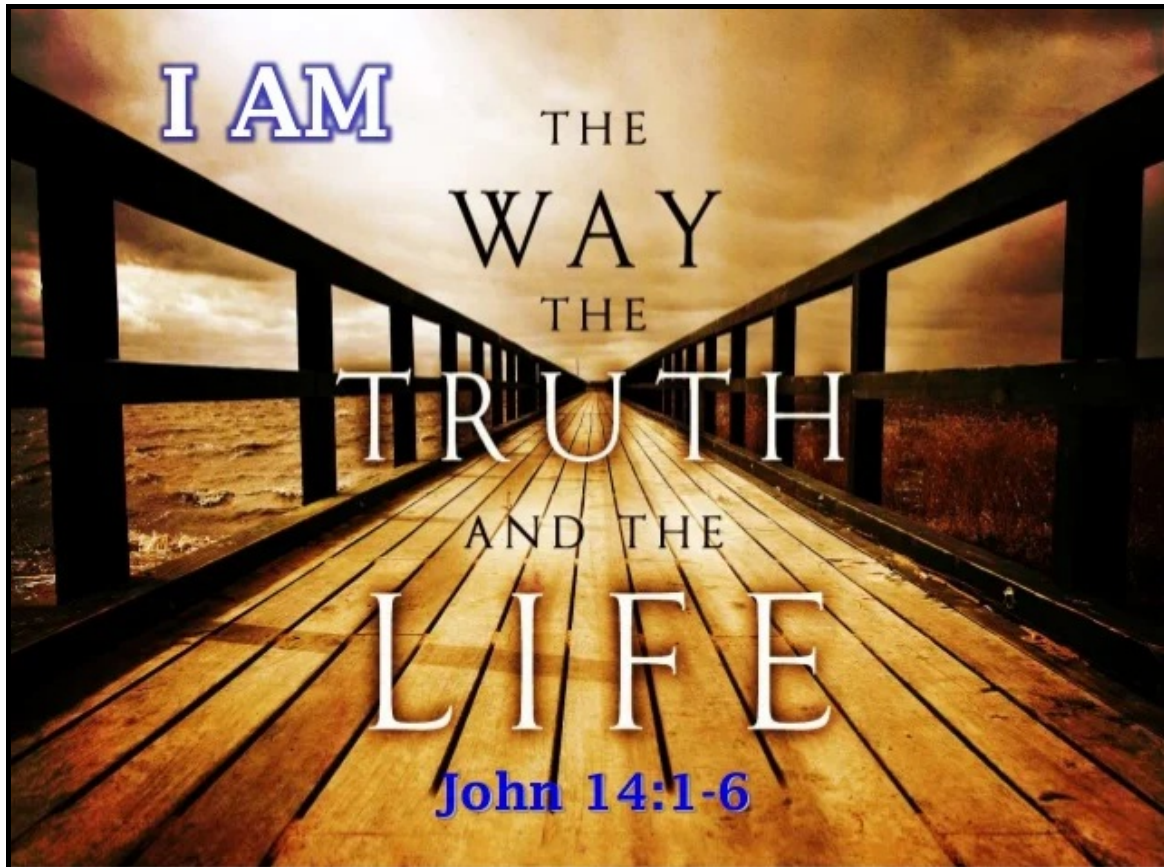


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*No matter who you are,  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our  
10:15am Worship Service  
In-Person & Streaming Online*

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**Sunday, August 4, 2024**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

# Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,  
and may you receive strength and guidance today  
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*



## **Children's Bulletins**

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.  
The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

## **Biblias en Español**

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.  
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## **Nursery**

Persons of all ages (including children) are welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have a supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor. Please see Nursery Coordinators, Laurie Ostimchuk, Beth Miller & Geri Gammel if you are in need of the nursery.

## **Junior Worship**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (from September to June), following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

## **Restrooms**

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator. The third toilet stall in each of our four restrooms has a high toilet and handrails.

## **Changing Tables**

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

## **Water Fountains**

Water fountains are located on both the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

## **Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes**

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am from the Sunday after Labor Day to the Sunday before Memorial Day.

