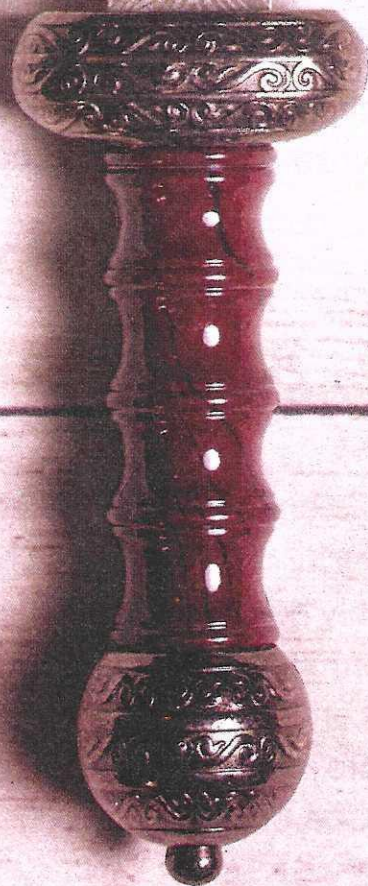


I have not come
to bring peace,
but a sword





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“Where the Love of Christ is Shared ”

Visitors: Please introduce yourself to the Pastor. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

July 2, 2023

About the Cover: We are easily astonished by Jesus' words of sword instead of peace. The apparent severity of Jesus' words reveals the dividing line that cuts through earthly bonds of this life, even that of family. Peace with God will mean enmity with the world. But this shows us the importance of what He has come to bring to all who believe in Him. He alone brings forgiveness, life, and salvation. In Him, we are members of the eternal family of God.

Peace in the World

Proper 8 (Pentecost 5) July 2, 2023

As We Gather

Peace in our time would be a wonderful thing to experience, as countless things in life are anything but peaceful. From our stresses and circumstances to the sins that surround us and others, can peace ever be attained? It is not from lack of trying. Politicians attempt to create and even make promises of peace, relationships that were strained can become mended, and turmoil can be overcome at times. But does it last? We know in this world it doesn't, but there is a peace that does last. Jeremiah is inspired to speak of false peace among his people, but only the Lord can truly bring it. As the Paul writes about the anything-but-peaceful lives of sin, we are reminded of peace that only comes from God's forgiveness in Christ. Even as Jesus speaks of the sword He comes to bring, it doesn't bring "peace on earth." As we hear God's Word, may we be drawn today and always to a peace that is beyond our understanding come by and through Christ's victory for us as we await eternal joys in Him.

PREPARATION

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

sts. 1-2

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
 "All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
 Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

- 2 "I am the light, I light the way,
 A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
 I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Matthew 10:39–40

P Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today's Gospel, "Whoever finds his life will lose it,

C **and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**

P "Whoever receives you receives Me,

C **and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me."**

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

st. 3

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,

My soul with love is glowing;

And gracious words My lips express,

With meekness overflowing.

My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,

To God I yield, on Him I call.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96 Text: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 16:24; 22:37; Mark 12:30–31

P You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

C **We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.**

P You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

C **We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserves Your present and eternal punishment.**

P You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

**C We have often failed to take up Christ's cross in our daily living,
our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.**

P As we follow in repentance and humbleness,

**C 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.**

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st. 4

**4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-96; Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695 Text: Public domain

**P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in
Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and
bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this
good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ.**

C Amen.

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

st. 5

**5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624-77; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-96 Text: Public domain

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 7:1–13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual and Verse

Romans 11:33, 36; Matthew 10:39

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

P Alleluia. Whoever finds his life will lose it,

C **and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Sermon

Not Peace, But a Sword

Matthew 10:34-42

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and 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 men 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I 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 I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Oh That The Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB 707

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the people of God and for all people according to their needs. Ever-gracious Lord, You have blessed us with time, talents, and abilities to serve others in various vocations. You have also given us the privilege of serving You. As we continue in the joyful job of following You, witnessing Your truth, and living faithfully with Your Word as our guide, grant us continued confidence in Your presence, Your promises, and Your ultimate peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ever-present Lord, we know in this world we will have trouble. Our Savior speaks of divisions and disturbances even among those closest to us as we bear the name of Your beloved children. In times of trial, grant us a sure faith in Christ's redemptive work accomplished for us. Even as the sword divides, Your cross brings peace for those who believe that You have overcome this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ever-providing Lord, You have given us all we need for this body and this life, and have placed authorities over us for order and peace. Even as peace in this world is challenged through wars, skirmishes, and cultural clashes, we have been given a peace beyond all understanding through You. For this nation, we give thanks for the freedoms we are blessed to have as we recognize Independence Day soon. Give safety to all who travel and peace for all who gather. Grant that we appreciate our citizenship here, while also awaiting our true citizenship in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Ever-comforting Lord, so many around us seek peace of mind, peace of soul, and peace of body, including those near and dear to us who have asked for our prayers, [*especially . . .*]. In times of fears, questions, and uncertainty, give Your peace, answers, and confidence according to Your will that hope and comfort be found in You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

