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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost July 20, 2025

# PEACE CONWAY JULY 20, 2025

# **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

#### AS WE GATHER - ALWAYS BETTER

We try to exercise our freedom and planning, but God's way is always better. It was better for Abraham and Sarah in the Old Testament Reading and gets Mary's attention in the Gospel. It was still taking some time for the new believers of Colossae to fathom that God had done so much for them in Christ. And when their friends found the treasure of the Gospel, they, too, must have laughed that God had such gracious plans for them, plans that are always better than they imagined.

#### + PREPARATION +

# **ENTER HIS GATES** (video)

Make a joyful noise all you lands, Serve the Lord with gladness, Clap your hands, Come into His presence, singing, For He is our maker and our King.

So enter His gates with thanksgiving. Enter His courts with praise. For the Lord, He is able, To be faithful through all our generations.

Know ye the Lord, He is good. It is He who made us, no man could. He is the Shepherd, we His sheep. I know the Lord watches over me.

So enter His gates with thanksgiving. Enter His courts with praise. For the Lord, He is able, To be faithful through all our generations, To be faithful in all our situations, To be faithful through all our generations.

So enter His gates with thanksgiving. Enter His courts with praise. For the Lord, He is able, To be faithful through all our generations. *(repeat section)* 

To be faithful in all our situations, To be faithful through all our generations.

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# INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Colossians 1:21-22; Psalm 27:14; Matthew 17:20b

- P And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
- Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,
- **P** in order to present you holy and blameless
- **G** and above reproach before Him.
- P Wait for the LORD; be strong,
- and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

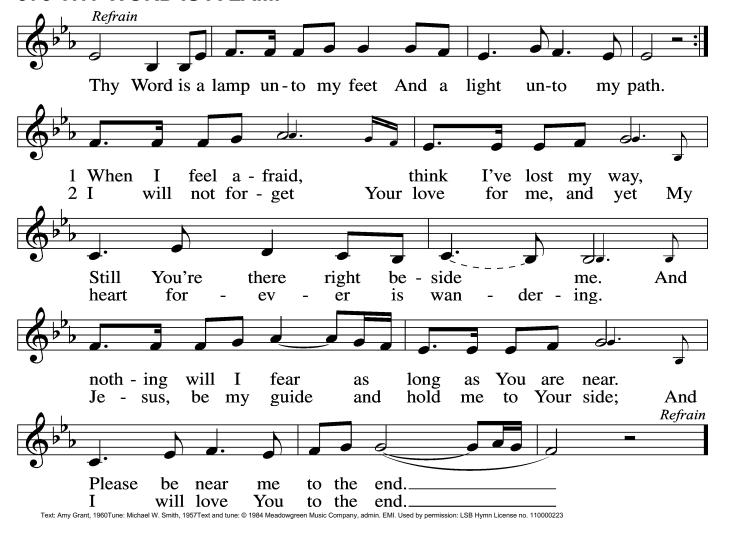
- For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move,
- **G** and nothing will be impossible for you.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

#### + WORD +

#### 973 THY WORD IS A LAMP



# **SALUTATION**

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PSALM

Psalm 27; antiphon: v. 4

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. 4One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. <sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!8You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." 9Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! <sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in. 11Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. <sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word
- and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Children are invited forward for the Children's Message)

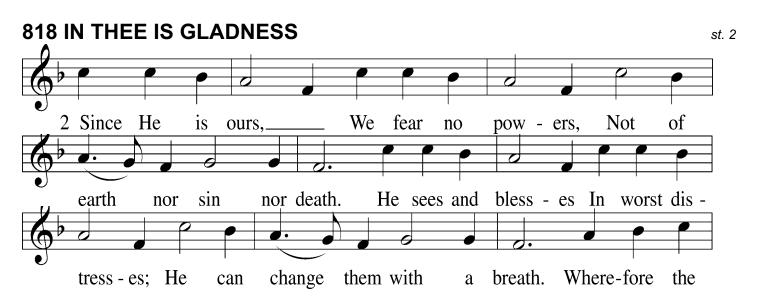
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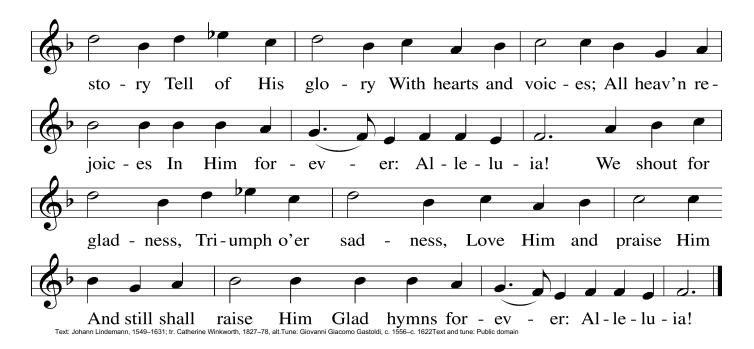
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# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Colossians 1:21–29

