

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

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## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

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**GATHERING MUSIC** *In Nomine* Richard Alwood  
*Voluntary in d* Samuel Long

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**PRELUDE** *Festival Prelude on "All Hail the Power"* Elizabeth A. Krouse

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 1) Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: Happy are those whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

**People: and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,

**People: and their leaves do not wither.**

**All: In all that they do, they prosper.**

**HYMN No. 263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* *Coronation*

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!*

**CONFESSION OF SIN** John Weicher

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Katy Loebrich

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: God of power and love,  
you raised Jesus from death to life,  
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation.  
Free the world to rejoice in his peace.  
to glory in his justice  
and to live by his love.  
Unite all humankind to Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**PSALM READING**

Psalm 1

Katy Loebrich

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 1:15-17,21-26

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Susan Dunlap

**HYMN No. 321** (verses 1-2)

*The Church's One Foundation*

*Aurelia*

(Trumpeters: Alex Fioto and Kent Foss)

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)

From *A Declaration of Faith*

Mindy Douglas

**The Word which was with God**

**from the beginning**

**was embodied in Jesus Christ.**

**We hold that what God says to us**

**and does for us**

**centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord**

**as he is remembered, known, and expected.**

In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:  
by grace through faith  
we are set right with God,  
adopted as children of God,  
not because of anything we have done,  
but because of what Christ has done.

In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out:  
to love God and neighbor as he did  
is what God requires of us.

The Spirit adds no different Word from God,  
but leads us deeper  
into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Mindy Douglas

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weicher

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.

HYMN No. 321 (verses 4,5) *The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Susan Dunlap

Leader: We praise you, great God,  
for you are ruler of the universe,  
and have sent your Son to be King of kings.

All: **We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of the world,  
and governs the nations in justice and righteousness.**

Leader: We celebrate his victory  
in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension  
to honor and might at your side.

**All: By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty,  
as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom.  
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Susan Dunlap

**POSTLUDE**

*Teo Gracias*

Charles Callahan

**First Presbyterian Church** welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On May 9, 77 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Allen Verhey** by his wife **Phyllis**, his children, and his grandchildren.

**Many thanks** to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck**, for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the images accompanying today's online service.

Today's **worship texts** are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (1993) and *Book of Common Prayer*. **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

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### ~ **Our Celebrations and Concerns** ~

**CELEBRATION:** Congratulations to **Virginia Horne** on her engagement to **Parker Wethington**.

**CONCERNS:**

**Laurie Anderson**, niece of Mary Jo Keenan

**Lori Griffin**, great niece of Jeanne Hervey

**Recovering at their homes**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Ruth Roberson**

**Margaret Sims**

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

The Laurels of Chatham County: **Ann Prospero**

**Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

**Carolyn Bonner**, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

**Flora Estrella**, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Phil Goss**, a friend of the congregation

**Ashok Kumar**, co-worker of Torrell Armstrong

**Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Ed Overton and wife Abby**, friends of Doug Butler

**Shannon Putman**, daughter of Mary Putman

**Carlton Rounds' mother**, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson

**Sharyl**, Kerry Holbrook's friend

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## **Congratulations to Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham**

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church (TAPC) in Durham celebrates their 100-year anniversary TODAY with a special pre-recorded worship service (<https://www.trinityave.org/worship>).

The church that would become TAPC began in 1894 as a Sunday school for cotton mill workers and their children. With the help of Rev. L.B. Turnbull of First Presbyterian in Durham, it quickly became the Pearl Mill Chapel (1895) and later Second Presbyterian Church (1902). With a weak financial situation and participation dwindling, the Presbytery dissolved Second Presbyterian in 1920. However, a loyal remnant kept meeting for Sunday school and prayer and in 1921 organized a week-long revival meeting (May 9-17). It was there on May 16, after the preaching of the evangelist Rev. O.G. Jones, that 70 people decided to officially reorganize as Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. TAPC gives thanks for the commitment and sacrifice of First Presbyterian for helping bring TAPC to where it is now. To read more about TAPC's founding and history, visit their website at:

<https://www.trinityave.org/history>

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### **Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost Sunday**

**Wear Pentecost colors**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated**

**Ordination and installation of new officers during worship**

**The PCUSA Pentecost Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday**

This offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start - a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. The local church and community keep **40%** of the offering to develop and support programs for young people; **25%** goes to Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), **25%** supports ministries with youth; **10%** is devoted to children-at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens. You can give online now to this special offering via the church website (click [DONATE](#)) or by text-giving (code: PENTECOST). You can also mail your offering to the church, memo: Pentecost.