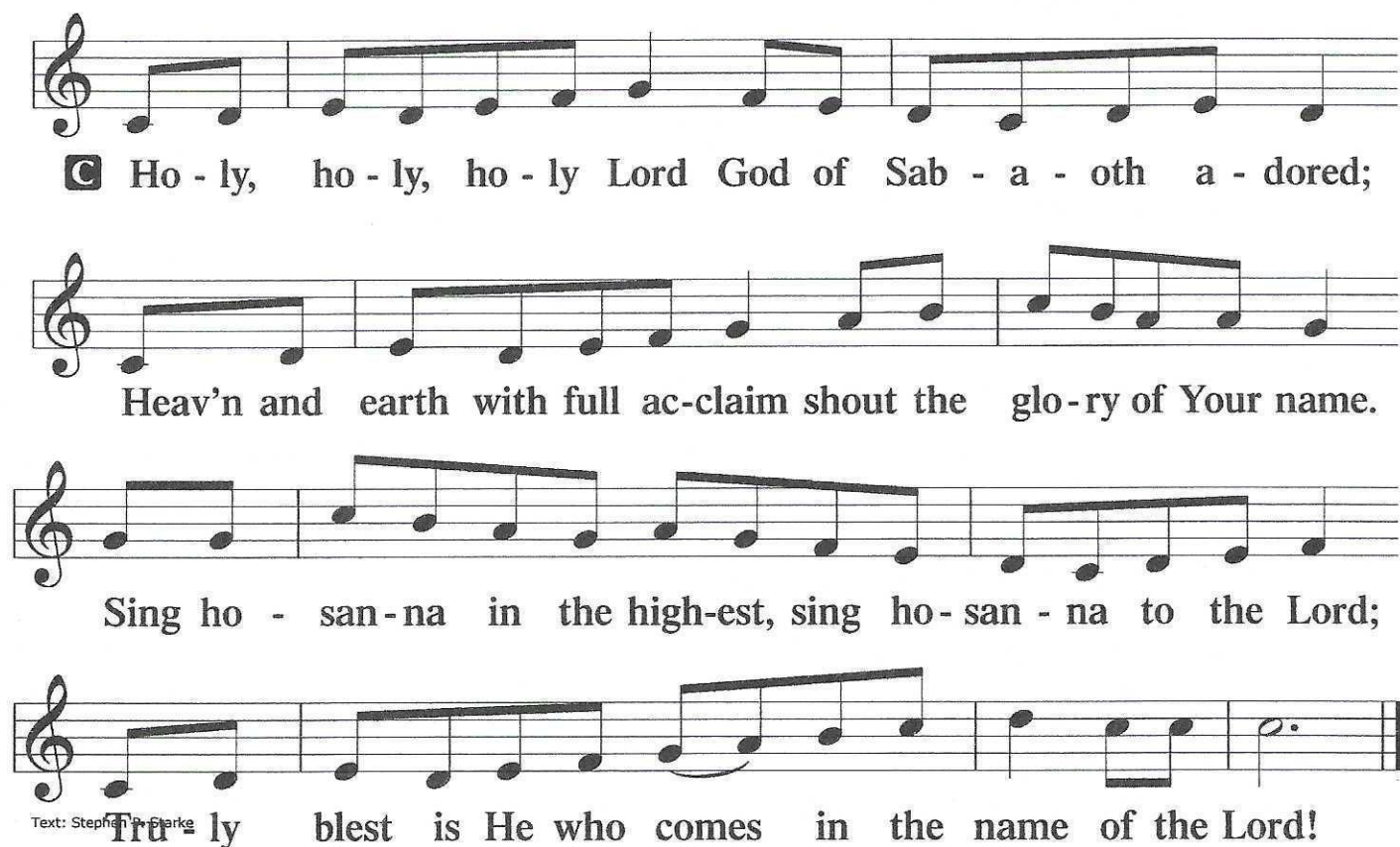
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P 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:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen W. Clarke

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

Feed Us Now	BOB 53
Shine Jesus Shine	BOB 204
Peace Be Yours	BOB 183

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.

Closing Sentences

Matthew 10:39–40

P “Whoever finds his life will lose it,

C and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

P “Whoever receives you receives Me,

C and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P As we follow our Lord, and as we with joy go to the jobs He would have us do, the Lord goes with you.

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.

