



# FPC Phoenixville

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**Morning Worship**  
‡ November 24, 2024 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

**Prelude:** *"This is My Father's World"*

Arr. M. Herman  
The Merry Ringers

**Welcome**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Passing the Peace**

**Announcements**

Sarah Shulman

**Minute for Mission**

Favorite Prayers, Jill Kleppinger

**Call to Worship (leader, people)**

Sue Casey

*Revelation 1*

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

**and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.**

**So it is to be.**

<sup>8</sup> **"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come,  
the Almighty.**

**\*Hymn #265:** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

*(see page 12)*

*(Please be seated.)*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples,  
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We**

**confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, we do not speak the good news of your love, and we do not live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of our Lord.**

*(Silent prayer and reflection)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)**

*(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**

Rev. Doug Hagler

*(Following the message, children may go to the upstairs classrooms, to the church nursery room, or they may stay with their family in worship.)*

Song: *"I've Got Peace Like A River"*

arr. Joseph Linn  
FPC Youth Choir

**Call to the Word:** *"Come and Seek the Words of Wisdom"*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Sue Casey

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: 2 Samuel 23:1-7**

Sue Casey

<sup>1</sup> Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. <sup>3</sup> The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, <sup>4</sup> is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

<sup>5</sup> Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? <sup>6</sup> But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; <sup>7</sup> to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

**Reading: John 18:33-37**

Sue Casey

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**\*Hymn #159: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"***(see page 13)*

*(Please be seated.)*

### **Offering Prayer**

In the spirit of the first believers,  
we are called to share our goods in common  
and contribute to the needs of the poor  
with glad and generous hearts.

**Offertory:** *“King Of All Ages”*

P. Isom

*Please see the QR code card in your pew if you wish to give via credit card, PayPal, or ApplePay.*

**\*Doxology (Hymn #606)**

**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: Karin Goodman

*(Please be seated.)*

**Joys and Concerns**

**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.**

**\*Hymn #274:** *“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” (see page 14)*

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Doug Hagler

**Postlude:** *“Revelation Song”*

Phillips, Craig and Dean  
Praise Team

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Joys:**

**Concerns:** Family and friends of Fred Guthan, Sandy L., Linda O., Lynn S.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Please send any prayer needs to the new email address, [fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Zechariah 8:1-13; Luke 1:5-19

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 41:4-5, 8-10, 17-20; Luke 1:26-38

## **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE INTERFAITH WORSHIP**

**SERVICE:** FPC will host the 2024 Community Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Worship Service on Wednesday, **November 27<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:30 PM. The Rev. Richard Worthy of Grimes AME will be preaching. All are welcome to pray in gratitude with fellow community members!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** The Worship & Music Committee will be decorating the church for Advent/Christmas on Saturday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. There will be decorations for all ages to be part of the event. There are plans to display our big tree again this year. Assembly takes several strong people to put it up. If you can help with the tree on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, please let Ken Brown know or contact Maggie in the main office by Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - call 610-933-8816 or email [secretaryfpc145@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfpc145@gmail.com).

**HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING-STAR TREE:** Thanks so much to everyone who participated in this year's Star Tree. You have helped spread Christmas joy to thirteen children. Please bring your unwrapped gifts and food items to the church on or before **December 1<sup>st</sup>** so they can be sorted and delivered to the families. PS-That's next Sunday!

**YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:** Thank you to the Youth Choir for enhancing today's worship. The next rehearsal will be on Sunday, **December 8th**, after Sunday School from 11:45 AM-12:15 PM. The children will be preparing music for the Christmas Pageant on December 22nd. For more details about the choir, please see Barb Giebler or Rebecca Barkley.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, **December 8th**, at 11:45 AM (following the worship service.) The purpose of this meeting is to present the nominees for the next class of Elders and Deacons, to vote on this slate of officers, and to approve the Pastor's terms of call. Please plan on staying an extra 15 minutes for this meeting. Your vote is needed and appreciated.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** The next Pub Theology gathering will be on Sunday, December 8th, at 7:00 PM at The Foodery (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS:** The December dates for scrip orders are on Mondays, **the 2nd and 16th**. To place an order, please call or text Lynne Williams at 610-955- 4749 (cell) or send an email to [brettdrew@comcast.net](mailto:brettdrew@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*

**GRATITUDE JOURNAL:** The gratitude journaling prompt for the month of **November** is "*How do you show kindness to your past self?*" Contact the main office, 610-933-8816, if you'd like to share your reflection during a Minute for Gratitude!

