



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

August 4, 2024



Paul and Silas in Acts 16:16-34, Steve Thomason

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME

Pastor Jenn

PRELUDE

“Little Toccata” by Colin Curtis

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Snead

We gather here today to sing God's praises together.

But what if I feel more like crying than singing?

Singing God's praises can dry our tears and give us comfort.

But what if there are those who try to stop me from singing?

Singing God's praises can strengthen our faith and give us courage.

But what if I don't know the words to say or the tune to sing?

Singing God's praises together can fill us with such joy and hope that our unique song will blend with the songs of others, lifting all our voices to God.

I will sing despite sorrow, fear, or uncertainty.

And together we will worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

John Snead

You always give us a choice, God, to do what is right or to do what is easy; to put ourselves first or to put others first; to listen to you or to listen to the ways of the world. And yet no matter what choices we make, you continue to stay with us, calling us, guiding us, and challenging us to put our faith in you and to live in the joy of knowing that, no matter where we are, you are with us. For this, we thank you, God. Amen

*HYMN # 408

“There's a Sweet. Sweet Spirit”

CALL TO CONFESSION

John Snead

Friends, our God is a God of mercy and grace, always ready to hear our hearts and forgive our shortcomings. Let us come before God with honesty and humility, confessing our sins and seeking renewal. In the silence of our hearts and with one voice, let us pray.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

John Snead

**Holy One,
When we fail to respond when you call... forgive us.
When we are shackled by our fears, unable or unwilling to be the disciples we are
called to be... forgive us.
When we are frightened of the future, unsure as to how deeply we are willing to
invest our time and our energy... forgive us.
When we are dismissive of that which the Holy Spirit brings.
When we are distracted from the possibilities set before us.
When we are disconnected from the community to which you call us to belong.
Forgive us.
And remind us of what is possible in and through the movement of your Holy Spirit.
May it blow through us... and lead us to be the church you've called us to be.
Amen**

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Jenn

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. The Spirit of
God dwells within us, transforming our hearts and minds. As far as the east is from
the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.
Believe the gospel and be at peace:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Jenn

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Spirit of Living God, bring us Your Word.
Spirit of Living God, bring us Your Word.
Free us, lead us, teach us, use us.
Spirit of Living God, bring us Your Word.*

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.” She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN #291**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor Jenn

**We believe in the one true God - Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
The Eternal Divine from whom all life flows.
We worship the same God revealed in Acts,
Who formed the universe by the sacred Word.**

**We believe in the unstoppable power of the Holy Spirit,
The living flame ignited at Pentecost that still burns bright.
This same Spirit that emboldened the apostles
Empowers us to be courageous witnesses for Christ.**

**We believe in the boundless love of Jesus, the incarnate Christ,
Whose gospel of grace spread from Jerusalem to the earth's ends.
By the Spirit's leading, the church broke cultural barriers,
Welcoming all into God's embracing family.**

**We believe in lives transformed by the Creator's redeeming grace,
Like the persecutor-turned-preacher Apostle Paul.
No one is beyond the Spirit's renewing power
To reshape us as ambassadors of reconciliation.**

**We believe in a unified community of faith,
Committed to prayer, teaching, fellowship and service,
Generously sharing with all in need,
One body, one Spirit, one God.**

**We believe in facing opposition without fear,
Trusting the Spirit will grant us wisdom
And will accompany us through suffering.
Because of the risen Christ,
Our hope remains unshakeable.**

**We believe the story continues to be written,
As the Spirit propels the mission across generations.
We joyfully carry the torch from those before,
Awaiting Christ's return to renew all creation. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Jenn

May the God of freedom be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the One who breaks our chains.

We open our hearts to God's liberating love.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We sing songs of praise, even in our darkest hours.

Creator of all, you formed the universe with your powerful Word.

You set the foundations of the earth and filled it with wonders.

You created us in your image to live in freedom and love.

But we turned away, becoming imprisoned by our own sins and fears.

You sent prophets to call us back, but we often rejected them.

When all seemed lost, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,

Who came to proclaim freedom for the captives,

And to open the prison doors for all who were bound.

Through his life, death, and resurrection,

Jesus showed us the path to true liberty and joy.

