

# **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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## May 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Service

### WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Little Ones:** Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 300 on the third floor during worship.

**Children's Worship Bulletins:** Coloring pages, books, and fidget toys are available in the Narthex. Ask a Greeter if you need help finding them.

**Prayground:** There is a designated space at the front of the sanctuary for children to engage in their wondering and curiosity during worship. There are books, activity sheets, coloring materials, bean bag chairs, fidget toys, and more. Children are welcome in this space before Godly Play and on Communion Sunday.

**Godly Play:** Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 301 following the Blessing of the Children.

### WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Jessica Commeret
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Clinton Miller
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Carol Dale-Joseph???
<b>Musicians:</b>	Chancel Choir FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Zo Povlsen, Zach Sanford Tyrone Williamson, trumpet
<b>A/V Technician:</b>	Robbie Riffle

The flowers are given by the Deacons in celebration of Pastor Jessie's 10 year anniversary.

*Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.*

*\*Indicates to rise in body or spirit.*

## GATHERING

*We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.*

Prelude 'the peace may be exchanged,' from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

Tolling of the Bells

Choral Introit Be Not Afraid Jacques Berthier

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

\*Call to Worship

From east and west, north and south, we gather in God's name,  
**to pray, to worship, to sing, to celebrate the Lord's Supper.**

We give thanks that we are part of a large, diverse faith family.

**We are old. We are young. We come from tribes of all kinds.**

We give thanks that the narrative we proclaim belongs to everyone.

**We stand with our friends and family around the world, reclaiming the name of Jesus.**

We give thanks for Jesus' resurrection, a truth that tells us that God's love wins.

**We give thanks and praise to the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.**

Come, let us worship God and gather at God's wide and wonderful table.

\*Opening Hymn 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy and beloved God, you promise us your Spirit –  
a constant companion, a wise guide,  
a source of courage and peace.**

**Yet we confess that we often close our hearts to your presence.**

**We cling to control when you ask us to trust, and we choose comfort over calling.**

**You lead us to those in need, but we hesitate to help.**

**You open doors for justice, but we walk past them in awkward silence.**

**You whisper truth, but we turn up the volume of living our lives.**

**Forgive us, Spirit of Truth. Unclench our hands. Unblock our ears. Unbind our hearts.**

**And wherever we are – wherever you send us – help us walk in your Way.**

*(Silent Confession)*

We pray this all in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*Grateful Response 251

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Blessing of the Children

*Children are invited to come to the Chancel steps for a brief blessing.*

*Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger may go to Room 301 for Godly Play. On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month), children will remain in worship to partake in communion with their families. They are welcome to use the Playground during worship.*

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Joshua 24

Pew Bible Page 187

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)  
 E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>

*Refrain*

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)  
 E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>7

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are

(G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)  
 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your

(A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm7 Fm7 B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

PSALM 105

*Refrain*

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| <p>1 Give thanks to the LORD<br/>and call upon God's name;<br/>make known the deeds of the LORD<br/>among the peoples.</p> <p>2 <b>Sing to the LORD, sing praises,<br/>and speak of all God's<br/>marvelous works.</b></p> <p>3 Glory in God's holy name;<br/>let the hearts of those<br/>who seek the LORD rejoice.</p> <p>4 <b>Search for the LORD<br/>and the strength of the LORD;<br/>continually seek the face of God.</b></p> <p>5 Remember the marvels God has done,<br/>the wonders and the judgments<br/>of God's mouth,</p> <p>6 <b>O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,<br/>O children of Jacob, God's chosen.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>7 The LORD is our God,<br/>whose judgments prevail<br/>in all the world.</p> <p>8 <b>The LORD has always been mindful<br/>of the covenant,<br/>the promise made<br/>for a thousand generations:</b></p> <p>9 The covenant made with Abraham,<br/>the oath sworn to Isaac,</p> <p>10 <b>which God established<br/>as a statute for Jacob,<br/>an everlasting covenant for Israel.</b></p> <p>42 For God remembered<br/>the holy promise<br/>and Abraham, chosen to serve.</p> <p>43 <b>So God led forth the people<br/>with gladness,<br/>the chosen ones with shouts of joy.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Second Lesson

I Corinthians 11:17-33

<sup>17</sup> Now I don't praise you as I give the following instruction because when you meet together, it does more harm than good. <sup>18</sup> First of all, when you meet together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. <sup>19</sup> It's necessary that there are groups among you, to make it clear who is genuine. <sup>20</sup> So when you get together in one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's meal. <sup>21</sup> Each of you goes ahead and eats a private meal. One person goes hungry while another is drunk. <sup>22</sup> Don't you have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you look down on God's churches and humiliate those who have nothing? What can I say to you? Will I praise you? No, I don't praise you in this.

