

Hello, Gracers! This Sunday as our church body worships with faith at home rather than all together in our sanctuary, we wanted to provide you with our Grace worship resources.

## Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

**Announcements:** Insert a Dad-joke (ala Troy D.) or reflection (ala Sheryl M.) or another favorite intro here.

- An example Dad joke might be: what do you call a fish with two knees? A two-knee fish...
- An example reflection might be: Everyone take a deep breath in...and out. Breathe in and then one more time with Psalm 31 Breathing In ("Be strong and take heart") ...Breathing out ("all you who hope in the Lord.")

Watch your email and follow our [Grace Covenant facebook page](#) to keep up-to-date.

### Lake Beauty Update to explain some of what is going on at camp.

It shows what we are hoping for in the future, updates we have made, and how we are preparing for this summer. We want to thank you for the prayers and continued support our churches provide for camp. If there is anything we can do for you at this time, please let me know.

#### Status Update: April 14, 2020

- **With the extension of the Stay at Home Executive Order by Minnesota Gov. Walz until May 4, 2020, all scheduled Lake Beauty retreats and Guest Group events for that time period are cancelled or postponed.**
- **Summer camp registrations remain open.**
- **Early Bird discounts have been extended to May 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Staff are using enhanced sanitization procedures to ensure increased disinfecting of high use and high touch areas.**

Lake Beauty wants to assure our families that camper and staff safety remain our top priority. We continue to closely monitor the CDC guidelines and updated guidance from state and local health officials to stay current on the latest information on how to mitigate and manage COVID 19.

As of now, our hope is to enjoy another healthy, adventurous summer session at Lake Beauty. Yet, with the situation shifting day to day, we will only know what challenges we will face as we get closer to summer.

You may have questions about deposits and payments in case a camp is cancelled, so we have provided several options for you to consider:

1. **Donate:** Instead of taking your refund, make it a donation to support the continued ministry of Lake Beauty Bible Camp, especially at this key time.
2. **Deposit:** Transfer your refund into a deposit for a future Lake Beauty event.
3. **Refund and Donate:** Do both! Consider taking a partial refund and making a partial donation.
4. **Full refund:** We are glad to follow our current COVID-19 policy where you can get a full refund (including the deposit). Please know that refunds may not come immediately and could be delayed until later in the summer.

[2 minute video at this link](#)

## Call to Worship: Psalm 4 (NIV)

Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.

Give me relief from my distress;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you people turn my glory into shame?

How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;

the Lord hears when I call to him.

Tremble and do not sin;

when you are on your beds,

search your hearts and be silent.

Offer the sacrifices of the righteous

and trust in the Lord.

Many, Lord, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"

Let the light of your face shine on us.

Fill my heart with joy

when their grain and new wine abound.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## Worship with Song continued (click links for video)

\*\* pro-tip: click the links in advance to let the ads run through then pause the video so you're ready to worship.

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

[Holy is the Lord](#)

[Lord, I Need You](#)

[Change My Heart, O God](#)

## Pray for the offering

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your mercy and grace. Lord we pray you will use this these weeks to build Your kingdom. Help us to love You even more and to love each other well. Help us, Lord, to love our neighbors in practical ways. Please use the offering of Your church to accomplish Your work in the world. Amen.

Giving Options (thank you for continuing as you are able to help fund utilities and salary and outreach and helpfulness): [Give Online at this link](#). Or electronically through your bank. Or mail a check to 3030 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102.

## Offering Song (click link for video):

[Confidence](#)

## Prayers of the People:

*Please email your next requests to [office@gracecovenantfm.org](mailto:office@gracecovenantfm.org) or call any LT member so we can update the list for next week.*

**Barry:** Update: Barry is doing very well. He arrived home by 2:45 pm Saturday, just in time for Easter Sunday and our unique times and way to worship. Minimal heart damage. Will no longer be going to work at Eventide in Moorhead. Retired. Yay! God is so good. This following Heart attack Thursday (4/9), but got to the hospital quickly. Surgery went well (3 stents on right side, 50% blockage on left side but they are treating that with medication). Doing well. Thanks to God! Praying for continued healing and strength for Barry and (Faith).