He taught us to sing praises even in our midnight hours,

And to trust in your saving power in all circumstances.

Therefore, with all the saints and angels,

We lift our voices in joyful praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

That we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with one another.

Free us from all that enslaves us,

Lead us to proclaim your love to all,

Teach us to live as witnesses of your grace,

And use us to bring hope to a broken world.

As we share this meal, remind us of the feast to come,
When all creation will be made new in your kingdom.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
Now and forever.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying:

**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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you for this meal that renews us. Strengthened by your grace, may we go forth to proclaim freedom, share your love, and sing your praises in all circumstances. Unite us in your Spirit, O Lord, that we may serve you and our neighbors with joy. Through Christ, our liberator and friend. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Jenn

And now, let us continue to sing our praises not through our words or melodies but through our actions. It is in sharing what we have that our praises ring out loud and clear. So, as we sing our offertory response, let us bring forward the gifts that have been placed on our offering plates, and let us also remember and dedicate to God all the gifts that we share.

*Besides donating in worship, you may also donate online or mail a check to the church.
More information can be found at the back of the bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Jenn

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a testament to your love and grace. May they be used to further your work in this world, bringing hope to the hopeless, comfort to the sorrowful, and joy to all your children. As we dedicate these offerings, we also dedicate ourselves anew to your service. Use us, Lord, as instruments of your peace and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN # 838

“Standing on the Promises”

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jenn

POSTLUDE

Valerie Adelung

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: John Snead

Thank you to our ushers: Joyce Beall, Elaine Depoy

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Prayer List

Please contact the church office with prayer list additions at info@havenwood.org or 410-252-3073.

We offer our heartfelt Christian sympathy to Joyce Beall on the passing of her beloved Aunt Lorraine. During this time of loss, we pray that Joyce and her family find comfort in God's loving embrace and in the cherished memories they shared.

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| + Jeff Lloyd | + Chuck Travers | + Dennis |
| + Jackie Boone | + Jill Sproul | + Kenya |
| + Mary Elliott | + Ray Smith | + Cynthia Smith |
| + Kara Hammann | + Anne Ragonese | + Laura Smith |
| + the family of Lorraine Popejoy | + Steve | + Tony |
| + Diane Mensinger | + Linda Coniglio | + Ruidoso, New Mexico |
| + Maryanne | + Joan Flynn | + Judy Mantler |

Announcements

THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US!

We're grateful to have you join us for worship, where our faith tradition blends 2,000 years of history with a refreshingly modern mindset. Whether you're a seeker, traveler, in need, or already a member of our faith community, you're welcome here. At Havenwood, we affirm the value of every individual, embracing diversity without exception. We invite you to fully engage in our church's life and ministry, and we look forward to connecting with you.



DONATE

There are three easy ways to give if you aren't able to place an offering in the plate outside of the sanctuary doors.

1. Text to Give: Simply text a dollar amount to 844-420-0312
2. Donate online at: havenwood.org/giving
3. Mail a check to our office:

100 East Ridgely Road
Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093

ACTC

Items can be donated 24/7 at Havenwood Presbyterian Church by placing the food items in the ACTC-marked brown bin outside the church office.

They are in current need of:

- Hearty soups
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter sandwich crackers
- small salty snacks (pretzels, goldfish, chex mix)
- razors

If you wish to support ACTC more in its mission, then you can stay up to date on special events, campaigns, and needs at their Facebook page: bit.ly/ACTCtowson

ACTC is also in need of at least one more transport volunteer. The task would be to assist with the various grocery store pickups either on a regular or fill-in basis. If you are interested, please call Tammy at (410)296-4855.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our previously canceled Habitat for Humanity Build Day has been tentatively rescheduled for **Saturday, August 24th**. We have spots for up to 10 volunteers to help with a house on North Rose Street. This is a great opportunity to serve our community and make a tangible difference in someone's life. If you're interested in participating, please contact Sharon Plano at planofamily@comcast.net
Let's come together and build hope!

JENN ON VACATION AUGUST 12-18

Pastor Jenn will be on vacation from **August 12-18**. During this time, our Parish Associate, Rev. Cathy Bashore, will be on call for any pastoral emergencies.