## Calling all 2021 Graduates!



FPC will recognize graduates again this year with a "shout out" on **Sunday, June 6**. If you or someone in your family or household will be graduating from graduate school, college, or high school this spring, help us share the good news. Please submit graduate information (name, school, degree earned) to [Valerie](#); or leave the details via telephone at the church (919-682-5511); or text the full details to 919-215-3955. **The deadline for graduate information is May 31.**

*The Book of*  
**JOY**

First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
Durham

*Contact Mindy  
for more info.*

*His Holiness the*  
**DALAI LAMA**  
*Archbishop*  
**DESMOND TUTU**  
*with*  
**DOUGLAS ABRAMS**

**Book Study.**  
Tuesdays,  
6:15 pm  
Beginning  
April 27

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430970980>

### Spring Book Study

#### The Book of Joy

by Dalai Lama and  
Desmond Tutu

**Tuesdays  
at 6:15 p.m.**

Mindy Douglas  
leads the study.

Click [here](#) to join the  
discussion via Zoom.

### First Friends Fellowship Event "Picnic Potluck"

**Saturday, May 22 starting at 5:30 p.m.**

Outdoors if it isn't raining.

**[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. (Limited to 12 people)**

**HOSTS: Jane Wettach and Paul Baldasare**

**We will provide ham biscuits; guests should bring "picnic" sides or dessert.**

Footloose and fancy free?

Not checking someone's homework or doing their laundry?



**WE WANT YOU** to join us at  
**Durham Central Park**  
**Thursday, May 27 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

**BRING:**

Dinner from home or order ahead from [Durham Food Hall](#)

Camp chair or blanket

A response to: *I've always wanted to ask...  
(but didn't think I could ask that in church)*

We'll stretch out on the lawn directly across from the  
food hall for conversation and fellowship.

Questions: [Mitzi Lesher-Thomas](#).

**HYGIENE KITS &  
IN-PERSON PICNIC**

Sunday, May 30  
4:30-5:30 pm @ FPC  
Service Project & BYO Picnic  
See Email for Kit Items

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MINISTRIES  
OF DURHAM

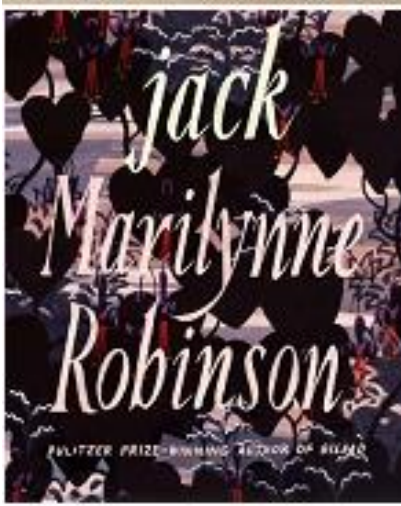
FOOD, SHELTER AND A FUTURE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - LOVE IN THE HEART OF DURHAM

The poster features a photograph of people packing supplies into cardboard boxes. The background is a mix of blue and green with pink flowers at the bottom. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large orange circle containing the date and time.

### **Hygiene Kits & In-Person Picnic**

Join us on Memorial Day Sunday, May 30, as we love our neighbors and reconnect with each other. We are collecting and assembling items for hygiene kits that our friends at Urban Ministries will distribute. (See this Amazon wish list for the specifics: [Amazon.com](#)) After we're done, there will be yard games and a bring-your-own picnic on the back lawn. **If you're in town, join us on May 30, 4:30-5:30 pm.** If not, or if you're not ready to, you can drop off contributions at the church on Monday, May 24 and Friday, May 28. You are also welcome to assemble kits at home and drop them off.



## Spring Fellowship / Book Discussion

Love Marilynne Robinson? Join *Bert Clere* at Ponysaurus Brewing Co. at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, June 6** for a discussion of her latest book, *Jack*. Participation is limited to 10 people. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. We ask that attendees wear masks and practice social distancing.



