

Missions Conference Speakers

Aaron & Rachel Halbert: Mission to the World

Aaron and Rachel Halbert serve in Tegucigalpa, Honduras with Mission to the World, pursuing a shared calling to overseas ministry. Aaron was born and spent his early childhood in Honduras, while Rachel, a Mississippi Delta native, developed a love for missions through short-term trips to Haiti. After seminary, the Lord opened the door for them to plant churches in Tegucigalpa. In 2017, Aaron and a national partner planted Iglesia Presbiteriana Gracia Soberana. As a family, they serve through hospitality and discipleship, praying that in the years ahead God would enable them to continue church planting, establish a seminary and internship program, begin campus ministry, and launch a publishing house.

Lowell Ivey: Metanoia Prison Ministries

Lowell Ivey was released on parole in 2009 while serving a 17-year prison sentence for armed robbery, an experience that profoundly shaped his calling to ministry. After graduating from Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2015, he completed a yearlong internship at Covenant Community Church (OPC) in Taylors, South Carolina. In 2016, he was ordained as a church planter and called to Reformation Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Virginia Beach, Virginia, which organized in 2019 and later planted two daughter congregations in Yorktown and Suffolk. In 2024, sensing a call to serve both inside and outside prison walls, Lowell became Director of Metanoia Prison Ministries, where he seeks to help the church bring Christ to prisoners and prisoners to Christ. Lowell and his wife, Mae—who grew up in northern Brazil as the granddaughter of a Presbyterian missionary—are raising their six covenant children together.

Juan Rodriguez: RUF UNC Charlotte

Juan was born in Queens, New York to Colombian immigrants and later moved to Waxhaw, North Carolina, just south of Charlotte. He attended NC State University, where he became a Christian and was deeply impacted by the ministry of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). After graduating, he served as an RUF intern at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and then earned his Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary before accepting the call to serve as Campus Minister with RUF at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Juan is married to his wife, Kelsey, and they have two children, a daughter nicknamed EG and a son named Hunter. He loves sports—especially pickleball, spikeball, disc golf, Formula 1, and running—as well as outdoor adventures, reading, board games, documentaries, and is thrilled to connect students to Christ and the local church at UNC Charlotte.

Visitors Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. Please fill in the Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate, so that we have a record of your visit.

Please see the e-newsletter for this week's announcements.

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Looking Ahead

March 13: Parent's Night Out

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm

April 3: Good Friday Service at Christ Covenant, 12pm

April 17-18: Women's Retreat

June 15-19: Vacation Bible School

Greeters

March 8: Yannick & Astrid Nzesse

March 15: Ron & Martha Barnwell

Deacons on Duty:

March 8: Luke Barclay & Joe Ballou

March 15: Jon Drye & Brian Brown

Brighton Gardens:

March 8: Ricky Johnson (lead) & Suzanne Wilson (piano)

March 15: Karl Stump (lead) & Brittany Smith (piano)

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Morning Worship

March 8, 2026, 10:55am

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment Rev. Juan Rodriguez
RUF UNC Charlotte

Prelude

Adoration of God

Call to Worship Rev. Will Keyton
Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
Psalm 96:1-3

***Hymn 16 (vv. 1-4)** “Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation** Rev. Will Keyton

***Confession of Faith** **The Nicene Creed**
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen..

Means of Grace

Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Carlton Wynne
1 Kings 22:1-28 p. 304

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Confession of Sin

God of the nations, your holy Word declares that all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way. How we have hated discipline, and our hearts despised reproof! We have not listened to the voice of our teachers or inclined our ears to our instructors. Like Pharaoh of old, we have known your mighty power and goodness, and yet have sinned again and hardened our hearts. Have mercy on us. Let not the kingdom of God be taken away from us, which is what we deserve, and given to a people producing its fruits. Rather let the kingdom of your grace come into our hearts, that we may be temples of the Holy Spirit. We ask this only through the redemption that is found in Christ Jesus, the Savior of the world, and it is in his name we pray, AMEN.

Words of Pardon and Assurance Romans 10:12-13
“There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

***Hymn 65** “Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Adult Choir “Anthem of Dedication” by W. Martin

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Reading of God’s Word Exodus 9:16, p. 51

Sermon Rev. Aaron Halbert
“The Confidence for Missions: Purpose”

Response and Benediction

***Hymn 16, (vv. 5-7)** “Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”

*Benediction

***Congregational Response** Joanna 11.11.11.11. (9B)
*I now will give wholehearted thanks to the LORD,
And all of Your marvelous works will record.
In You will be glad and exultingly cry,
And praise to Your name will I sing, O Most High.*

Evening Worship

March 8, 2026, 6:00pm

Welcome & Announcements

Missions Moment Lowell Ivey
Metanoia Prison Ministries

Call to Worship Revelation 5:12-14
“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