**Steve A:** Please pray for Steve's Dad – he fell again on Tuesday (4/7) had to go to ER for stitches and x-ray. Please also pray for Sheila's sister, Colleen who is still very fragile and now not sleeping for healing.

**Eventide (Jennifer Grieve):** Covid-19 has entered Eventide in Fargo (2 cases so far, they will now test everyone which is good news). Please keep everyone there in prayer. (Especially Jennifer Grieve's mom Bette Deich)

**Meredith:** Had surgery (3/31) everything is going well and vision is also getting much better! Enjoying being home and feeling good (yay!). I am grateful for each of you and all God has done for me on this journey.

**Christina:** Continuing to heal from possible ankle fracture (crutches and boot for six weeks). Update: appt went well on Monday and he thinks all my concerns are just part of the healing process. I can now walk around the house (short distances) in the boot which is very nice. It is still pretty swollen at the end of the day! I guess I would pray for wisdom on how far to push it and when to rest.

**Adam and the Walker family:** his siblings, cousins and aunt and uncles and us as they grieve the death of his grandmother who was buried last Sunday (4/5).

**Robyn:** Please continue in prayer for healing for my legs. Ankle fracture and torn ACL on left leg, with continued healing for right leg.

**Suz:** son Don had massive heart attack treated at Sanford and home now. Praying for healing, peace, comfort, and wisdom.

**Cal:** pray for my friend just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

**Swensen Family:** Please continue to pray for all the Swensen family during this time of grief for comfort and peace for all the family.

**Laura:** Please pray for my Dad – surgery Friday morning (4/17) amputation below the knee. Praying for healing, no infection, and that he can get transitional care in Grand Forks instead of out-of-town. For Dad and Mom both for reduced stress, increased peace, moving through grief of this time, relief of depression, encounters with Jesus - our Prince of Peace. Especially with the no visitors restrictions, that has been REALLY hard.

**Redeemed Covenant families:** many have lost jobs and wages due to virus response. Pray that rent and needs can be met. For new job opportunities. For Pastor Evariste – for good sleep, and health, and Holy Spirit power to minister during especially stressful times.

**New Life Center:** Please pray the virus will not enter and infect anyone sheltering or working at the New Life Center. They are housing 100+men, many are particularly vulnerable to the virus due to underlying conditions. Praying they will be able to meet increased funding needs (equipment, food, staffing) even as funding sources like the Thrift store are closed and the Fargo Marathon delayed. That they will continue to be able to provide take-out meals to non-guests daily.

**Linda:** Please pray for Linda as she moved to Mankato on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. We pray that God will bless her in her new home with new friends and a church to call home as well.

**Diana:** Please pray for the kids at the detention center.

### **Prayers Related to COVID-19:**

Please pray for all those who have the COVID-19 Virus for strength and healing. That the virus can be contained as much as possible. For health care workers. For those preparing treatment and testing sites. For government officials and law enforcement. For teachers and parents. For those missing paychecks. For retirees. For those that manufacture and deliver and sell needed items. For those developing tests and vaccines and treatments. For those suffering domestic violence where home is not a safe place. That we will be filled with the Holy Spirit. That God will give us wisdom. That we will have hearts to be helpful and meet needs wisely. That our trust in Jesus be strengthened in these uncertain times.

### **Pray for the reading of the word**

Lord we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit and open our ears to listen well to your Word. Help us to not just hear your Word, but to seek to understand Your message and to live it out as Your people. Sanctify us by the truth, Lord; Your word is truth (John 17:17). Amen.

### **Scripture Reading: Judges 6:1-6**

The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.

### **Message from Pastor Cal: “HOPE”**

[Click this link to watch Pastor Cal’s message on our website.](#)  
[\(the video is also on YouTube\)](#)

[Second video on the PHOTOS of HOPE sent in by Gracers](#)

**Hymns:** [What a Friend We Have In Jesus](#) See picture attached for Hymnal Page #399

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**[My Hope is Built on Nothing Less \(link\):](#)** See picture attached for Hymnal Page #433

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

## **Let's Pray Together the Benediction from Romans 15:13:**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace  
as you trust in him, so that  
you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Grace-In-Action:** Share a message of hope this week.

