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**Sunday, June 16, 2024  
10:00AM  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**                      God's Gonna Build Up Zion's Wall                      arr. Jester Hairston  
                                    Combined Chancel and Gospel Choirs

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (based on Ezekiel 17: 22-24)

God takes a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar,  
and plants it on a high mountain

**in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit  
and become a noble cedar.**

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

**God welcomes. God loves. God provides.**

**Gospel Praise**                      City Called Heaven  
                                            Gospel Choir

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, you know all things and see all things.  
You know our shortcomings and you know our falls.  
Lord, we have sinned against you in our thoughts,  
in our words, and with our deeds. Forgive us.**

Lord, do not remember our mistakes but make your grace known to us.  
Help us to walk in your ways and lift us up no matter  
how often we fall. Lord, you are always loving, always  
welcoming, and always forgiving.  
We are prodigal children who wander astray but you race  
out to embrace us no matter how far we've wandered.  
Embrace us now, Lord, and lead us from darkness into the light.  
Amen.

## **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

### **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

### **Response AAHH #321**

### **Spirit Song**

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life, and make you whole.

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **First Reading**

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

### **Anthem**

I Dream a World  
Chancel Choir

André Thomas

### **Second Reading**

Mark 4:26-34

## Message

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith (from the Belhar Confession)**

**We believe,  
that God has entrusted the church with the message of  
reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church  
is called to be the salt of the earth and light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the  
new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**That God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers  
of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,  
bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will  
enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new  
possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**That the credibility of this message is seriously affected and  
its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land  
which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced  
separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates  
alienation, hatred and enmity.**

**That any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced  
separation by appeal to the gospel and is not prepared to venture  
on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather,  
out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in  
advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be  
considered ideology and false doctrine.**

**\*Hymn GTG #694**

**Great God of Every Blessing**

**Camp Staff Commissioning**

## Call to Offering

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

## Invitation to Offering

**Organ Offertory**      Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing    arr. Michael Burkhardt

**\*Doxology GTG #606**    Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
                                 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.

## Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

#### 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever, Amen.**

### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #371**      Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

## Benediction

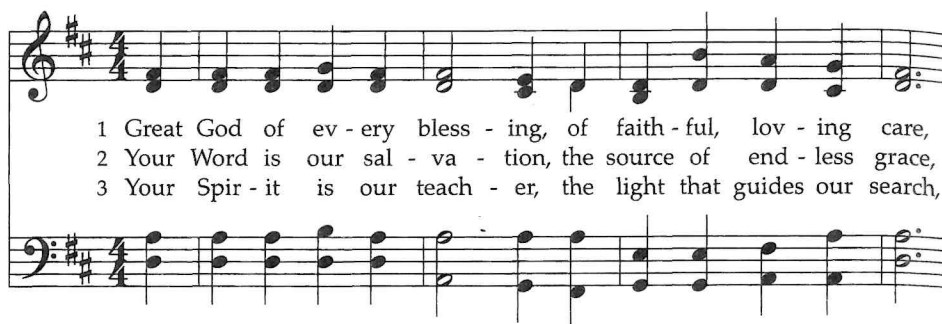
### Postlude

Processional

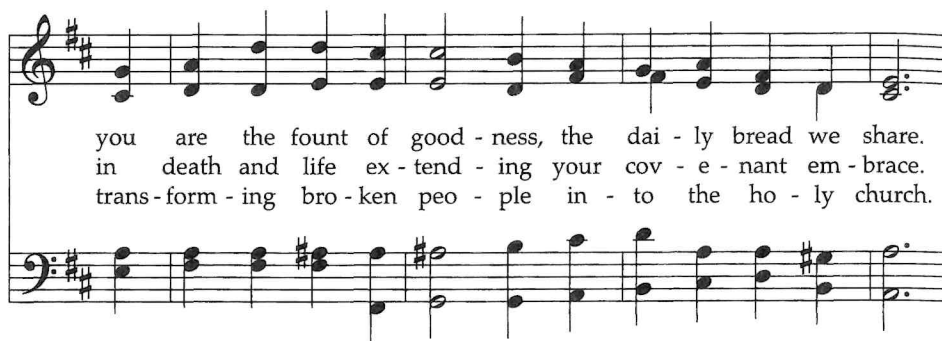
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*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.*

