prayer Ministry Team.

If you would like to learn more about our congregation or about the Presbyterian Reformed tradition, we would be glad to connect with you. Please speak with one of our ushers or staff or reach out to Pastor Kevin at **Kevin@MyGPC.org**.

We are glad you are here. Let us worship God together.

Come Sing to God 805

(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc-cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976

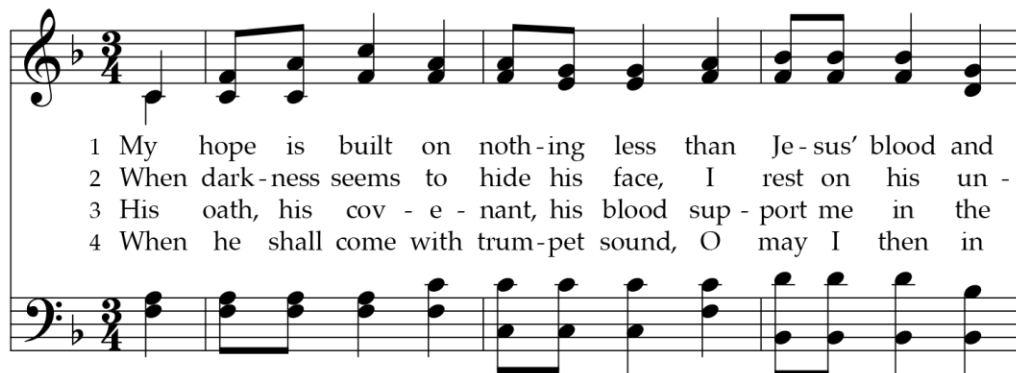
MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

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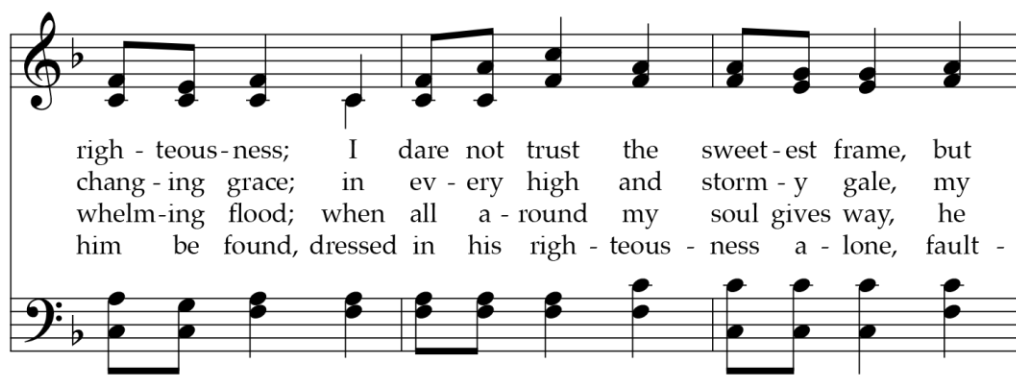
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

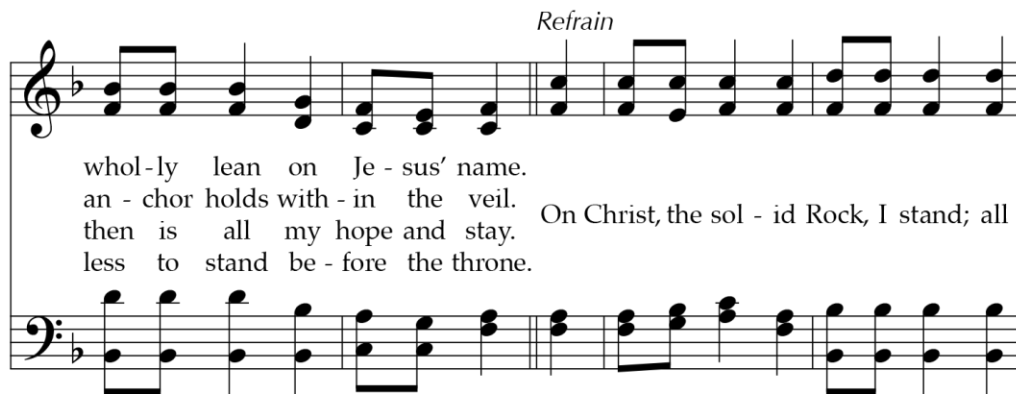


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.