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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



*“Then his father said, ‘Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.’”*  
Luke 15:31-32 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name; as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love; as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus’ name. Amen.* - From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* (p. 150). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. Kindle Edition.

### PRELUDE: *Come, Holy Spirit*

WILLIAM AND GLORIA GAITHER / ARR. FRED BOCK

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

*(Please take a moment to **socially distantly** share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

### \* GATHERING SONG: *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

GERON DAVIS

*We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are, broken and burdened,  
***and find healing in God’s goodness.***

Come as you are, gifted and beloved,  
***and find purpose in God’s calling.***

Come as you are, weary and wary,

**and find comfort in God's embrace.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

**and worship God with gladness.**

\* **OPENING HYMN #356:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 15:11-32**

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Holy God, Word Shaper: you are not angry at us, but you forgive us; you are not our enemy, but the One who runs towards us with wide open arms, throwing steaks on the grill to celebrate our newness!

***Jesus Christ, Shaper of our story: you travel to that distant country called our sin to bring us home once again; you share your inheritance with us so we might be blessed; you know the famine of our spirits and fill it with your hope.***

Holy Spirit, Life Shaper: surrounded by your grace, we offer glad cries of salvation; encircled by your constant love, we shout for joy; enclosed in your comforting arms, nothing can overwhelm us.

***God in Community, Holy in One, from now on we will remember our life in you.***

We know our faults -- the way we have treated others, our alienation from God, our unwillingness to be faithful people. We will not hide our sin or remain silent, but confess them to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love.

***On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make, but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.***

Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

***Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.***

\* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:** *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*  
*I feel better, so much better since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*  
*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

\* **SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE**

EXCERPTED FROM *THE CONFESSION OF 1967*

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

***We are a community of believers, called by God to WORSHIP, SERVE, TEACH, and SUPPORT.***

With the whole church, let us say what we believe.

***To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.***

**AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES**

**OFFERTORY:**

\* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices*

DWIGHT LILES

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*  
*Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives: they are yours: we are an offering.*  
*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*  
*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY #272:** *God of the Sparrow*

REEDER

*God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars*  
*How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise*  
*God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast*  
*How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save*  
*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave*  
*How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks*  
*God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal*  
*How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life*  
*God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook*  
*How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace*  
*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart*  
*How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.***

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Some Day*

CHARLES A. TINDLEY

SYLVESTER ALLEN, SOLOIST

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: ***The Digital Church: Remote Intimacy***

REV. JOHNSON

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Graphic #2

Graphic #3

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

## \* CLOSING HYMN #142: *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!*

## \* SENDING

God sends us forth,

***to be reconcilers of the broken and oppressed.***

Jesus, our Brother, sends us to welcome everyone.

***We will embrace the prodigals with joy, we will make a feast for all of God's people.***

The Spirit sends us with arms full of healing.

***We will go to bring hope to all we meet.***

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



# Our Faith Community @ Work

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041.

You can find us online through our website at [www.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

***“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”*** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**Audio Recordings** of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198). A **Video Recording** of our Facebook Live stream will be available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Next Sunday, **October 4<sup>th</sup> is World Communion Sunday**. We will join with our sisters and brothers from around the world in celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

We also rejoice that next **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> will be our first Sunday worshipping in person** in our beautiful sanctuary since March! Please see the letter that was mailed this past week, as well as the newsletter article as to our guidelines and policies for our return. We will continue to offer Zoom worship and Facebook Live as other options for those uneasy about returning in person.

Resources used in today’s worship:

- *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal
- *Feasting on the Word* Worship Companion (Year C, Volume 2)
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))
- *Call to Worship* worship resource

**Post-Sabbatical Sermon Series:** This morning we continue a six-week sermon series, sharing insights that John has gleaned through his sabbatical focus of study - The Digital Church. There is also a study component of this series, as those who are interested are invited to gather each Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour for a lively discussion of the book on which this series is based: *“Digital Disciple: Real Christianity in a Virtual World.”* The book is available on Amazon. Here are the themes for each Sunday during the series:

- Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>: *The Digital Church: Virtual People*
- Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: *The Digital Church: From Connection to Communion*
- **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>: *The Digital Church: Remote Intimacy***
- Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>: *The Digital Church: Empty Minds and Disposable Bodies*
- Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: *the Digital Church: Googling Prayer*
- Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>: *The Digital Church: Tech Sabbath*

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Wilborn

Diane Miller  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney

Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Christopher Bagley  
Randy Thompson  
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Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
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Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Grace Johnson  
Frank Wrenn  
Sylvia Donley  
Norm Whitney

Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Alex Thomas  
Stewart Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Carol Brooks  
Ritchie Fishburne  
Janie Holt Clapp

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Class** (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

**Children** (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

**Youth** (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

Join us **each Thursday evening** for a new fall **Bethany Book Club**, as we engage in a discussion of the prominent issue of racism, and our response as followers of Christ. We will be reading and discussing the book ***Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race***, by Debby Irving. The book is available on Amazon. This study will be offered both in-person here at the church and virtually via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom link.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for September are **Karen Maxwell** and **Tracey Troxler**.

