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Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
‡ January 28, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

Prelude: *"Power of Your Love"*

Praise Team

Welcome

Rev. Doug Hagler

Announcements

Sarah Shulman

Call to Worship (leader, people)

Karin Goodman

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

God strengthens us so that we might help carry one another's burdens.

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

*** Hymn #19:** "God of Great and God of Small"

(see page 17)

(Please be seated.)

Prayer of Confession (unison)

This is the covenant God made with us: that God would put the law within us, and write it upon our hearts, and would be our God, and we would be God's people. God forgives the wrong we have done, and the good we leave undone. In penitence and faith, let us silently confess our sins to God.

(Silent prayer and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon (leader, people)

The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven
and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** Gloria Patri** *(Children may come forward now for the children's message.)*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

(Please be seated.)

Children's Sermon

Following the message, children may go to Fellowship Hall, to the church nursery room or they may stay with their family in worship.

Installation of a Deacon

Constitutional Questions

Apostle's Creed (unison)

(Hymnal pg. 35)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Call to the Word: *"Listen, You Nations of the World"*

Prayer for Illumination

Karin Goodman

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Karin Goodman

- ²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- ²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
- ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹ He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Karin Goodman

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Doug Hagler

*** Hymn #177: "I Will Come to You"**

(see page 18)

(Please be seated.)

Offering Prayer (leader, **people**)

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Freely you have received, freely give.

**Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.**

Offertory

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Elder: Eileen Naughton

(Please be seated.)

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 #331: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"** *(see page 19)*

*** Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

Postlude

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **Joys:**
- **Concerns:** Mark M.

PRAYER CHAIN: Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com. Your request will be distributed to FPC's prayer angels. Their silent efforts will be put to work to lift you up. The same email address can be used for anyone wishing to join the prayer team.

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- **Feb. 11th:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9
- **Feb. 14th:** Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (Ash Wednesday)
- **Feb. 18th:** 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

LUNCH & ANNUAL MEETING-TODAY!: Join fellow congregants for lunch and the Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall after today's worship service (11:45 AM). Come to share a meal, to accept the 2024 Nominating Committee, to receive the 2023 Annual Report, and to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call. Note: Since the meeting will be held in person, you must attend the meeting in person in order to vote. Lunch will include sandwiches and yummy homemade goodies for dessert. Childcare will be available. We anticipate a great turnout! To download a digital copy of the Annual Report, please visit <https://bit.ly/FPC2023AnnualRpt>.

- Candidates for At-Large members for the 2024 nominating committee are Lew Osterhoudt, Bob Russell, Becky Sinapius, and Megan Smith

ST. MARY'S SHELTER MEALS: During the week of February 5th, we will provide dinner for the residents of St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter. To sign up for all or part of a meal (for approximately 15 people) on that day, respond to the SignUp Genius that you received via email or follow this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/StMary224>. Detailed instructions are included

with the online sign-up. If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Kristin at MissionsFPC145@gmail.com. For more information about St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, visit <https://stmarysfs.org/>.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT: The Elders and Deacons will meet for a Leadership Retreat on Saturday, February 10th, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. The workshop will end earlier if all topics are covered before 5:00 PM. May these leaders follow the example of Jesus Christ when implementing their duties in a Godly manner with open minds, caring hearts, and great wisdom.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY: The Adult Bible Study Group will be looking at the Gospel of Luke for Lent. We will be basing our study on the book *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, by Adam Hamilton. Among the chapters are "Lifting Up the Lowly," "Parables from the Underside," and "On the Journey to Jerusalem." The study will include a plan for reading the whole of Luke during Lent. Our Lenten series will begin just a tad before Lent, on February 11th; it will run through Palm Sunday (no class on Easter). We continue to meet by Zoom at 8:30 AM Sunday mornings. Please contact Sue Casey for more details.

SOUPER BOWL 2024: This year's Souper Bowl of Caring event will take place at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 11th. We will collect canned goods and cash donations to support local hunger relief. So, set aside your canned goods to drop off at church on the 11th. You can also drop off donations during the week in the church office.