***Hymn 441** “Jesus Shall Reign”

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation** Rev. Will Keyton

***Confession of Faith**
We believe that we are justified by an act of God’s free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ, imputed to us, and received by faith alone. We believe that we are adopted by an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the family of believers, and have a right to all the privileges of the children of God. We believe that we are sanctified by the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in our whole person after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.
-adapted from The Westminster Shorter Catechism

***Hymn 437** “O God, to Us Show Mercy”

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Reading of God’s Word Exodus 12:1-13 p. 53

Sermon Rev. Halbert
“The Confidence for Missions: Pardon”

***Hymn 242** “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

*Benediction

16 Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. Ps. 98:1

f *D* *A*⁷ *D* *G* *A*⁷ *D* *A* *E*⁷ *A* *G* *D*

1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord new songs of
 2. The great sal - va - tion of our God is seen through
 3. He called to mind his truth and grace in prom - ise
 4. All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to

G *D* *G* *D* *A* *D* *A*⁷ *D*

praise with sweet ac - cord; for won - ders great by
 all the earth a - broad; be - fore the hea - ven's
 made to Is - rael's race; and un - to earth's re -
 him, with shouts re - joice; with voice of joy and

G *A*⁷ *D* *A* *f* *D* *G* *A*⁷ *D* *E*m *D* *A*⁷ *D* *G*

him are done, his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.
 won - d'ring sight he has re - vealed his truth and right.
 mot - est bound glad tid - ings of sal - va - tion sound.
 loud ac - claim let all u - nite and praise his name.

5. Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
 with voice of psalms his glory raise;
 with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
 and shout before the Lord, the King.
6. Let earth be glad, let billows roar
 and all that dwell from shore to shore;
 let floods clap hands with one accord,
 let hills rejoice before the Lord.
7. For lo, he comes; at his command
 all nations shall in judgment stand;
 in justice robed and throned in light,
 the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Ps. 100:1, 2

♯ F Gm F C F 7

1. Be - fore Je - ho - vah's awe - some throne, all na - tions, bow with
 2. His sov - ereign pow'r, with - out our aid, made us of dust and
 3. We are his peo - ple, we his care, our souls and all our
 4. We'll crowd your gates with thank - ful songs, high as the heav'ns our
 5. Wide as the world is your com - mand, vast as e - ter - ni -

C G7 C F C7 F 7 D7

sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is God a - lone, he can cre -
 formed us men; and when like wan - d'ring sheep we strayed, he brought us
 • mor - tal frame; what last - ing hon - ors shall we rear, al - might - y
 voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten thou - sand tongues, shall fill your
 ty your love; firm as a rock your truth must stand, when roll - ing

Gm C7 F Csus⁴ C F Gm F C F 7

ate, and he de - stroy— he can cre - ate, and he de - stroy.
 to his fold a - gain— he brought us to his fold a - gain.
 • Mak - er, to your name?— al - might - y Mak - er, to your name?
 courts with sound - ing praise— shall fill your courts with sound - ing praise.
 years shall cease to move— when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

Jesus Shall Reign

He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8

Chords: Γ D A⁷ D G C^{#dim} D A E⁷ A Γ D

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

Chords: G D Em D A D A⁷ D G D A⁷ D

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

Chords: A Γ D G C^{#dim} D Em⁷ D Em D A⁷ D Γ

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

O God, to Us Show Mercy

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. Ps. 67:1

1. O God, to us show mer - cy and bless us in your grace;
 2. O God, let all men praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
 3. O God, let peo - ple praise you, let all the na - tions sing,

cause now to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face;
 in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring;
 for earth in rich a - bun - dance to us her fruit shall bring.