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## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 - *The Digital Church* study and discussion
- 11:00 - Worship - Sermon Series III - The Digital Church: Remote Intimacy

Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> :

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal (not meeting)

Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup>:

- 7:00 - *Waking Up White* book study

Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup>:

- **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
- 9:45 - *The Digital Church* study and discussion
- 11:00 - Worship - Sermon Series IV - The Digital Church: Empty Minds and Disposable Bodies / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Karen Maxwell

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

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Chip Allen  
Randy Cousins  
Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell  
Ben Russell  
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### Class of 2022:

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# 406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

## Holy Ground

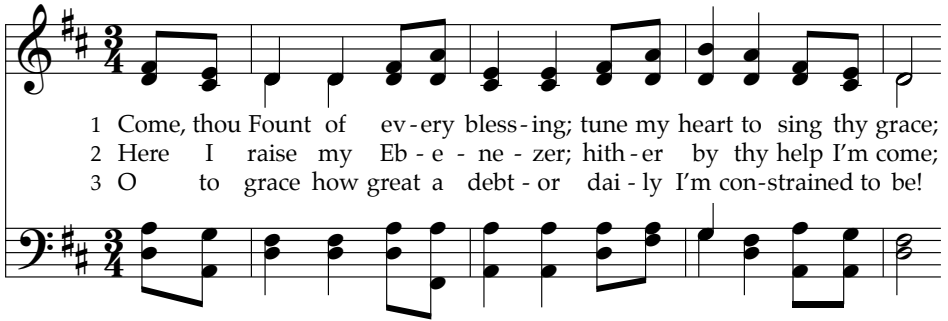
G D A D G D Em  
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,  
 D G F#m F#m7 B7  
 and I know that there are an - gels all a -  
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 round; let us praise Je - sus  
 D Em F#m7 G D G  
 now; we are stand - ing in his  
 D Em7 D G D  
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12–17) or Hebrews 12:22.





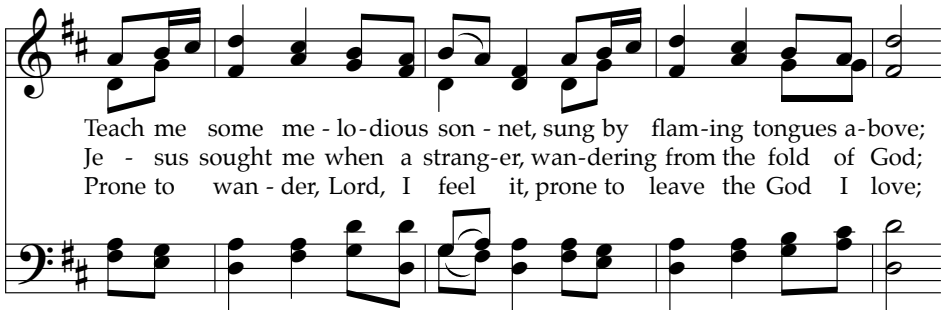
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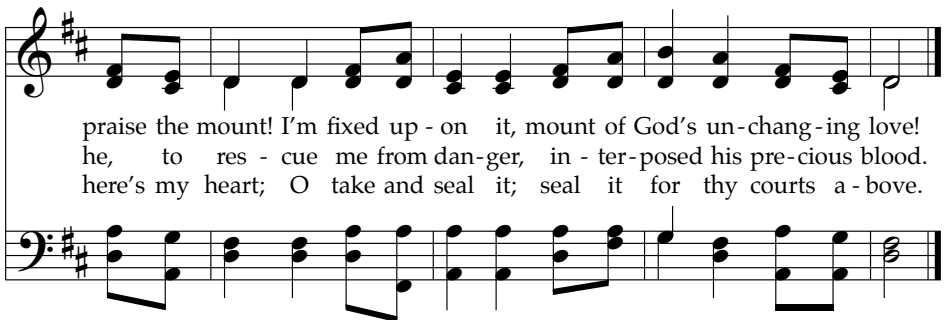
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.



## Luke 15:11-32

Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands." ' So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.'

Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.'"



# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

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We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).



# 22

## God of the Sparrow

C Em Am Dm G

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the

C F E7 Am Em F Em

swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

Am Dm Gsus G C

How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.



# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

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 - sored 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!

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!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.



