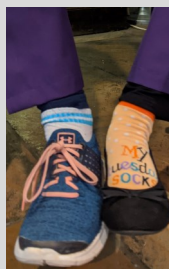




10 am Summer Worship

Sunday, July 18, 2021



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN #49 (v 1,3,4)

"The God of Abraham Praise "

LOBE DEN HERREN

HYMN #814 (sing 3x)

"In God Alone "

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

HYMN #321 (v 1,3,5)

"The Church's One Foundation "

ASSURANCE

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Kimmel

Leader: O God, you are the light of the hearts that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of every thought that seeks you.

People: **To turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide with you is to possess a hope that never fails.**

Leader: Every day of our lives, from the first to our last, the Lord's faithfulness and mercy is ever near.

People: **Let us then sing and give praise to God's name and tell the good news of salvation from day to day!**

* HYMN #363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

HYFRYDOL

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. (Refrain)

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the judge shall come
and gather all the Saints to their eternal home . (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. You tell us not to grieve as those who have no hope, but we find ourselves captive to despair, doubt, and anxiety for the future. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that we may know your justice, mercy, comfort, and peace. Hear now our silent prayers of confession, offered in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**
¡Alabado sea Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:5

The Rev. Dr. Bush

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangels call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, there is peace and security, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN #350

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; keep your lamps trimmed and burning;
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain: Sisters don't grow weary; brothers don't grow weary;
children don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

It's our faith makes us happy; it's our face makes us happy;
It's our faith makes us happy, for the time is drawing nigh. (*Refrain*)

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* *Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Rev. Dr. Bush and Rev Fowler-Searcy

Presentation of Children – Grayson Breisinger, son of Raegan & Garrett Breisinger; Elena Grace Graham, daughter of Christina & Scott Graham; Zander & Zoe Panichella, son and daughter of Alissa & James Panichella

PROFESSION OF FAITH

ACT OF BAPTIZING

* **HYMN #492** (*sing 3X*) “You Belong to Christ”
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“First Words, Last Words: Grieving With Hope”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

ANTHEM

“Brother James’s Air (The Lord’s My Shepherd)”

arr. Gordon Jacob

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev . Fowler-Searcy

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: **Y también contigo.**

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: **Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.**

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor
nuestro Dios.

People: **Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.**

Leader: God of this day and all our future days, use our gifts to bring healing to a broken and hurting world; use our hearts to offer compassion to a grieving and anxious world; and use our spirits to proclaim your gospel of hope right here and throughout this world you have made and redeemed. In Christ's name we pray..

People: **Amén.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**It is right to give God
thanks and praise.**

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #384**

“Soon and Very Soon”

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (repeat 2x)
Hallelujah Hallelujah we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King. (repeat 2x)
Hallelujah Hallelujah we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King. (repeat 2x)
Hallelujah Hallelujah we're going to see the King!

**PARTICIPANTS
IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Kathryn Ophardt
Pam Kimmel

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir

A/V: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical
hospitality to all, our full worship service
is also being livestreamed on:

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YouTube

<http://tiny.cc/elpc-youtube>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Taizé Services Remain in Sanctuary

Our weekly Taizé prayer service will gather in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. Join us as we utilize this beautiful space to continue building upon the historic tradition of Taizé at ELPC. In-person attendance is welcome, and no pre-registration is necessary.

Garden Stewards Needed

Any day and time at your convenience

We are seeking volunteer *Garden Stewards* to weed independently in the ELPC gardens! Once you sign up online at signupgenius.com/go/9040849ACAD29A0FE3-garden, Megan Leisher will contact you. You can come as little or as often as you'd like. Even 30 minutes helps! Contact Megan with any questions (MeganL@coh.net).

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Summer Gathering

Tuesday, July 20 from Noon-1 pm

Please join Presbyterian Women on Zoom to explore "Women in the Church, Then and Now." Lyndsay Hardin Freeman's book [Bible Women](#) states that there are 93 women who speak in the Bible, 49 of whom are named. We will focus on both women in the New Testament and women leaders in the church since then. All women are invited to join. To participate, please email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

Sunday, July 25 at 11:30 am

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry as we share food and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. This month we will meet in person and via Zoom. Contact Wil Forrest for info and to attend (412.441.3800 x118; Wil@coh.net).

High School Mission Retreat

Tuesday–Friday, Aug 10–13

Youth who have completed grade 8 or higher are invited to join us for our High School Mission Retreat at Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock. We'll enjoy a combination of service projects around the camp, worship and Bible study, and a lot of group fun after being apart for so long. We will be using Crestfield's space but planning our own schedule, meals, and worship. Register at ELPC.church or contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

In Pursuit of Silence | Film Viewing and Conversation

Saturday, Aug 14 from 7–9 pm

In Pursuit of Silence is a documentary that meditatively explores our relationship with silence, sound, and the impact of noise on our lives. Beginning with an ode to John Cage's groundbreaking composition, 4'33", the film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe—from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of the loudest city on the planet, Mumbai, during the wild festival season—and inspires us to experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world. RSVP to Norma by Friday, Aug 13 (412.441.3800 x111).