<sup>23</sup> I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. <sup>24</sup> After giving thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me.” <sup>25</sup> He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me.” <sup>26</sup> Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> This is why those who eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord inappropriately will be guilty of the Lord’s body and blood. <sup>28</sup> Each individual should test himself or herself, and eat from the bread and drink from the cup in that way. <sup>29</sup> Those who eat and drink without correctly understanding the body are eating and drinking their own judgment. <sup>30</sup> Because of this, many of you are weak and sick, and quite a few have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we had judged ourselves, we wouldn’t be judged. <sup>32</sup> However, we are disciplined by the Lord when we are judged so that we won’t be judged and condemned along with the whole world. <sup>33</sup> For these reasons, my brothers and sisters, when you get together to eat, wait for each other.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Covenanting Community

Rev. Jessica Commeret

## RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

\*Hymn 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Trumpet Shall Sound, from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.  
For this corruption must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

Zach Sanford, baritone

Tyrone Williamson, trumpet

Response

Come to the Table

Jennifer Baker-Trinity

***Come to the table, come to the table.***

***All is now ready, come one and all. Come, oh, come.***

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Concerns and Celebrations

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Sung Communion Responses 572, 573, 574

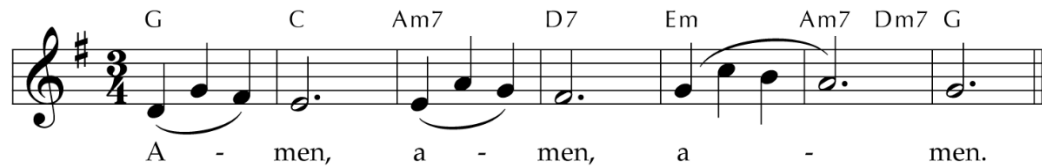
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The 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 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.**



Institution of the Sacrament

Serving of the People

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Please receive the sacrament via the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisle.*

*The bread is gluten free and the cup, juice, so all can partake.*

*We serve by intinction—please take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup.*

Communion Hymn 520

Taste and See

Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, God,  
for renewing our faith,  
strengthening our hope  
and kindling our love.**

**Through the power of the living Christ at work in us,  
grant that we shall walk in newness of life. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

\*Closing Hymn 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

\*Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

David German

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

## TODAY

### Fellowship

We have coffee, snacks, and conversations starting at 9:30 a.m. and again following worship every Sunday in the Parlor.

### Pastor Anniversary Reception

#### Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate Pastor Jessie's leadership at FPC for 10 years!

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## SUNDAYS AT FPC

### May 10: Voices of Our Spiritual Mothers

Community Dinner following Worship

### May 17: Holy Humor

Come ready for a morning of the reminder that joy is an essential part of the Christian journey, as well as the reminder to not take our earthly journey too seriously! Wear your favorite silly hat or something you would ordinarily never wear to worship and get ready for some fun!

Adult Faith Formation: Revelation – Why Interpretations Matters in Times of Christian Nationalism

### May 17: Taizé Worship, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

### May 24: Pentecost

Wear your red as we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pop-Up Choir: Anyone who wants to sing with the choir for today's anthem are welcome to come at 9:00 a.m. to the Chancel to rehearse!

### Music in May

Tyrone Williamson, Trumpet Recital  
Sunday, May 17, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Zach Sanford, Vocal Recital  
Sunday, May 31, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### NEW: Church Mini-Retreat: Finding Rest

#### Saturday May 30, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for a few hours to explore the idea of Sabbath rest and experience some spiritual practices that can help you connect more intentionally with God. Tom Polker, retired Pastor in the Maumee Valley Presbytery will be leading this retreat. Please sign-up outside the main office. There is no charge for this event—just come and be nourished by God. Childcare is available upon request.

Contact: Pastor Jessie

### Mobile Food Pantry – Protein Packs

#### Saturday, May 16, 8:30 a.m., Great Room

The Mission Committee is excited to announce the menu for the May 16<sup>th</sup> distribution of the Mobile Pantry Protein Packs. This quarter's meal is a taco inspired, shelf stable skillet dish.

Due to rising grocery prices, increased demand for the meal and budget constraints, we are requesting individual sized cans of corn and/or black beans, approximately 15.5 ounces, be donated from our congregation. Our goal is to provide 190 units for the recipients.