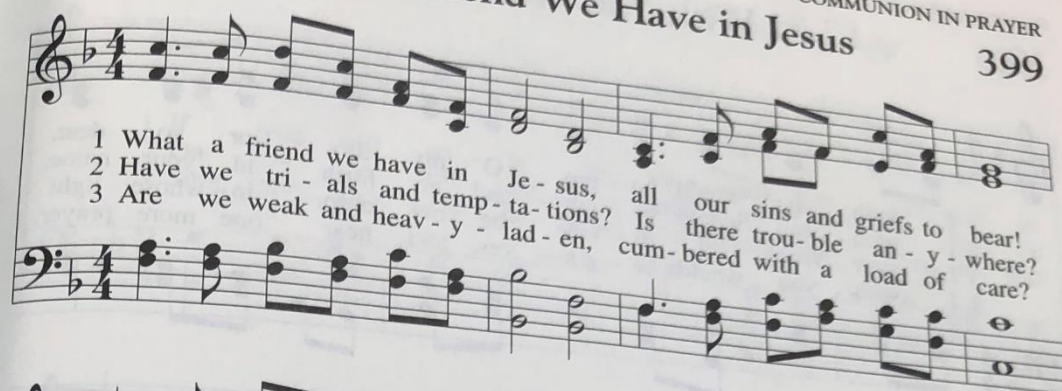
Write a letter. Make a call. Post on Social Media. Leave a note.  
Get creative. Find a way to brighten someone's week with a  
message of the Hope we have through Jesus.



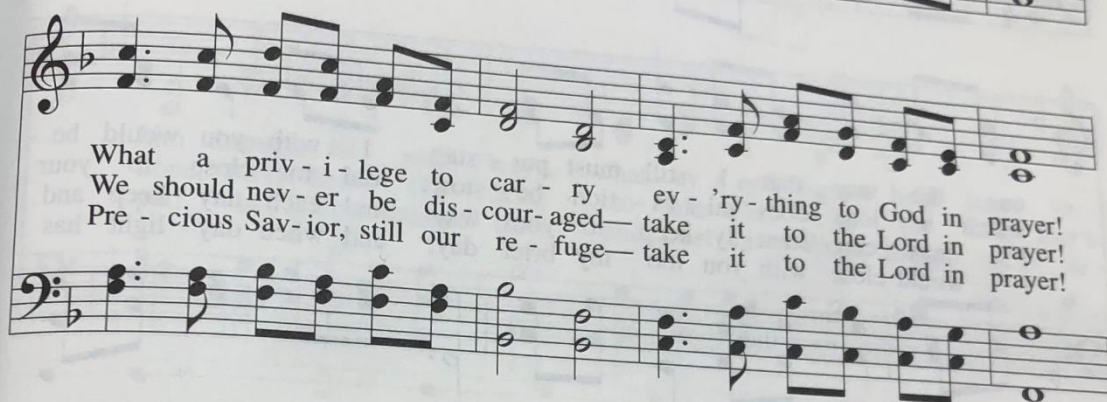
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