CHILL OUT! Next Sunday, July 25th, after the Garth worship service, you are invited to a social time, complete with some Rita's Ice.

Drop by at the Penn Avenue entry to catch up with one another about summer plans, going maskless, or whatever catches your fancy.

Sponsored by Membership and Outreach.

Soul Food Summer Classes

Sundays at 8:45 am

Join us this summer as we conclude our discussion of *In My Grandmother's House: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit* by Yolanda Pierce. We will discuss chapter 11 on Sunday, July 25, and chapter 12 on Sunday, Aug 22. All sessions will meet on Zoom at 8:45 am. Weekday make-up sessions will be scheduled for those who cannot participate on these scheduled days. For more info, contact the Rev. Joe Hajdu (hajdu625@comcast.net).



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Letter-Writing Session

Sunday, July 18

The ELPC Justice Committee invites you to participate in a justice-related letter writing opportunity following the 10 am worship service in the Fellowship Room and on Zoom.

Join us today, Sunday, July 18 (PA HB 279: Allow Undocumented PA Residents to secure a Driver's License). For more info, contact Vivienne Selia (vselia@comcast.net).

Zoom info: www.zoom.us, Meeting ID: 834 2558 5198, Passcode: 720864.

Experience Yoga and JourneyDance at Home

Weekly classes

Yamuna Morgenstern is offering online Yoga classes on Wednesdays from 6–7 pm, as well as JourneyDance classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 am, as well as on the third Friday of every month at 7 pm.

2021 CONSPIRE Conference Simulcast

September 24-26

Over the weekend of Sept. 24–26, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a virtual simulcast of the Center for Action and Contemplation's CONSPIRE Conference, *Me/Us/the World: Living Inside God's Great Story*.

In this time of great unknowing, how do we expand our sense of self to include love, healing, and forgiveness—not just for ourselves and those like us, but for the entire world? Join spiritual seekers across the world for an interactive, global gathering to experience God's love, grace, and compassion. Presenters include James Finley, Barbara Holmes, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr, and Mirabai Starr.

Learn more at www.cac.org/conspire-2021.



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#49—THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
 2 Your spir-it still flows free, high surg-ing where it will.
 3 Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
 4 You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es-tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
 We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.
 deep writ up-on the hu-man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

#814—IN GOD ALONE (*sing 3x*)

In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

This prayer response based on Psalm 62:1, 5 comes from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France (see also no. 843). It is intended for repeated singing in either language (or both). It can also be used effectively as a recurring congregational response in a series of prayers.

#321— THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

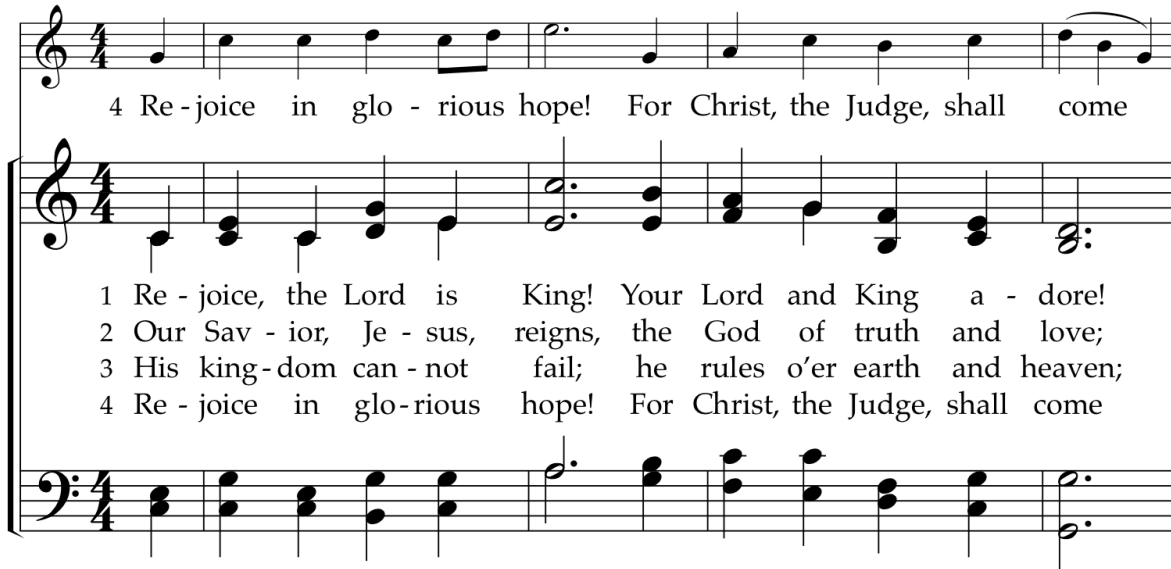
She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