This is a vital program for our community and an excellent way to stay involved. If possible, please consider joining our mission and assist in supplying the corn and/or black beans. We will provide updates moving forward regarding donation levels. **Deadline for donations is May 10<sup>th</sup>.** We thank you in advance for your participation!

Contact for protein packs: Spencer Brown

Contact for Mobile food pantry: Katie Abbott

### Wednesday Book Study

#### Wednesdays, May 20, 27, & June 3

#### Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now By Walter Brueggemann

More than ever, the Biblical concept of Sabbath is a witness against the constant speeding up of life around us and challenges us to trust God's invitation to rest. Join us for a three-week class exploring how Sabbath is more than just stopping—it's a witness to God's restoration. The study will be offered at two different times each week—either 4:30-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays May 20, 27 and June 3.

From the publisher: Brueggemann calls out our 24/7 society of consumption, a society in which we live to achieve, accomplish, perform, and possess. We want more, own more, use more, eat more, and drink more. Brueggemann shows readers how keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life.

Sign-up outside the main office. Books \$10.

Contact: Pastor Jessie

### Community Dinner Needs Volunteers!

#### Sunday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Great Room

The Community Dinner outreach provides a nutritious home-cooked meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month to the community. Volunteers meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday to prep the meal. A sign-up sheet is outside the Church Office. The Community Dinner is a great way to show God's love through the gift of food and fellowship.

*Menu: Broccoli Chicken Divan, Rice Pilaf, salad, fresh fruit, applesauce, and cake.*

Contact: Tracy Kennedy

### **Third Sunday Family Faith Formation**

**Sunday, May 17, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Instead of our usual breakout classes, the kids and youth will have a bubble party and games out on the lawn! Join us for our final Faith Formation gathering before summer!

Contact: Lena Kennedy

### **Summer Youth Bible Study**

**June 1-June 5, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Youth are invited to join us for a morning bible study on all sorts of topics connecting faith and our world today. Bring your bibles! We'll be sure to have yummy snacks!

Contact: Lena Kennedy

### **Monthly Opportunities to Serve at City Mission**

All are welcome at the table! Help us "share the bread" with our neighbors by joining members of the Mission Committee twice a month to serve meals at City Mission. Sign-up outside the Church Office. Contact Lark McCormick about Tuesday lunches and Liz Wickard about Thursday dinners.

### **GET CONNECTED**

Sign-up to read our weekly E-News Connections. You will receive an email on Fridays with lots of great information about what's going on in the life of our congregation. You will also receive FPC Today, our Sunday email that includes all the Sunday activities along with the worship bulletin attached. To sign-up, email your request to [info@findlayfpc.org](mailto:info@findlayfpc.org).

### **Flowers for Worship**

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement for Sunday Worship, there is a sign-up sheet outside the Church Office. You can give a designation in honor or memory of someone if you wish as well.

### **You "Can" Help Fill Darrel The Barrel**

Donate the following essential items during the month of April and help City Mission feed the hungry in our community. Darrel is located in the Narthex. Darrel is collecting the following canned goods:

- Mixed Vegetables
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Peas
- Baked Beans
- Kidney Beans

### **ONLINE GIVING**

You can open the camera on your smartphone and scan the QR code to be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate. Thank you!



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## LITURGICAL ART

**First Presbyterian Church** follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. Traditionally various colors are used for each season. THE EASTER SEASON is a period of 50 days, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The colors are WHITE AND GOLD, symbolizing joy and celebration, renewal and hope. The banners and pulpit and lectern paraments, completed in 2005, were designed by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The banner on the pulpit side portrays the new light of Easter and the banner on the lectern side portrays our response to the good news of resurrection: Alleluia! These themes are continued on both pulpit and lectern paraments. The butterfly in the chancel represents the Risen Christ and was created in 2017 by Don Beck, a member of our congregation whose artistic vision continues to shape worship at First Presbyterian Church during all seasons of the liturgical year. The large white Paschal Candle is used to represent the Risen Christ, dispelling darkness during this season, as well as for baptisms and funeral/memorial services during the year. The colors white and gold are also used for ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, the first Sunday of November, symbolizing the joy of the “communion of saints” both on earth and in glory.