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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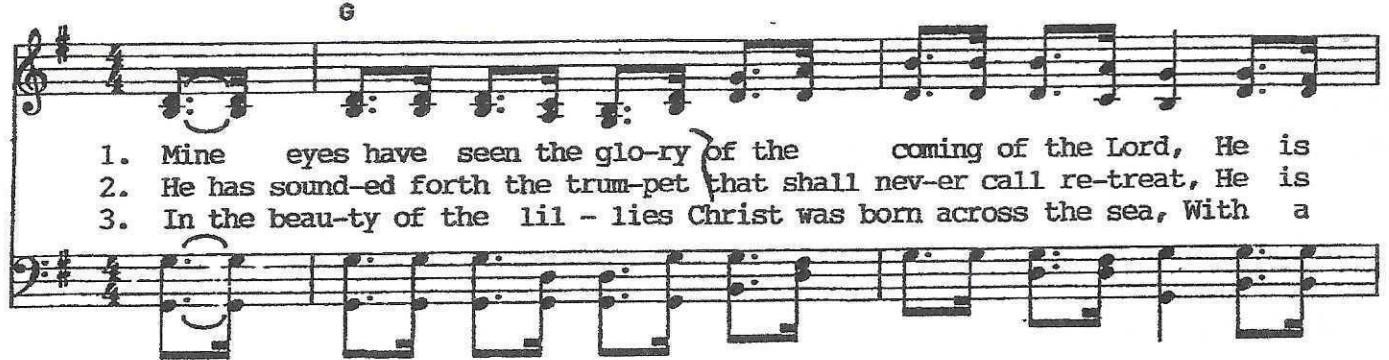
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Julia Ward Howe

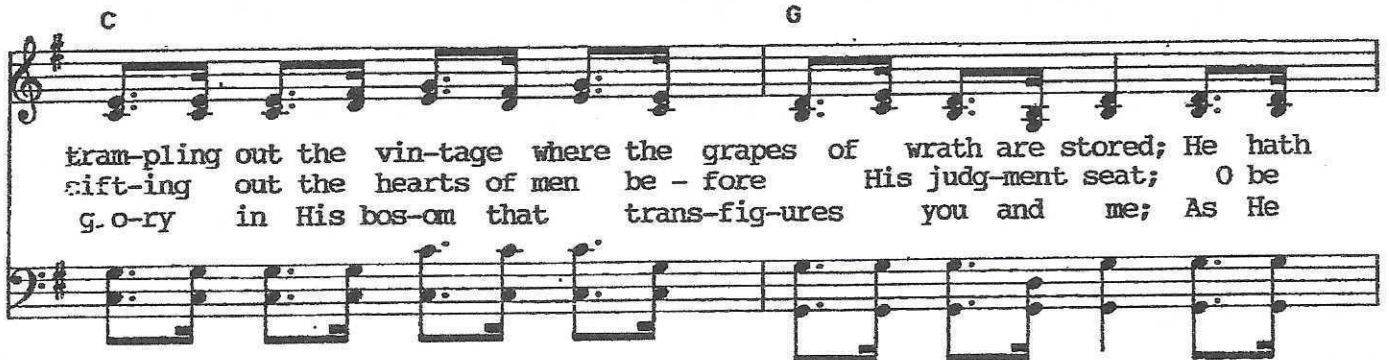
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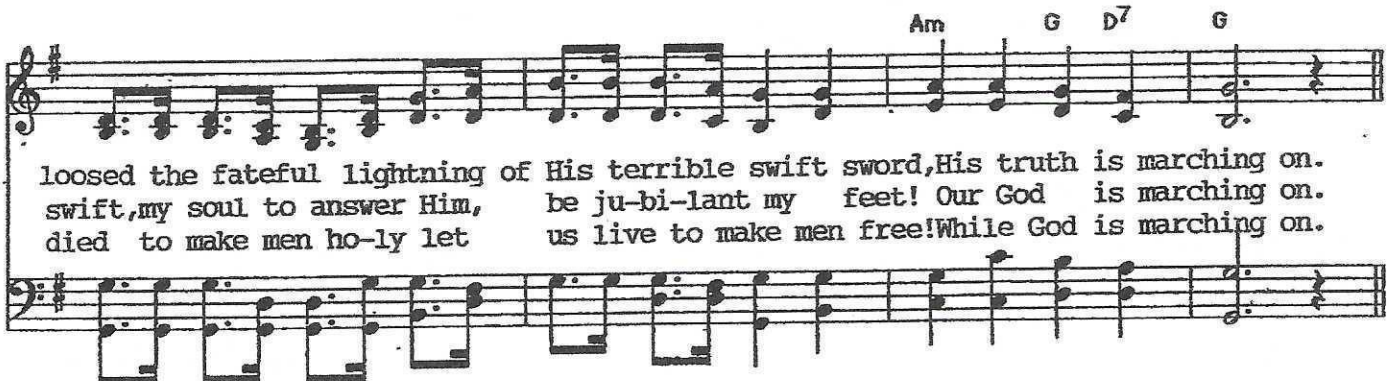
1. Mine eyes have seen the glo-ry of the coming of the Lord, He is
2. He has sound-ed forth the trum-pet that shall nev-er call re-treat, He is
3. In the beau-ty of the lil - lies Christ was born across the sea, With a