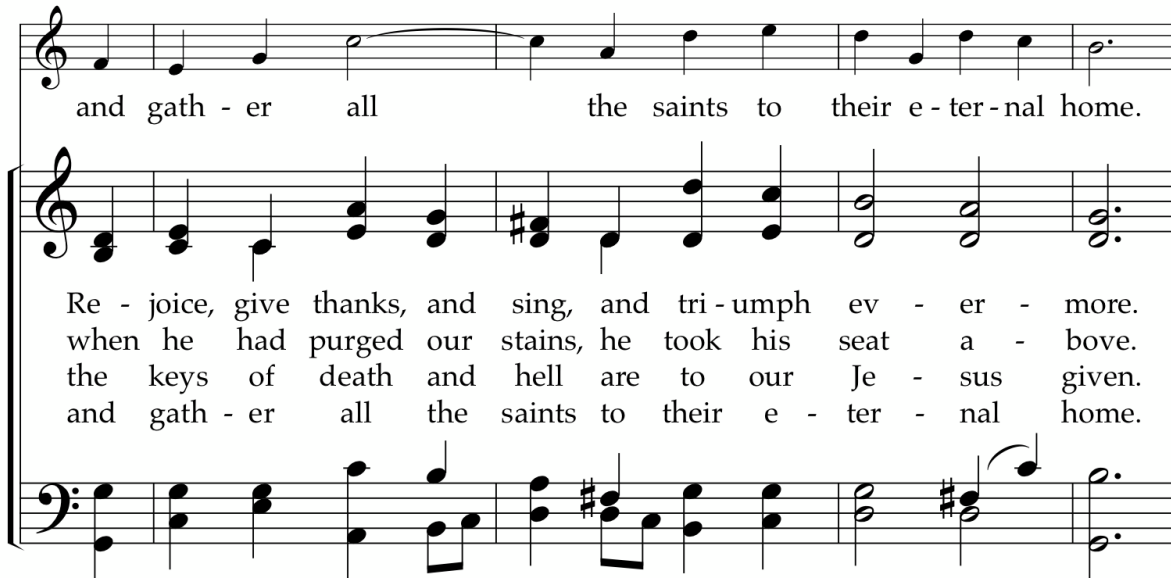
This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

#363— REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!




4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

#350—KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

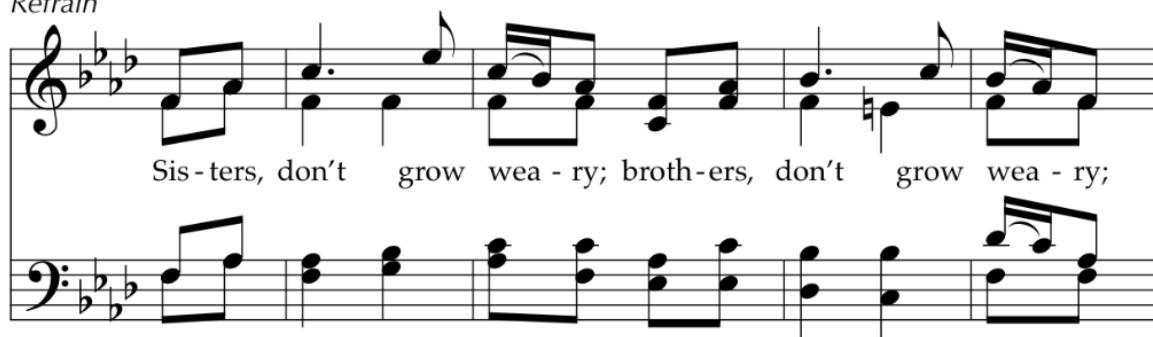


lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

#492—YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

In the rite of baptism provided in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* this text appears as one of the optional congregational responses after each person is baptized. It represents an adaptation of recurring scriptural images and closely resembles the language of Galatians 3:27 and 29.

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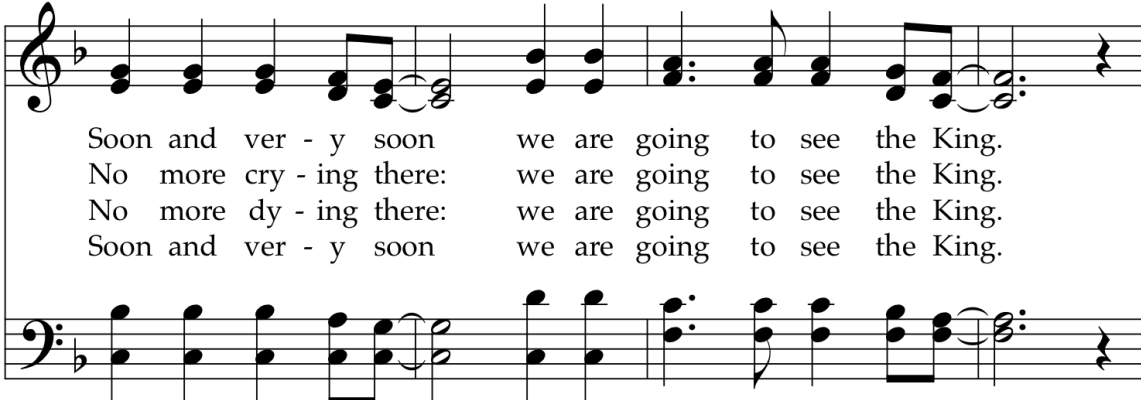
YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

Irregular

#384—SOON AND VERY SOON



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.