**Order yours while supplies last!**

Pandemic life at FPC has taught us two very important fashion lessons. One is that quality masks can say a lot about a person. And the other is from style icon Kathy Parkins – socks complete any ensemble. Building on those lessons, the youth of the church are holding a socks and mask fundraiser. **All proceeds go to benefit the food pantry of Iglesia Emanuel**, whose ministry has been vital to the Durham community during these last 14 months.

***Between now and next Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday), please click on the links below to order a FPC mask and/or FPC socks.*** Because of the pandemic, we've chosen to have items delivered directly to you for a small shipping fee, instead of picking them up at the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [John Weicher](#). Thanks for your support.

Love in the Heart of Durham, **The Youth Ministry Committee**

[Masks Link](#)

[Socks Link](#)





**North Carolina Council of Churches**

Strength in Unity, Peace through Justice



## **Theirs is the Kingdom Screening & Panel Discussion**

[Register Here](#)

**Works-in-Progress**

**Screening available now**

**through Tuesday, May 18**

**Panel Discussion: Tuesday, May 18, 6-7 p.m.**

At the intersection of faith and art, a new documentary called "Theirs Is The Kingdom" follows the rare creation of a fresco mural painted inside the sanctuary of the Haywood Street Congregation in Asheville, NC. This is a painting not of the rich and powerful, but of people battling homelessness, addiction, and mental illness. **You can watch an exclusive 12-minute "sneak peek" clip [here](#); use the password "fresco."** The panel discussion will feature Reverend Brian Combs, founding pastor of Haywood Street Congregation, Jeannette, one of the models in the fresco, and Christina Carnes Ananias, a candidate for the Th.D. at the Divinity School, Duke University, whose research focuses on the particular contributions that modernist and contemporary visual art bring to the practice of theology.

## Durham Congregations in Action ZOOM FORUM



**Tuesday, May 18 at 12:00 noon**

### **WHAT'S GOING ON: The Impact of George Floyd's Murder One Year Later.**

Please join us next Tuesday, May 18 for a forum considering the impact of the murder of George Floyd. There will be a panel of four religious leaders offering the impact of his death on them and their congregation. Panel members will be:

**Imam Abdul Waheed- Masjid Muhammed**  
**Pastor Mindy Douglas - First Presbyterian Church**  
**Rabbi Matt Soffer - Judea Reform Congregation**  
**Rector Stephanie Yancy - St. Titus Episcopal Church**

### **ZOOM INFORMATION:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83582947053?pwd=bEw2MUJXYXRiZUZ2UEVhOWRTUUtOUT09>

**Meeting ID: 835 8294 7053**

**Passcode: 562142**

**Dial by your location**

**+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)**

**+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)**

### **Bringing It Home**

### **Racial Equity Team Webinar**

**Thursday, May 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

The **Racial Equity Team of New Hope Presbytery** will host its 4th webinar, "*Bringing it Home*," on May 20. This webinar will focus on phases of becoming anti-racist congregations, the tools for intentional change, and the transforming power of the Spirit via storytelling. Testimonials will come from **Vernon Cooper** and **David Remington** of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church and **Rev. Reynolds Chapman**, executive director of DurhamCares. [\*\*Register now!\*\*](#)



Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4-6, for now on zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation. Here are our speakers for the remainder of May and early June:

May 18	Donna Kaye	Keeping Your Loved Ones Close While Saying Yes to Life
May 25	To be announced	
June 1	David Franzen	How do I know if getting professional care is needed?

To register for one of these zoom meetings, please contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) by 8 am on the Monday before the meeting.



### **ORDER BY MONDAY noon (May 17)**

### **FOR FRIDAY (May 28) DISTRIBUTION.**

[John Fricks](#) (919-490-0601) is taking orders for 1-lb bags (\$10 each; make check payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo “coffee”) of Café Justo ([www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.org)). The beans will be roasted in Agua Prieta NEXT week (Wednesday or Thursday) and be at John’s house by Friday May 28 (or sooner).

John will distribute orders from his home on Pinafore Dr, or, if you wish, from the church foyer. Distribution at the church will be on Friday and Monday, during staff office hours (so that a staff person can open the door for you). Let John know what option works best for you. When placing your order, specify how many bags (one-pound bags, freshly roasted, \$10 each), and specify the process (**CAF** or **DECAF**), the grind (**WHOLE BEAN** or **GROUND**), and the roast (**MEDIUM** or **DARK**).