***Honoring our heritage, we are a dynamic body  
welcoming all to Christ's spacious table, illumined  
to serve God with imagination and love.***

**Belong. Be Challenged. Be Love.**

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# 307 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 chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

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

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA  
 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

# Deep in the Shadows of the Past 50

1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,  
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,  
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,  
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-vived, for lead - ers, long a - go,

some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.  
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";  
 while some, re - mem - ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,  
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,

The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by them was sensed and shown:  
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,  
 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,  
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom - ise, strength, and call,

a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.  
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.  
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.  
 the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1973; rev. 1994  
 MUSIC: Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952  
 Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company  
 Music © 1958, ren. 1986 The Pilgrim Press

SHEPHERDS' PIPES  
 CMD

## Taste and See

(Psalm 34)

Capo 1: (E) (B) (A) (E) (A)  
 Refrain F C B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

*All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness

(E) (F<sup>#m</sup>) (B7) (E) (B) (A)  
 F Gm C7 F C B<sup>b</sup>

of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and

(E) (A) (E) (F<sup>#m7</sup>) (B7) (E)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

(E) (G<sup>#m7</sup>) (Amaj7) (E) (F<sup>#m7</sup>)  
 F Am7 B<sup>b</sup>maj7 F Gm7

*Leader or All*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

(E) (F<sup>#m7</sup>) (B7) (E) (G<sup>#7</sup>)  
 F Gm7 C7 F A7

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Because the first half of verse 8 is the emotional high point of Psalm 34, this paraphrase fittingly uses it as a refrain. In the Christian context of the Lord's Supper, the invitation to participate ("taste") is joined with the promise of blessing ("see that the Lord is good").

(C#m) (C#m7) (A) (E) (F#m7) (B7)  
 Dm Dm7 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm7 C7 *to Refrain*

Lord, for God has been so good to me.

(E) (G#m7) (Amaj7) (E) (F#m7)  
 F Am7 B<sup>b</sup>maj7 F Gm7  
*Leader or All*

2 Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-gether let us

(E) (F#m7) (B7) (E) (G#7)  
 F Gm7 C7 F A7

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who answered

(C#m) (C#m7) (A) (E) (F#m7) (B7)  
 Dm Dm7 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm7 C7 *to Refrain*

me; from all my troubles, I was set free.

(E) (G#m7) (Amaj7) (E) (F#m7)  
 F Am7 B<sup>b</sup>maj7 F Gm7  
*Leader or All*

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for

(E) (F#m7) (B7) (E) (G#7)  
 F Gm7 C7 F A7

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

(C#m) (C#m7) (A) (E) (F#m7) (B7)  
 Dm Dm7 B<sup>b</sup> F Gm7 C7 *to Refrain*

good; in God we need put all our trust.

# 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
 on thy people pour thy power;  
 crown thine ancient church's story;  
 bring its bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the facing of this hour,  
 for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
 scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us  
 free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 for the living of these days,  
 for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;  
 bend our pride to thy control;  
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
 rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
 lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
 to the evils we deplore.  
 Let the gift of thy salvation  
 be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 serving thee whom we adore,  
 serving thee whom we adore.

1 Deep in the shadows of the past,  
 far out from settled lands,  
 some nomads traveled with their God

across the desert sands.  
The dawning hope of humankind  
by them was sensed and shown:  
a promise calling them ahead,  
a future yet unknown.

2 While others bowed to changeless gods,  
they met a mystery,  
invisible, without a name:  
"I am what I will be";  
and by their tents, around their fires  
in story, song, and law,  
they praised, remembered, handed on  
a past that promised more.

3 From Exodus to Pentecost  
the promise changed and grew,  
while some, remembering the past,  
recorded what they knew,  
or with their letters and laments,  
their prophecy and praise,  
recovered, kindled, and expressed  
new hope for changing days.

4 For all the writings that survived,  
for leaders, long ago,  
who sifted, copied, and preserved  
the Bible that we know,  
give thanks, and find its story yet  
our promise, strength, and call,  
the model of emerging faith,  
alive with hope for all.

Refrain (All):  
Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All:  
1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord,  
for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Leader or All:  
2 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles, I was set free. (Refrain)

Leader or All:

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

1 In the midst of new dimensions,  
in the face of changing ways,  
who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
wandering in their separate ways?

(Refrain)

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
leading where the eagles soar,  
we your people, ours the journey  
now and ever, now and ever,  
now and evermore.

2 Through the flood of starving people,  
warring factions, and despair,  
who will lift the olive branches?  
Who will light the flame of care? (Refrain)

3 As we stand, a world divided  
by our own self-seeking schemes,  
grant that we, your global village,  
might envision wider dreams. (Refrain)

4 We are man and we are woman,  
all persuasions, old and young,  
each a gift in your creation,  
each a love song to be sung. (Refrain)

5 Should the threats of dire predictions  
cause us to withdraw in pain,  
may your blazing phoenix spirit  
resurrect the church again. (Refrain)