## **Sunday Worship**

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

## **Youth Group**

Our Youth Group, for those in grades 5-12 (or ages 12-20 years old), meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

## **Young Children & Family Ministries**

This ministry's focus is on children younger than youth group and their families, and most of the monthly activities are welcoming of children of all ages. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

## **Prayer and Care**

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

## **Looking for a Church to Call Home**

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider United Church of Christ of Robesonia. For more information about our church, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

## **More Information....**

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: \* = if able please stand; ♪# = Red Hymnal Page; ♪# = Blue Hymnal Page}*

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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,  
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

### A TIME OF GATHERING

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DOROTHY LUCY IBACH (NEE WALLIS)

*{If you have not already done so,  
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad  
to the person next to you.}*

#### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *(Unison)*

**Lord of Heaven and Earth, we praise you for creating us, protecting us, healing us, and drawing us closer to yourself. No matter where we are born on earth, we belong to the body of Christ universal. Dolly brought your gracious spirit to our neighborhood. May we likewise be gracious as you were gracious in giving bread to your people, the Israelites. In thankfulness for all of your blessings, we pray. Amen.**

*This service was prepared by Pastor Mary Etta Mest.*

#### HANDBELL QUARTET

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"  
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

*both arranged by James Kimball*

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Onward Christian Soldiers" (requested by Dolly)*

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#### \*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 78*

Leader: So God commanded the clouds above

**People: and opened the doors of heaven,**

Leader: raining down manna upon them to eat

**People: and giving them grain from heaven.**

Leader: So mortals ate the bread of angels;

**People: God provided for them food enough.**

## We Repent

*This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader)

God of love and protection and forgiveness, hear now our confession of sins which separate us from you. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**God, the giver of bread from heaven, speak to our hearts now. Help us to acknowledge our sins before you, even though you already know them. You need to hear the confession from our lips. How blessed we are that we can confess directly to you from our hearts. We do not need an intermediary. In our silence now we will name our sins to you. Thank you for removing them from your record. Help us to forgive ourselves. In your son's name we pray. Amen.**

### \*SILENCE

*{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}*

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison) Psalm 23 (King James Version)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

### \*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us praise God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit!

People: **We praise you, Triune God!**

### \*PSALM 100 (Leader) (King James Version)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God. It is he who has made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name for the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures forever.

*{please be seated}*

## We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.*

### PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

**The Hebrew Lesson:** [Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15](#)

**The Psalm:** **Psalm 121 NRSV**

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading:** **John 14:1-6 (Contemporary English Version)**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?" "I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered.

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### MINI-MESSAGE

*{Children may return to their pews and remain for the rest of worship}*

### CHILDREN'S SONG

*"I Have the Peace That Passes Understanding"*

*Unknown*

**I have the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,  
Down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I have the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,  
Down in my heart to stay.**

## **We Respond with Thanks**

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,  
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more  
about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by  
re-affirming our faith in God,  
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of  
ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

**“DOLLY LUCY (WALLIS) IBACH FROM ENGLAND”** - *delivered by Loretta Ibach Barnes*

### **HYMN FROM ENGLAND AT DOLLY'S REQUEST**

Please listen in silence to the music as you read the words here.

### **“Jerusalem (And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time)”**

*Poem by William Blake written in 1808; Hubert Parry in 1916 put words to music.  
Edward Elgar rewrote the music in 1922 and it is the popular version sung today.*

And did those feet in ancient time  
walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
on England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
among those dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,  
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant Land.

*(Based on the legend that Jesus once visited England in  
Glastonbury, Somerset, England with Joseph of Arimathea.)*

**A SHORT TRIBUTE TO DOLLY FROM EARL, HER HUSBAND** - *read by Rev. Mary Etta Mest*

### **“COMMENDATION FOR DOLLY”**

## CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

**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.**

**Do not let us fall into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,**

**and the glory forever. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{Ushers, please assemble at rear of Sanctuary}*

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

Leader: Some of us have had easy lives.

**People: Some of us have had hard lives of sacrifice.**

Leader: Some of us were born into riches.

**People: Some of us worked our way into riches.**

Leader: Some of us work and work but have very little riches.

**People: May we bring our offerings to the altar according to our riches.**

## RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{Today, we will be passing the offering plate in person. You may also offer your tithe and offering to God through our secure [Online Giving](https://sprucc.org) option on our website at [sprucc.org](https://sprucc.org) ([Click Here](#)), or you may mail your offering to United Church of Christ of Robesonia; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

## VOCAL OFFERTORY

*"You've Got a Friend"*

*Words and Music by Carole King*

Soloist - Terry Pastor

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*"Doxology"*

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*Leader*)

God of all riches - large or small, thank you for these gifts we bring to the altar according to our riches. Let us glance at our riches. Are we really giving according to our riches? We believe that any riches we have were provided by you even though we worked hard. You provided the natural materials, you provided the leadership, you provided our health. Some people claim that our wise giving to you actually results in more blessings to ourselves. Would that be true? **Amen.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** ①④

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)*

**\*INVITATION**

One: We welcome all believers to the table of our Lord. The inner rings have white grape juice. The outer rings have red wine.