C G



tram-pling out the vin-tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath
sift-ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg-ment seat; O be
g.o-ry in His bos-om that trans-fig-ures you and me; As He

Am G D7 G



loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword, His truth is marching on.
swift, my soul to answer Him, be ju-bi-lant my feet! Our God is marching on.
died to make men ho-ly let us live to make men free! While God is marching on.

CHORUS C G



Glo-ry! glory! Hal-le - lu - jah! Glo- ry! glo-ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Am G D7 G



Glo-ry! glo-ry! Hal-le- lu - jah! His truth is march-ing on!

News and Events for the Week

Ladies Prayer Breakfast Ladies prayer breakfast is taking place at Magic's Pizza in Selah, first Saturday of the Month in August at 10:00 AM. Feel free to bring friends. If you have any questions as contact Teri Sanchez at (509)728-4710. No breakfast in July.

Lyso's Farwell Pot Luck after service July 9th

- No Women's Bible Study at Bethlehem until September
 - No Men's Breakfast Until September.
- Stephen Ministry – Anyone needing a Stephen Minister please contact Glenn Stocker.

Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone that has donated to the quilts fund. We are donating \$400.00 to the Union Gospel Mission & \$400.00 to the Selah Food Bank.

The Quilters will take a break for the summer and resume in September.

Peace Quilters.

Quilts of Valor

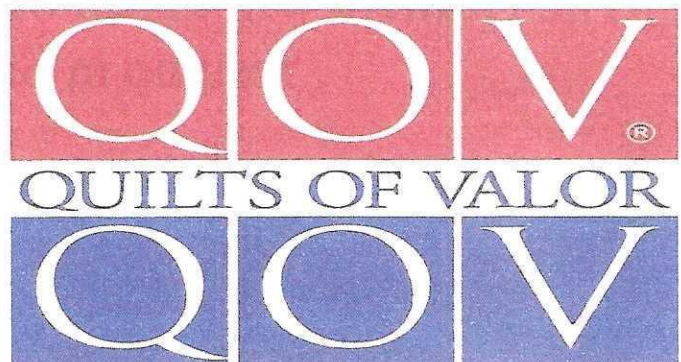
September 30th..... Fundraising Event for Yakima Quilts of Valor Group.

- **Start Saving your items to gift to our group for this event!**
- **Your gifts that are sold at this fundraiser will help fund our group's efforts to purchase batting, fabrics and supplies for our mission of covering members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.**
- **Setup starts at 9:00 a.m. Bring your tables and items priced. The sale starts at 10:00 a.m. All remaining items, that are not picked up, will be gifted to a charitable organization. Will need help loading any items not sold!**
- **Location: Back parking lot of Bethlehem Church, 801 Tieton Drive. If you have questions, call, Sharena Sanders, our Fundraiser Coordinator, at 937-631-7144. Thank you for your gifts. Mark your calendars!**

Thank You.

Best regards,

Shirleen Wilhelm



Membership Covenant

In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.
2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.
3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"
4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.
5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."
6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.
7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.
8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.
9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation

In our prayers we pray especially for:

- Peace and Harmony in our church.
- Unspoken Prayers
- Eric Ragot his cancer is spreading.
- Donna Hull has Pneumonia and failing health (Mother of Howard Hull)
- Adrinia battling with Cancer. (Co-worker of Carol Groth)
- Safe Travels for Rick , Teri, and Savannah Sanchez , they are traveling to California for 2 weeks.
- Jackie Henneghan Has cancer of the mouth.
- Cheryl Doyle is having open heart surgery.

For our loved ones with cancer:

Mary Ackerman, Joe Koreis, Lisa McCloud, Rachel Snyder, Barb Peter, Louise, Julie Colgan, Eric Ragot, Jaclyn Freeborn, Robert Phillips.

Reader: Braden Green

Ushers: Harlan & Mary Lyso

Elder: Steven Sinclair

Guest Pastor: Mark Griesse

Next Week 7/9/2023

Reader: Sharon Green

Ushers: Braden & Sharon Green

Lay Minister/Elder Glen Stocker

And Harlan Lyso

Attendance :

June 25,2023 46

Offerings:

\$ 635.00



Randy Bicsak 7/4
Sandy Phelps 7/7

Larry & Linda Smith 7/9 (57 years)