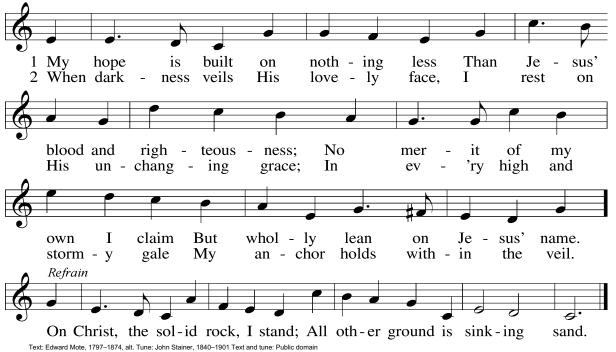
<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

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VERSE Colossians 2:6b–7a

- P Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
- **©** so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 10:38–42

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

Manuel De la Rosa

#### **SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

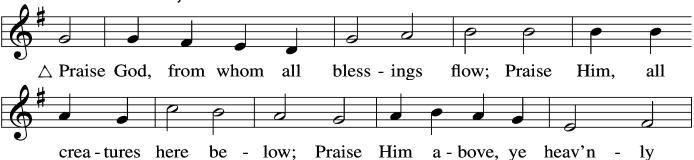
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

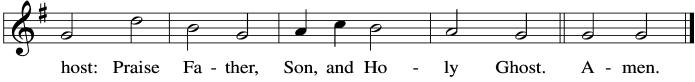
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

#### **OFFERING AND VIDEO**

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)

# 805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

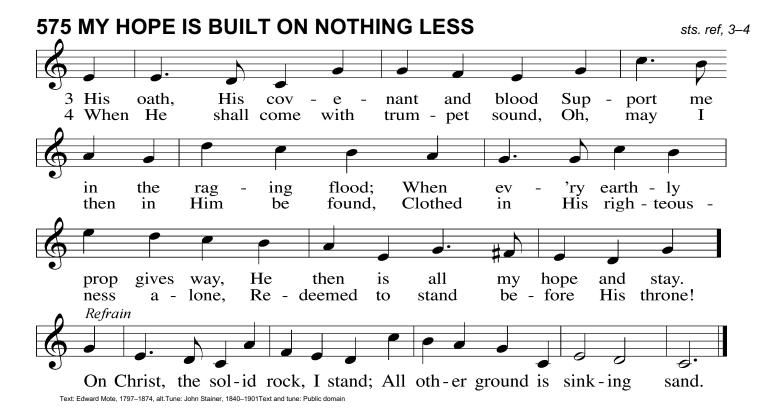




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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us join together and go to our gracious God in prayer for all people. For all who serve their neighbors through daily work, those who farm, build, deliver, feed, and provide shelter and care, bless them, Lord, with favorable conditions and thankful hearts as they share in Your provision, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- For those who do not yet know Christ or who have wandered from the faith, and for all who struggle under heavy burdens, illness, or loneliness, bring them the light of Your presence, renew their strength, and awaken faith through Your Word, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- For all who joyfully carry the news of Christ, those who travel to distant lands, who speak to their friends and neighbors, who gather others around them for worship and instruction, that God would strengthen them in their joyful task, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- I For all who gather at Jesus' feet to hear His Word, as Mary did, that our time in worship and study may grow our faith, shape our lives, and keep us focused on what truly matters, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- L We also ask Your blessing upon our **ministry expansion campaign**, that it may bear fruit for the growth of Your kingdom. Guide the sale of our current property and provide clarity and unity for our **Early Childhood Education Committee** as they plan for future ministry. Bless our friends at **The Summit Church**, and may our partnership reflect Your love and truth to this community. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- L Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercies for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.