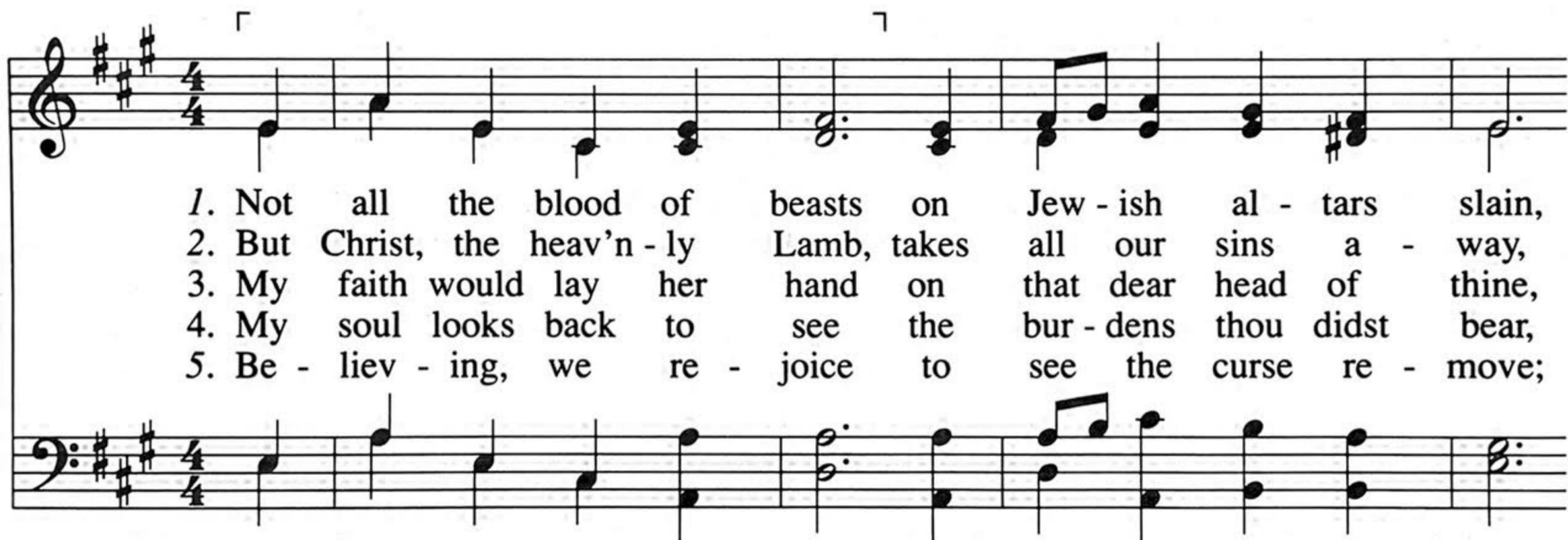
that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
 for you shall judge the peo - ple in truth and righ - teous - ness,
 The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall bless - ing send,

and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
 and through the earth the na - tions shall your just rule con - fess.
 and all the earth shall fear him to its re - mot - est end.

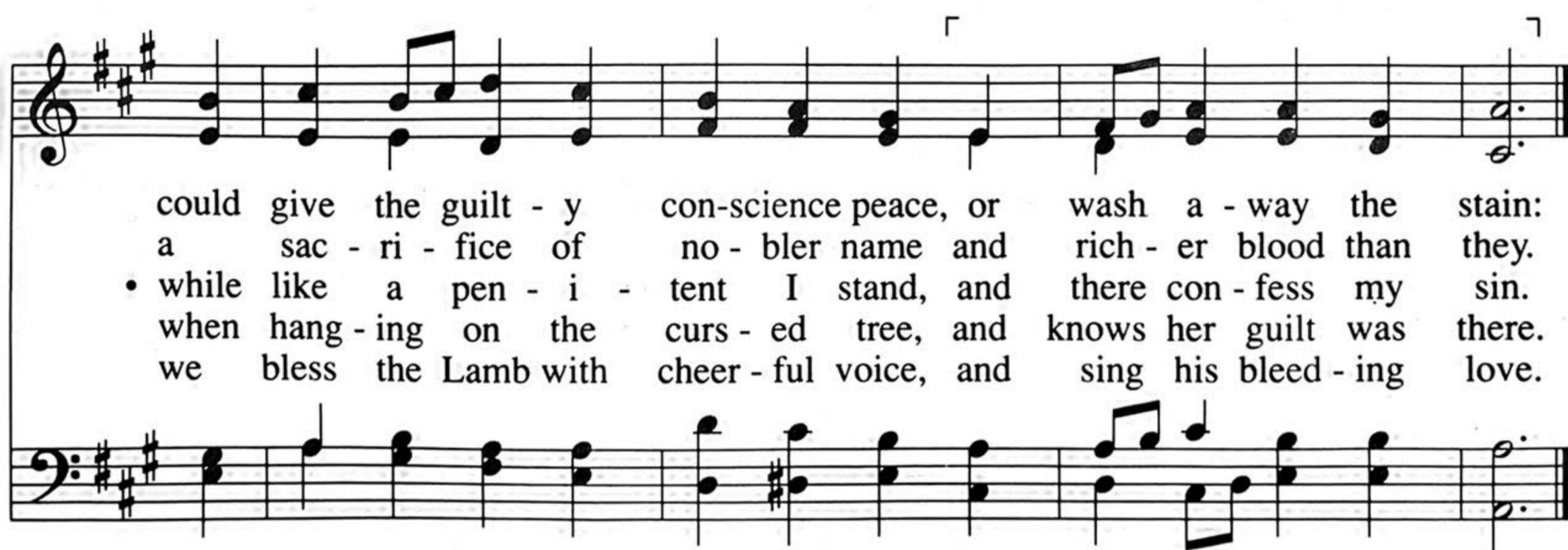
Not All the Blood of Beasts

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It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Heb. 10:4



1. Not all the blood of beasts on Jew - ish al - tars slain,
2. But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,
3. My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,
4. My soul looks back to see the bur - dens thou didst bear,
5. Be - liev - ing, we re - jice to see the curse re - move;



could give the guilt - y con - science peace, or wash a - way the stain:
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
• while like a pen - i - tent I stand, and there con - fess my sin.
when hang - ing on the curs - ed tree, and knows her guilt was there.
we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice, and sing his bleed - ing love.