COMMUNION IN PRAYER

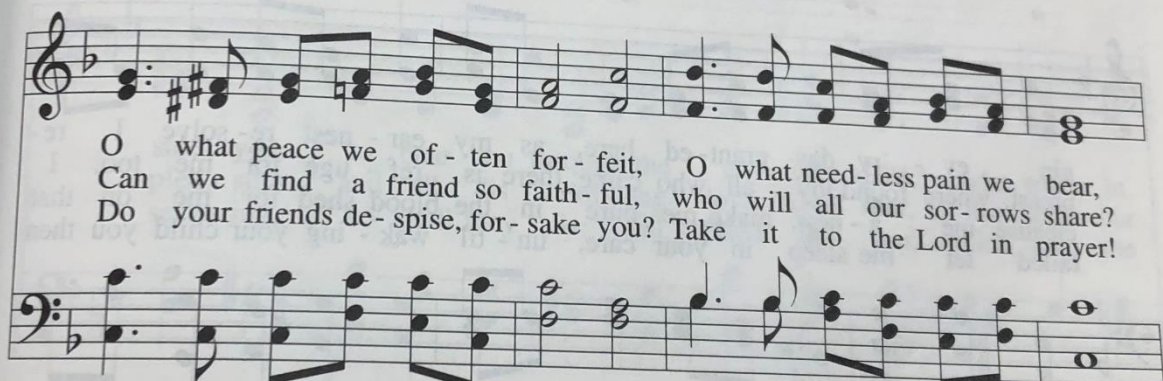
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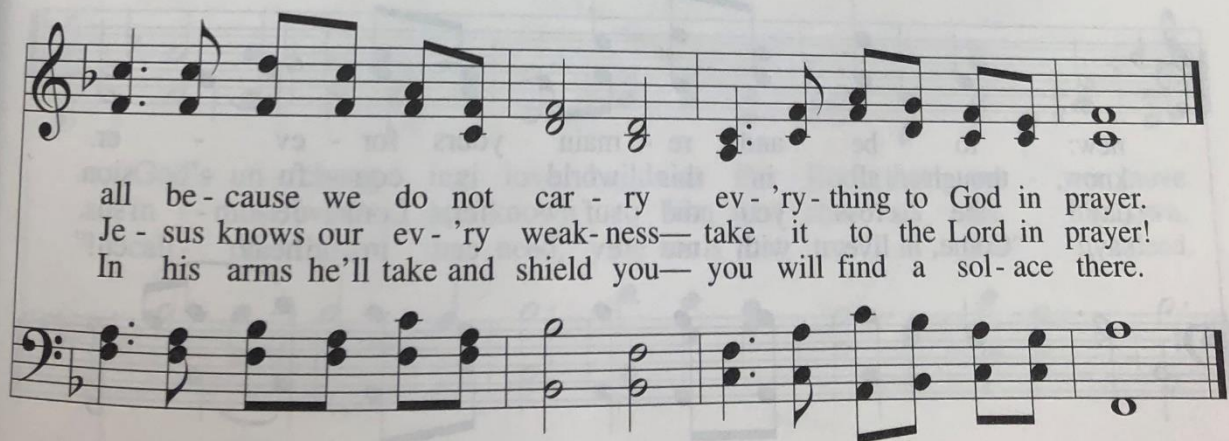
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our re - fuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



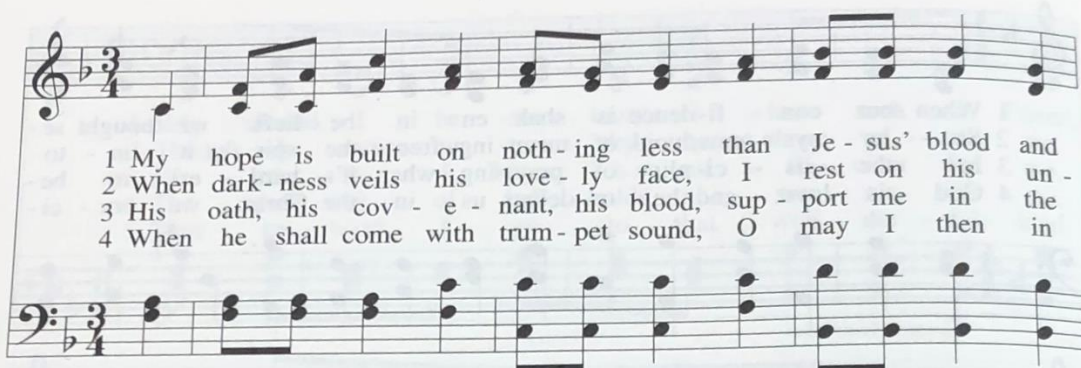
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 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you— you will find a sol - ace there.

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 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

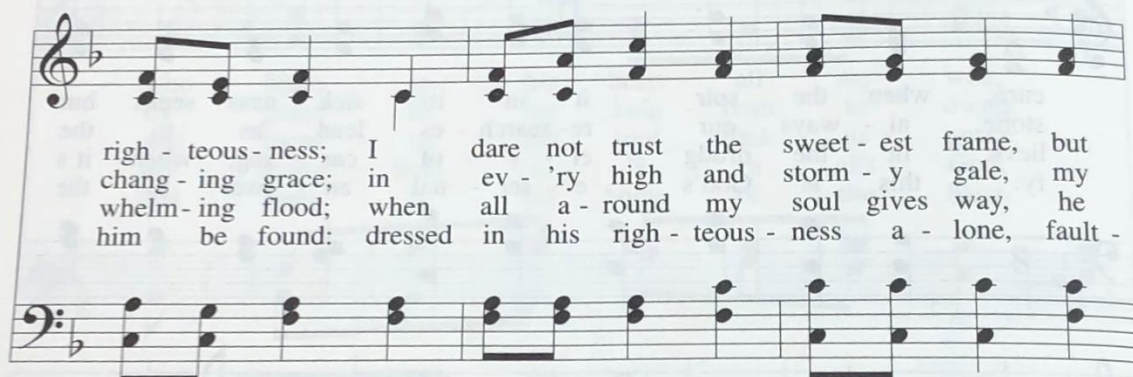
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Alternate tune: BLAENWERN, 279