Today our communion will be a single line coming forward in the middle aisle. The pastor will serve the bread to each of you. Then you will move to the Elder on one side or the other to receive the cup. You will place your used cup in the basket provided on the front pew. You will return to your seat by the side aisles. Thank you for your silence while you wait for other persons to receive communion. May you wait in a spirit of holiness.

**\*COMMUNION PRAYER**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift your hearts in thanksgiving.

**All: We lift them toward God.**

One: Let us offer our thanks to Almighty God.

**All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

One: With all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

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*{Please be seated}*



### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *(Pastor)*

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." *(Pastor lifts bread and breaks it.)*

After supper, Jesus took the cup and said, "This is the new covenant in my blood, which was shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." *(Pastor pours wine from the flagon to the chalice.)*

### **INVITING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**One:** Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

**All:** **Holy Spirit, do not leave. Blow through this place; reveal yourself in this bread and this cup; make your dwelling within this congregation. Join us to one another and transform us by your presence, that we may be the sign of your life in this world. Amen.**

### **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

**Pastor:** The Body of Christ given for you.

**Individual: Amen.**

**Elders:** The Blood of Christ shed for you.

**Individual: Amen. or Thanks be to God.**

*{Those who are able, please rise}*

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**One:** May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen us until eternal life.

**All:** **Almighty God, we give you thanks for this refreshing and healing gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would increase our faith in you and our fervent love for one another. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,  
we go out into the world to share God's Good News  
through our words and actions.*

### \*COMMISSION

Leader: Do you feel the quietness from Holy Communion?

People: **Yes, for now all is well.**

Leader: Let us see how long this feeling lasts.

People: **Yes, let's see.**

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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### \*SENDING HYMN

*"Amazing Grace"* (chosen by Dolly)

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,  
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

### POSTLUDE

*Join Us For Fellowship and Food in Miller Fellowship Hall*

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## The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) We experience greater oneness with God and each another through Holy Communion
- (9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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## About Today

**Church Season: Pentecost** -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

**Color of the Paraments** (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

**Green** - symbolizing the growth of the Christian church, as we go out into the world and share God's Good News with both our words and actions, and invite others into the church of Jesus Christ.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which are about the life of Jesus Christ, which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

**This Sunday, August 4, 2024, Lectionary Reading for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a *and* Psalm 51:1-12 *or* Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 *and* Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

**Exodus**

The book of Exodus (OT) is a part of the Pentateuch (first five books of the OT or Torah or one of the five most central books in Judaism), and is named for the exodus (leaving/escape) of the Israelite people from Egyptian slavery through the divine saving providence of God and the leadership of Moses and his brother Aaron.

**Psalm 78**

This OT song recounts the story of God's care of Israel and tells of the people's response of continuing sin and faithlessness.

**The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians**

The Epistle (letter) to the Gentile church in Ephesus is attributed to the Apostle Paul, written in the first century A.D. This is an open letter to many churches in response for the life-changing radical transformation in our personal and social life as we become a part of Christ's family. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

**The Gospel According to John**

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was "written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name" (20:31).

**Next Sunday, August 11, 2024, Lectionary Reading for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 *and* Psalm 130 *or* 1 Kings 19:4-8 *and* Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

## The Christian Life

SABINE BARING-GOULD, 1865  
In march rhythm

6. 5. 6. 5. D. with Refrain

ST. GERTRUDE  
ARTHUR S. SULLIVAN, 1871

1. On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war, With the cross of  
2. Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God; Broth - ers, we are  
3. Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane, But the Church of  
4. On - ward, then, ye peo - ple, Join our hap - py throng, Blend with ours your

Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore; Christ the roy - al Mas - ter  
tread - ing Where the saints have trod; We are not di - vid - ed,  
Je - sus Con - stant will re - main; Gates of hell can nev - er  
voic - es In the tri - umph song; Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or

Leads a - gainst the foe; For - ward in - to bat - tle,  
All one bod - y we, One in hope and doc - trine,  
'Gainst that Church pre - vail; We have Christ's own prom - ise,  
Un - to Christ the King; This through count - less a - ges

## REFRAIN

See, His ban - ners go. On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers,  
One in char - i - ty.  
And that can - not fail.  
Men and an - gels sing.

March - ing as to war, With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore. A - MEN.

# Amazing Grace!

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G                    G/D    D7    Em    C    G                    G/D    D/C    G/B

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
 3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;  
 5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,

G                    G/B    C                    G    G/B    Em    G/D                    D7    G

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!  
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.  
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous  
 MUSIC: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

NEW BRITAIN  
 C.M.