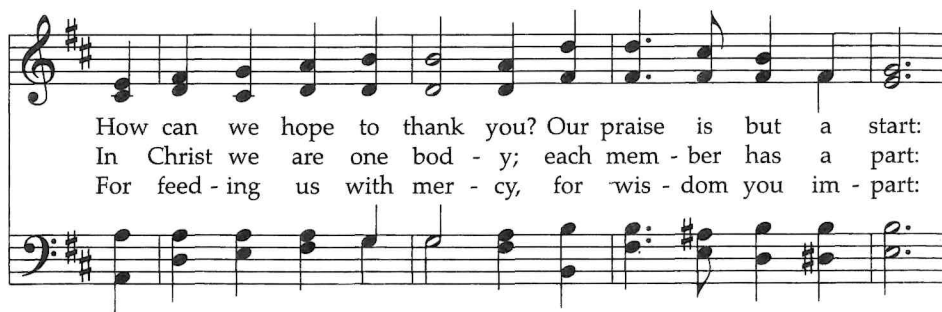
# 694 Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

# 371 LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

*Upon You I have leaned from my birth; it was You who took me from my mother's womb.*

*Psalms 71:6*

1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine,  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

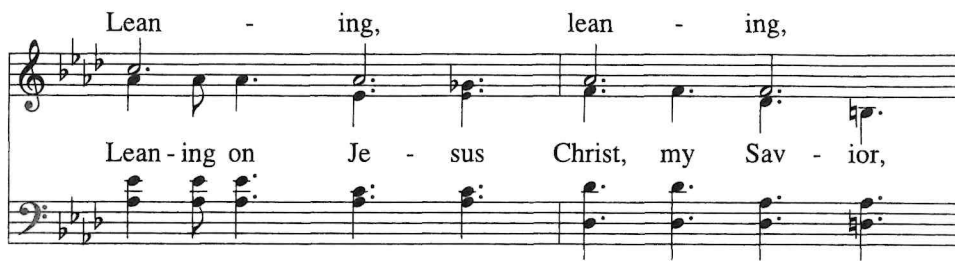
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 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;  
 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?

What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

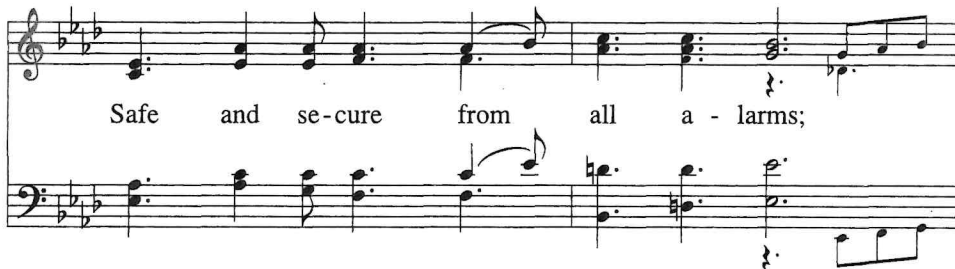
Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing,

Lean - ing on Je - sus Christ, my Sav - ior,

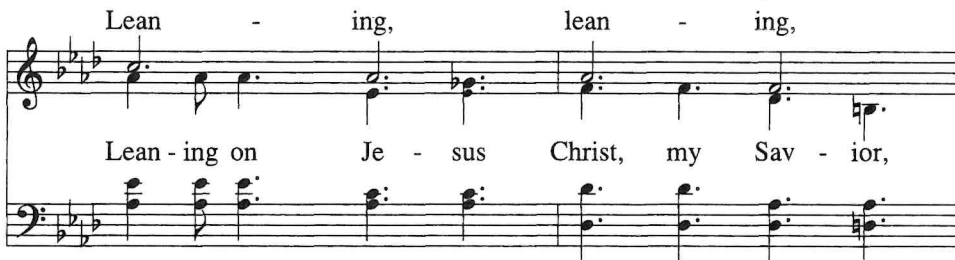


Safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing, lean - ing,

Lean - ing on Je - sus Christ, my Sav - ior,



Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