PUB THEOLOGY: At Pub Theology, experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at 7:00 PM on Sunday, February 11th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: February dates for scrip orders are on **Mondays**, the 12th, and 26th. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell), or send an email to brett drew@comcast.net. We will complete the order forms for you. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church DR". Use the cards and the church gets a percentage. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

ASH WEDNESDAY: This year we will gather for Ash Wednesday worship on February 14th in Fellowship Hall. As we have in the past, we will share a simple meal and worship service that will include communion and the imposition of ashes. Come for the meal starting at 6:00 PM or join us later for worship at 7:00 PM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: What is God like? During the month of January, the Sunday School kids explored the question, "What is God like?" Check out some of their ideas on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary. And while you're there, record some of your own ideas in answer to the question, "What is God like?"

GRANT WRITING UPDATE: The Grant Writing sub-committee of Church Growth will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 16th, at 10:00 AM in the main office. More team members are welcome to join. If you are interested in "Googling for Grants" and being a part of the grant writing process then please contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

2024 APPORTIONMENT: Per Capita apportionment monies will help provide the means to strengthen the connections of the Presbyterian Church USA, to build lasting relationships, and to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry. Our church apportionment is \$38 per member. Please use the blue envelope in your box of envelopes or pick up an envelope in the narthex. This money will help support our church, Donegal Presbytery, Synod of the Trinity, and the Presbyterian Church USA.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: The creation of a Children's Choir at FPC is in the works. Interest and availability are needed. The goal would be to have the choir sing on Easter Sunday! Rehearsals dates being considered are twice a month for one of the following times slots - Sundays after worship, Monday evenings, or Tuesday evenings. If you'd like to submit your choice of rehearsal times online, please use the Rehearsal Options form at <https://forms.gle/UZTjZBhFAQjW4Hwd6>. If you'd like to share your preference in person, then please see Pastor Doug. Responding this week would be appreciated so practice times can be set and published. This is an exciting opportunity for our young members!

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: You are invited to join Church Growth in a journey of gratitude. We will be reflecting on weekly prompts throughout the year and building up a regular practice of gratitude in our lives. In February, the theme is “Gratitude in Relationships.” Watch for reminders and examples in The BEAT and on our Facebook page. Here is this week’s prompt: *How do you show your friends you are thankful for them?* If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know, and we can let you share during worship with a Minute for Gratitude!

MAC SURVEY: MAC is looking to expand service opportunities offered to the church and congregation. Please take this short survey to let MAC know what your priorities are in serving, your general availability, and type of service you would like to do. Please complete this survey by Thursday, February 29th - <https://bit.ly/MAC2024Survey>.

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION: Grimes A.M.E. Church (338 Morris St, Phoenixville) will host a Black History Celebration event on Saturday, February 10th, at 1:58 PM. The Rev. Dr. Vernon Ross of Bethel Community Church, Pottstown, will be the guest preacher. All are welcome to join fellow community members at this special event.

ANTHROPOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE: As part of its speaker series, Ursinus College will host Professor Harold Trulear of Howard University's School of Divinity. The event will be held in Bomberger Auditorium on Friday, February 16th, at 4:30 PM. His presentation is titled, *"Theology of the Human: Theological Anthropology and Criminal Justice"*. He will discuss definitions of "the human" and "humanity" and how they relate to the question, "What does it mean to be created in the image of God?" Those interested in attending and continuing the conversation at a local restaurant afterward can contact Kristin Craven at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com.

PHOENIXVILLE WOMEN'S OUTREACH (PWO): Your input is requested! Each of the 4 rooms at PWO will be named after a notable woman of the world that will act as a torch-bearer for their participants who call The House home. Nominations for women (living or passed) who exemplify strength, courage, and perseverance are being accepted now through February 14th. Visit their website for more details and to enter a nominee - <https://phxvillewomensoutreach.org/>.

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This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, February 4 (*Childcare available)

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

11:45 p.m. Lunch & *Annual Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 5

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 6

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 7

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

12:30 a.m. Rock the Boat Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, February 8

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)

2:00 p.m. MAC Meeting (Zoom)

3:00 p.m. M. Campbell Organ Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends (Parlor)

Friday, February 9

St. Mary's Shelter Meals

Saturday, February 10

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Leadership Retreat (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 11 (**Childcare available*)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Sue Casey (Zoom)

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

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10:45 a.m. Sunday School (Upstairs Classrooms)

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Nursery & Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years. All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart fellowship hall for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor class-room. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance: If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.