**ALTERNATIVE GIFT CHRISTMAS CARDS:** The cards are coming! Get your gift list ready. Purchase a card and help a non-profit - Heifer International, Orion Communities, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Special Hope Network. 5 different designs crafted by Evelyn Eitl will be available. Stay tuned for the starting sale date.

**FPC PRAYER BOOKLET:** This Thanksgiving season the Christian Ed committee asks that you share your favorite prayers with us. We will be creating FPC prayer booklets of all our favorites. Whether you have a prayer for mealtime, bedtime, or anytime; we ask that you share them with us. Let's support each other in prayer and use the booklet as a tool in teaching the children in our congregation about prayer. Please submit prayers to Jill at [FPCPFamily@gmail.com](mailto:FPCPFamily@gmail.com) or submit hand written prayers in the prayer box in the church office. Children that would like to contribute a prayer or a drawing about prayer are encouraged to do so as well. Please include your name. If possible, please use a 8.5x11 computer paper in landscape orientation. See Jill Kleppinger with any questions.

**CAROLING & COCOA:** The Parish Life Committee is organizing a Caroling & Cocoa event on Sunday, **December 8th**, on the church steps at 4:00 PM. Festivities will be moved into Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather. Parish Life's own Rebecca Barkley will lead us in singing some favorite Christmas tunes.

**PLEDGE CARDS:** The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has turned in their 2025 pledge cards. If you still have yours, please know it's not too late to place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

**JOB OPENING:** FPC is looking to fill a position in the church nursery. The caregiver is responsible for the youngest children on Sundays during the worship service, 10:15 AM-11:45 AM. The candidate must be at least 18 years old. All state clearances are required. Previous experience in a childcare setting is preferred. This Sunday-only position is for approximately 1.5 hours per week with competitive pay. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is interested - call 610-933-8816 or email [secretaryfpc145@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfpc145@gmail.com).





## **This Week in the Life of the Church**

### **SUNDAY, November 24** (*\*Childcare available*)

8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Zoom—special time)

10:30 a.m. \*WORSHIP SERVICE with Rev. Doug Hagler, the Merry Ringers, and FPC's Youth Choir—view in-person and on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcphoenixville7042>

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (upstairs classrooms)

### **Monday, November 25**

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

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

### **Tuesday, November 26**

All-Day Cooking—meal prep for Good Samaritan Shelter (Kitchen)

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

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Zoom)

7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Wednesday, November 27**

Morning Cooking—meal prep for Good Samaritan Shelter (Kitchen)

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Music Ministry (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Better Days Ahead open office hours  
(Fellowship Hall Office)

7:30 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Worship Service  
(FPC Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, November 28**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

### **Friday, November 29**

No events scheduled.

### **Saturday, November 30**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Christmas Decorating  
(meet in the Sanctuary)

**SUNDAY, December 1** (\*Childcare available)

Star Tree returns are due

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

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

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

10:45 a.m. Sunday School (upstairs classrooms)



**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



**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 the sanctuary 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 classroom. 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.