*“I was a citizen of a fantasy world, which offered a comforting mix of structure, repetition, challenge, and adventure. The quests overlapped, making it difficult to complete one without picking up a handful of others. Thus I kept playing and playing with the same ‘just one more’ attitude of a drug addict.”*

**- Adam Thomas**



***“At the same time that the Tech was connecting me to my in-game friends, it was also isolating me from those same fantasy world friends and from the friends down the hall.”***

**- Adam Thomas**



***“Connection and isolation are inseparable, especially in the virtual world of the Tech. How will we followers of Christ orient ourselves away from the danger of the isolation? How does the tech isolate us, and why do we fail to notice?”***

**- Adam Thomas**

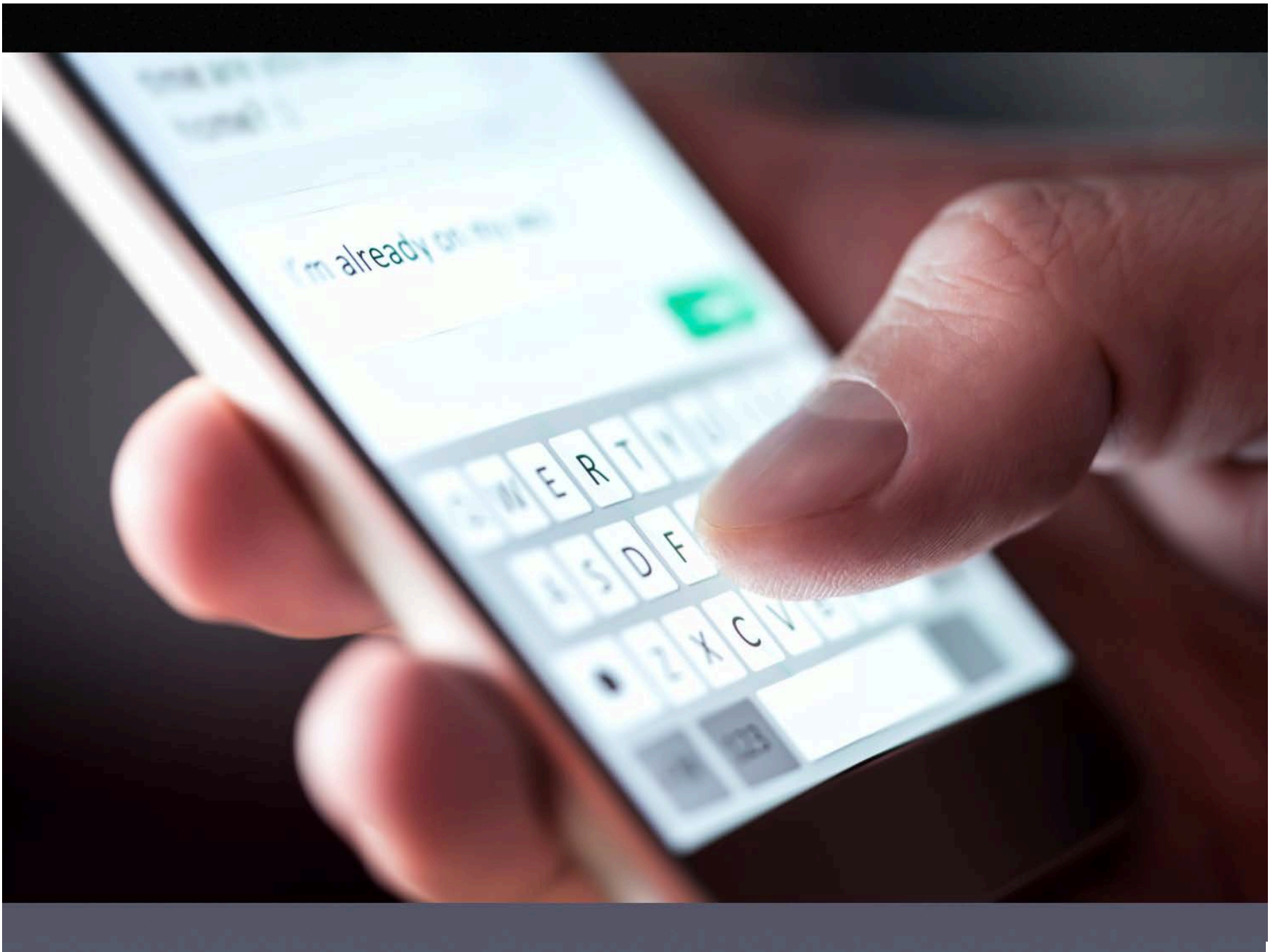






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FOOTBALL



*“are isolated not only from one another (even though they are sitting within arm’s reach), but also from the very people to whom they are connecting.”*

**- Adam Thomas**



*“Because of this grace-filled work,  
we have the ability to walk down his  
path, past the rubble of these  
broken walls. Of course, apart from  
these walls, we set up many of our  
own,*



*which we might not always want Jesus to break down. These walls stop us in our tracks, and they don't tumble down until we invite Jesus to take a sledgehammer to them."*

**- Adam Thomas**



***“As followers of Christ, we may know many things about Jesus, but these things have limited potential to change our lives. Knowing Jesus himself can turn our lives around. More often than not, we meet Jesus in the lives of those around us.*”**



*We meet him not when we simply know things about other people, but when we know them. Your remote intimates will never be the people you made them into with your necessary virtual representations. They'll be better. They'll be themselves."*

**- Adam Thomas**