WORD SEARCH – Based on Isaiah 40:21-31

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creator	princes
eagles	root
earth	rulers
everlasting	run
faint	sown
God	stem
inhabitants	strength
Israel	understanding
Jacob	walk
mighty	weary
planted	wings
power	wither

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OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursdays: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: by appointment

Elders on Session

Jewell Baker

Ken Brown

Jacqui Busch

George Cockerill

Karin Goodman

Cassy Gulden

Jill Kleppinger

Jeff McLaughlin

Eileen Naughton

Jeanie Osterhoudt

Adam Smith

Doug Walker

Deacons

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Paulette Mark

Amy Mincavage

Lucinda Parrish

Mona Sabia

Gail Schnaedter

Lynne Williams

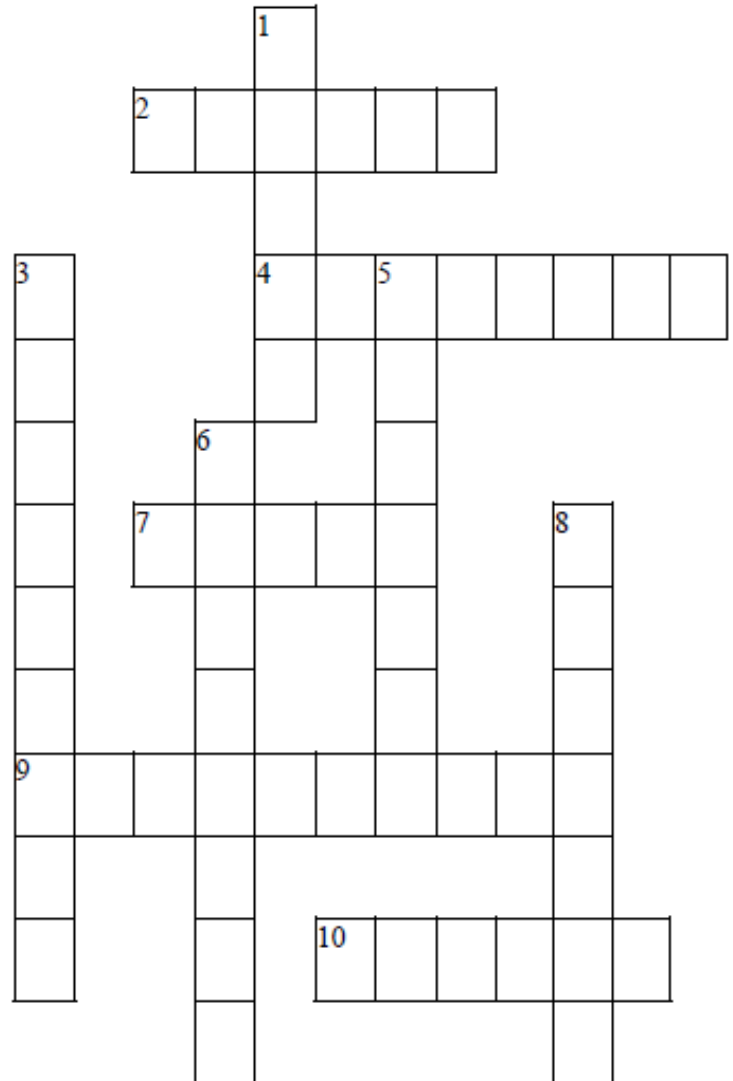
Bob Wittrock

CROSSWORD

Based on Mark 1:29-39 - He cured many who were sick.

Across

2. Reason Jesus came.
4. They were looking for Jesus.
7. His mother-in-law was sick.
9. Where Jesus went in the nearby villages.
10. What Jesus did in a deserted place.



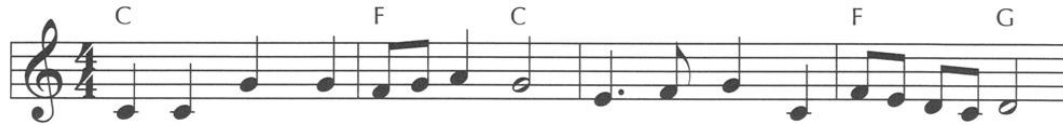
Down

1. When this left her, Peter's mother-in-law waited on the disciples.
3. Jesus drove demons out of them.
5. When were all the sick people brought to Jesus.
6. Sickesses
8. Took

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God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973
 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL
 7.7.7.7 with refrain

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All

- 1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom;



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.
 MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892

NATIONAL HYMN
 10.10.10.10