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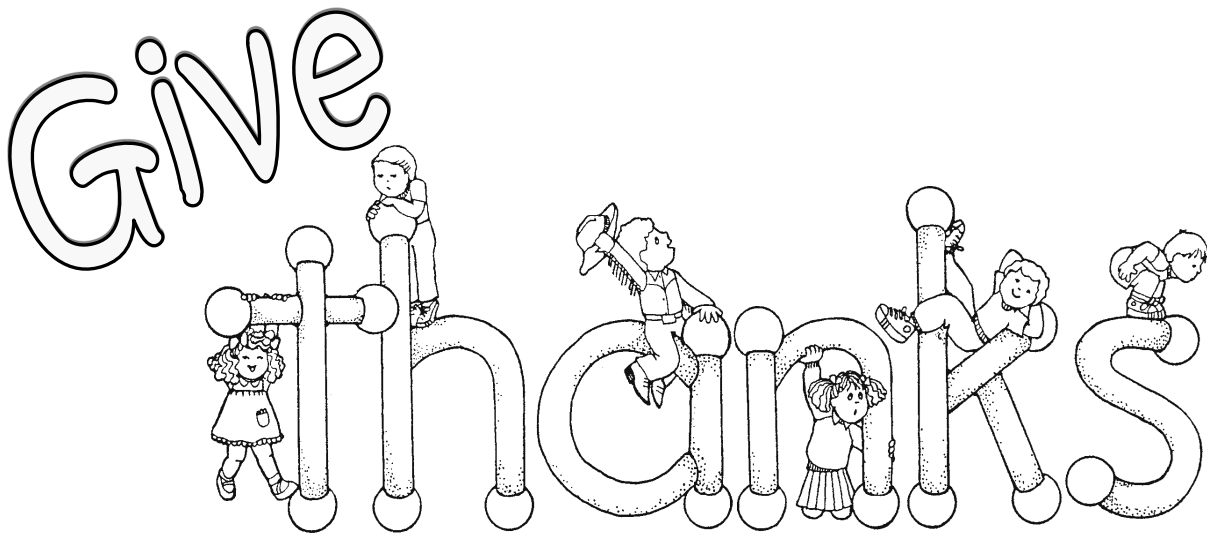
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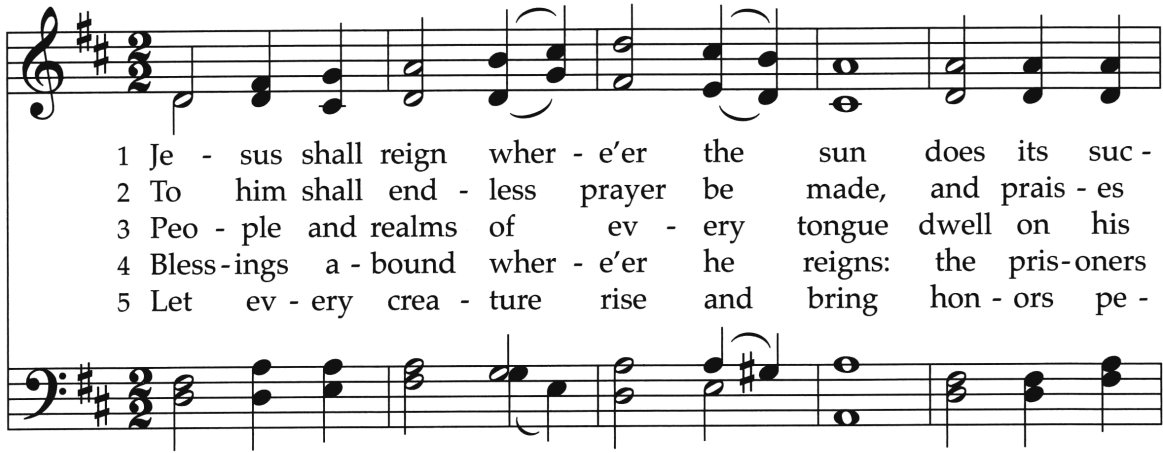
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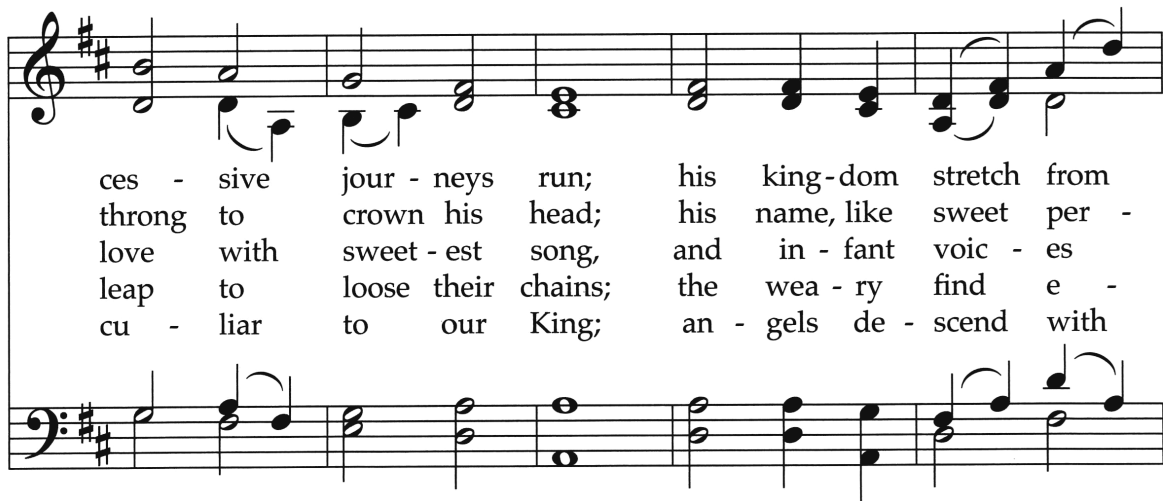
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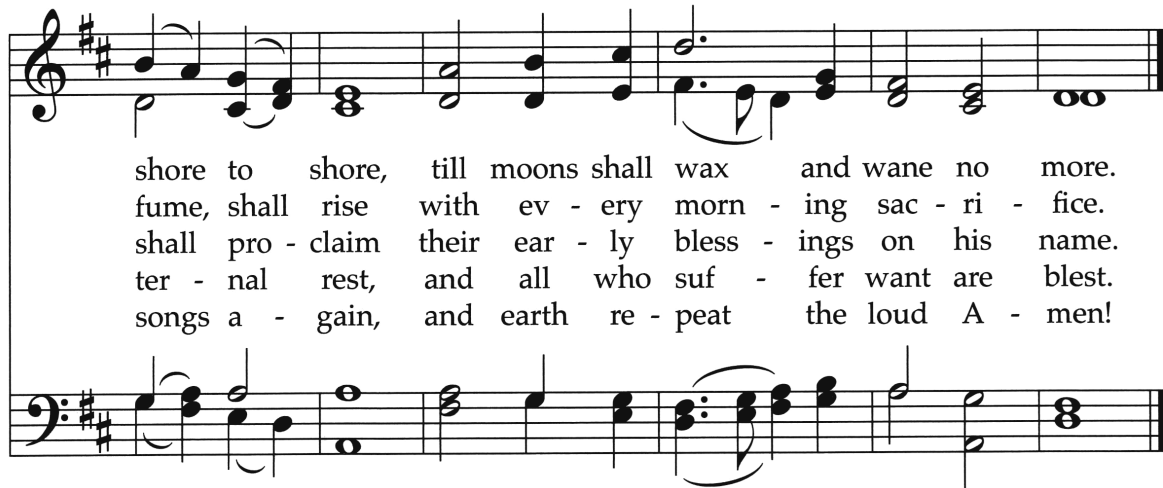
# Hymn #265: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. John Hatton, c. 1793

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# Hymn #159: "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,  
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;  
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.  
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.  
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.  
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.  
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.  
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,  
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.  
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.  
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.

# Hymn #274: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Capo 5: (Am) (F) (C) (Em) (Am) (A7)  
 Dm B $\flat$  F Am Dm D7

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)  
 Gm C F B $\flat$  Am Gm Dm

prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er  
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B $\flat$ ) (F) (E) (A/C $\sharp$ ) (Dm)  
 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  A D/F $\sharp$  Gm

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)  
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.  
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984  
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.  
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 8.7.8.7.8.7  
 (alternate harmonization, 347)



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