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- caf, whole bean, dark roast
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Café' Justo is an income security project launched with a grant from the Presbyterian Self Development of People fund. It is affiliated with Frontera de Cristo ([www.facebook.com/fronteradecristo](http://www.facebook.com/fronteradecristo)), a Presbyterian Border Ministry located in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, and Douglas, Arizona.

## **Volunteers needed at Urban Ministries**

For years, FPC has committed to provide volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries of Durham. Even through the pandemic, members of FPC have faithfully served as volunteers. If you are fully vaccinated and can serve again, please know that you are needed. As always, only volunteer when you are comfortable doing so. If you are available to serve in the month of May, contact [Jen McGonigle](mailto:Jen.McGonigle@umdurham.org) to sign up or call her at 202-421-5870. Click this link: <https://umdurham.org/get-involved/opportunities.html> to see other available opportunities.

## **Multiplying the Blessings**

At the Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry, we see miracles every week. We prepare for 550 families. 590 families show up, and there is enough food for all. Come, be part of the miracle at 2504 N. Roxboro. Join other volunteers for a 2-hour shift, bag rice and beans from home, donate food, or give a financial donation. Together, we will continue to spread God's love throughout our community in this most tangible way. To sign up for a 2-hour shift, click [here](#). To bag rice and beans from home, or donate food, click [here](#). To make a financial donation, go to [www.emanueldurham.org](http://www.emanueldurham.org) and click on donate." More questions? Contact [Margaret Rubiera](mailto:Margaret.Rubiera@umdurham.org).

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant



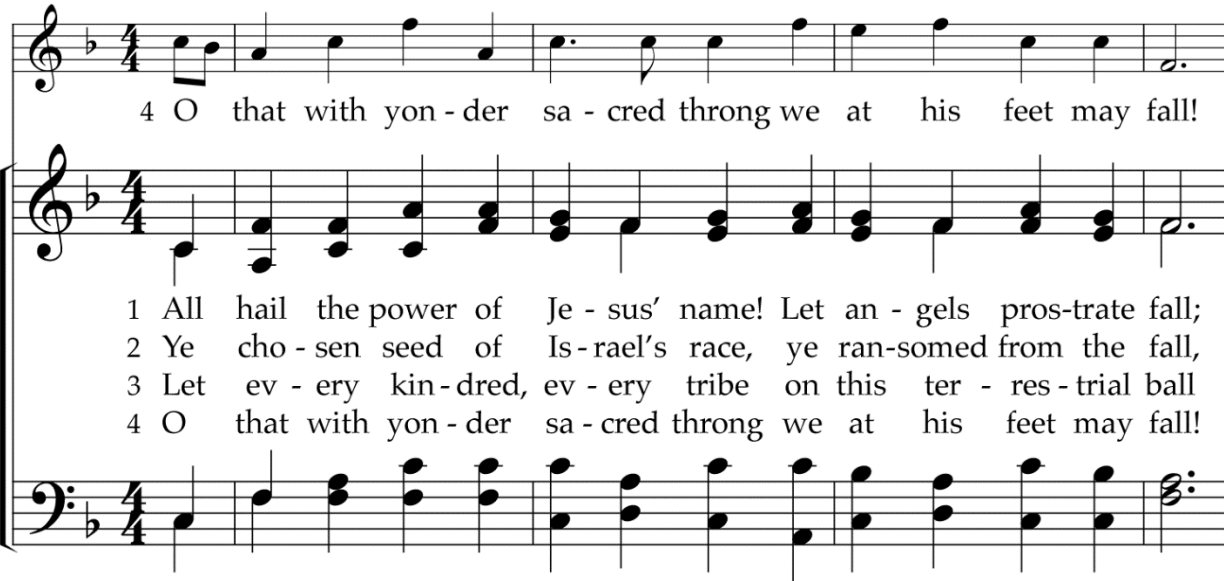
*Mitzi Lesher-Thomas*, Associate Pastor  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

**For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:**  
[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org) or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