#### + SACRAMENT +

#### **PREFACE**

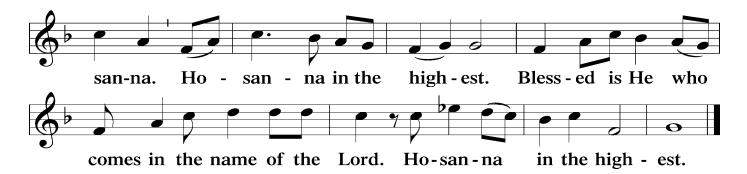
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

# PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

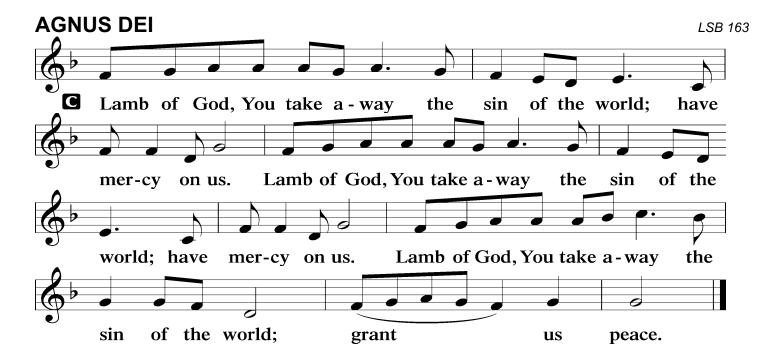
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



# + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

# GLORIOUS DAY (video)

Kristian Stanfill

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb, 'Til I met You.

I was breathing, but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide. It was my tomb, 'Til I met You

You called my name, Then I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day. You called my name, And I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul, Now Your freedom is all that I know The old made new; Jesus, when I met You, whoa, what a day

When you called my name, And I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day You called my name, Then I ran out of that grave Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day I needed rescue. My sin was heavy,

But chains break at the weight of Your glory. I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken You were my healing. Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future. My eyes are open. 'Cause when you called my name,

I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day. You called my name, And I ran out of that grave, Out of the darkness, Into Your glorious day.

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# 10,000 REASONS (video)

Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

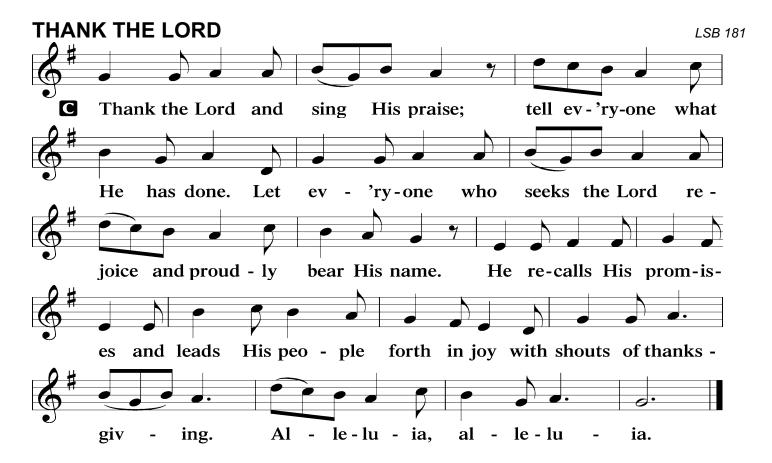
Yes, I will worship Your holy Name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy Name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name. Jesus, I will worship Your holy Name, worship Your holy Name.

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#### POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- C Amen.



# POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

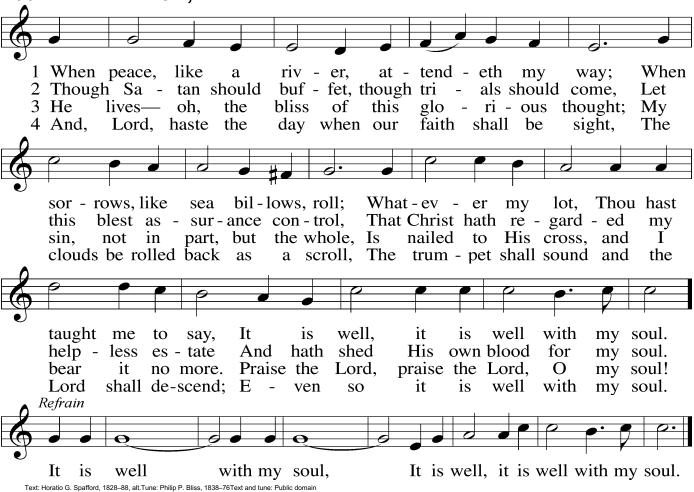
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
  - The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

# 763 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER



# **GUIDING STATEMENT**

Peace Conway is a loving Christian family, faithfully serving all people by sharing the good news of Jesus and caring for people in need.

# **CLOSING PEACE**

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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