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

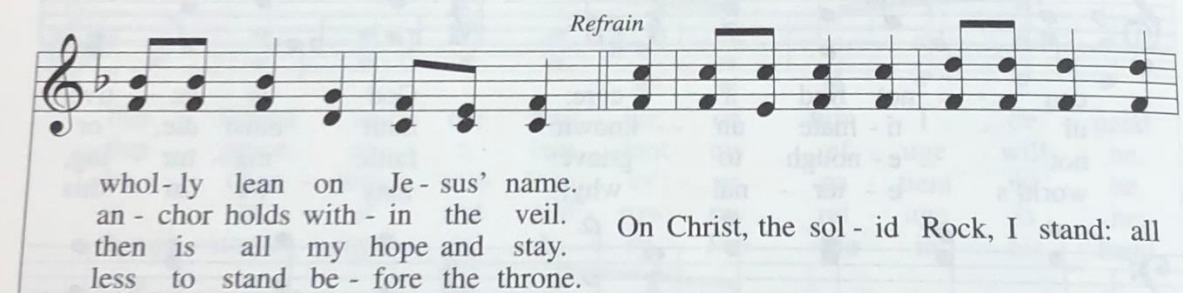


1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

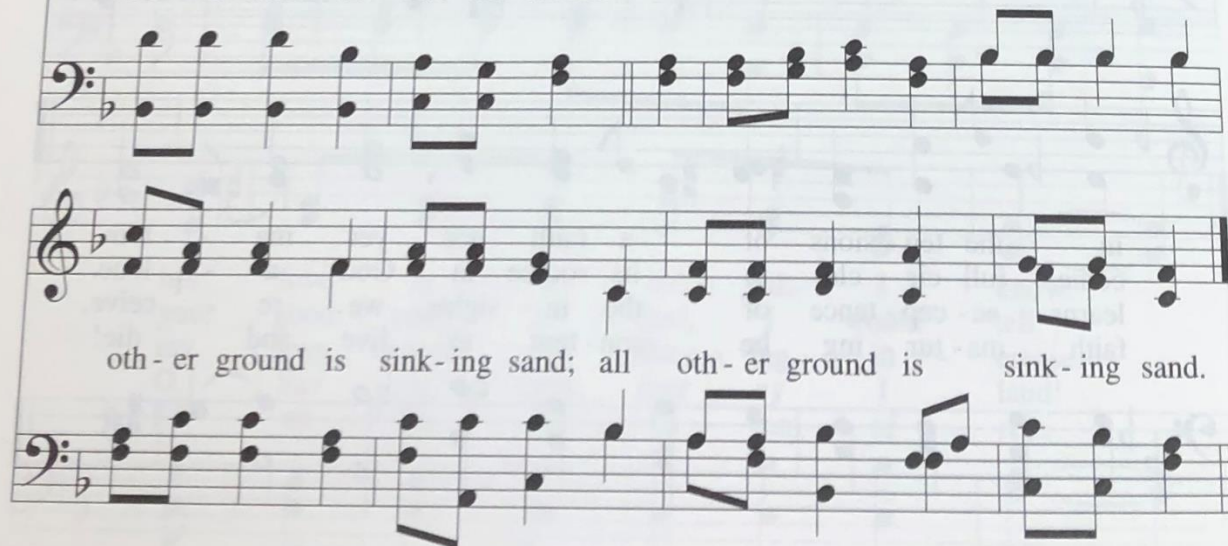


righteous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my  
 overwhelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found: dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*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.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1797-1874  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

L.M. with Refrain  
 SOLID ROCK

Alternate tune: MELITA, 293