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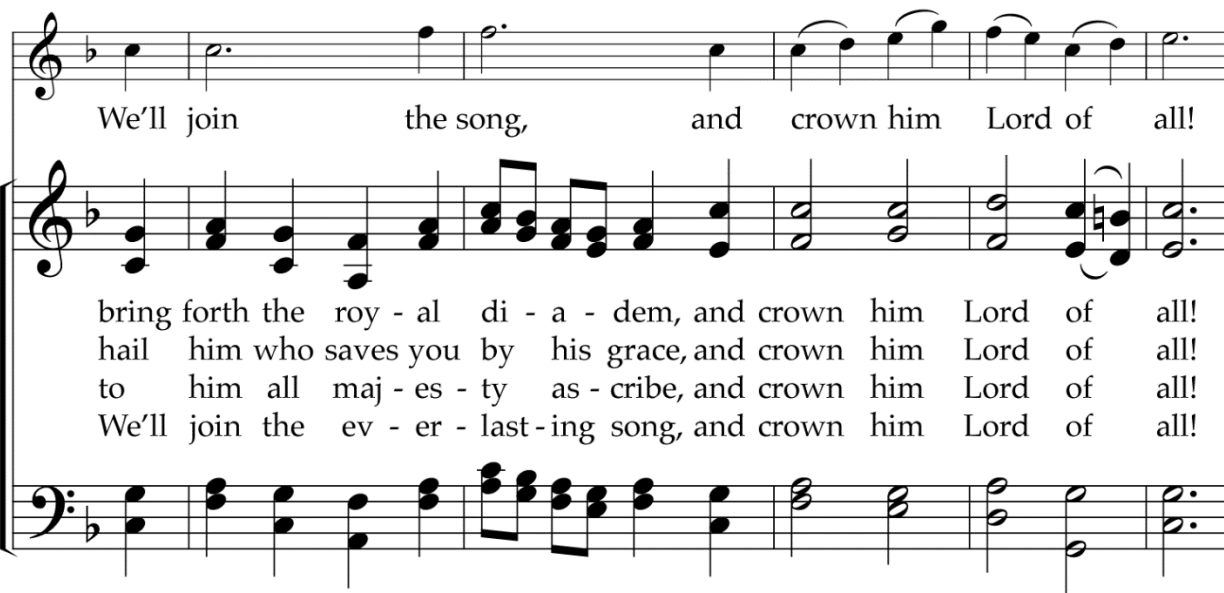
# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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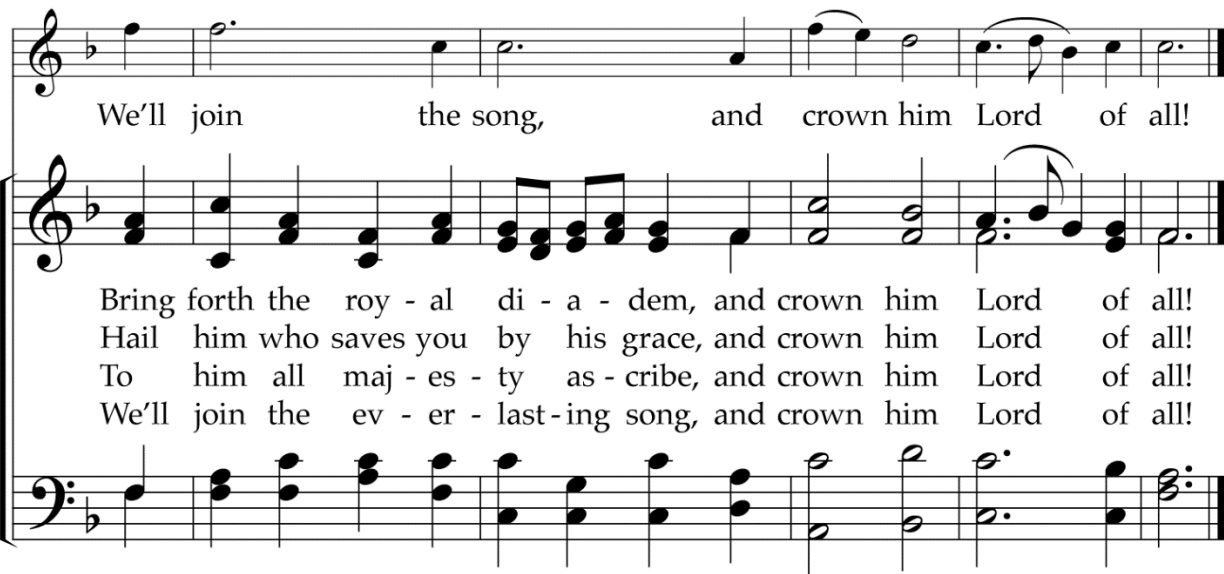
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!



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# The Church's One Foundation 321



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.