On Sunday, **August 18**, we are delighted to welcome back Troy Bailey to our pulpit. Since completing his field work at Havenwood last year, Troy is now a Commissioned Lay Pastor and currently serves as bridge pastor for Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore.

PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

Our new phone system will now be installed on **August 12th**, a change from the previously announced August 5th. This upgrade will restore all features, including voicemail, that were affected by April's outage. We're eager to enhance our communication services and appreciate your continued patience as we finalize these improvements. Stay tuned for further details as we approach the new installation date!

LIGHTING THE WAY

As we eagerly anticipate the start of another wonderful preschool year, we're excited to share some improvements and upcoming maintenance plans for our learning environment. This summer, we installed new LED lighting in our classrooms. This upgrade not only provides better illumination for our little learners but also contributes to energy efficiency in our facility. Continuing our preparations, we'll be conducting our annual deep cleaning and maintenance of the preschool area. A key part of this process is the cleaning and waxing of our classroom floors and hallways, which is scheduled for the first full week of August.

NAME BADGES AVAILABLE BEGINNING AUGUST 4TH

Guess who's back, back again? Name tags are back, tell a friend! That's right, folks! We're rolling out the red carpet for our old pals, the name tags, at Havenwood. You'll find these little conversation starters hanging out on the table by the sanctuary entrance, just waiting to make your acquaintance.

Why the name tag revival, you ask? Well, we figured it's high time we stop playing the "I know I know you, but what's your name again?" game. These handy dandy labels are here to help us get to know our neighbors and address each other by name - because "Hey, you!" just doesn't have the same ring to it.

Now, we're not going to twist your arm into wearing one (although we do have some pretty snazzy designs). It's totally optional, but highly recommended. Think of it as your personal billboard, your very own six-inch claim to fame!

Remember: A name tag a day keeps the awkward silences away!

HARP RECITAL SUCCESS

On Friday, July 26th, our sanctuary was filled with enchanting melodies as we hosted a spectacular harp recital. Renowned harpist, teacher, and composer Jacqueline Pollauf concluded her summer camp at Havenwood with a fabulous end-of-camp recital. The concert showcased the remarkable progress of four talented students who had been honing their skills throughout the week. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jacqueline, her students, and all who attended this delightful event. Stay tuned for more musical experiences at Havenwood

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for our monthly fellowship lunch on **Sunday, August 18th**, right after the service. We're heading to **Ashland Cafe, 10810 York Rd, Cockeysville, MD 21030**, for good food and great company this month. Remember, these lunches are a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow church members in a relaxed setting. All are welcome!

NORTH BALTIMORE BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we continue our study of the Gospel of John! This week we are studying John 11:17-37 Our North Baltimore Bible Study continues on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm on Zoom. We are using "John" by Karoline Lewis as our guide.

Meeting ID: 892 2214 5763
Passcode: 21093

ACTS BIBLE STUDY

We are invited to join Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church for a Tuesday evening Bible Study from now till the end of the summer on Acts. The Bible Study is on vacation, but will be back Tuesday, August 6th at 7:30pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 821 5813 0124
Passcode: 714738

Calendar

- August 4 - Sunday Worship @10:30am in-person and on Zoom
Worship Committee Meeting @11:30 in the Parlor
- August 6 - Bible Study with Mt. Hebron at 7:30pm on Zoom
- August 7 - North Baltimore Bible Study at 11am on Zoom
- August 9 - Ladies' Rummikub @1pm in the Parlor
- August 11 - Sunday Worship @10:30am in-person and on Zoom
- August 13 - Bible Study with Mt. Hebron at 7:30pm on Zoom
- August 14 - North Baltimore Bible Study at 11am
- August 18 - Sunday Worship @10:30am in-person and on Zoom
Lunch Bunch after Worship @Ashland Cafe
- August 20 - Bible Study with Mt. Hebron at 7:30pm on Zoom
- August 21 - North Baltimore Bible Study at 11am on Zoom
Session meeting @7pm Hybrid Meeting
- August 25 - Sunday Worship @10:30am in-person and on Zoom
- August 27 - Bible Study with Mt. Hebron at 7:30pm on Zoom
- August 28 - North Baltimore Bible Study at 11am on Zoom

****The Church Choirs will resume in September**

HAVENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco, Supply Pastor

The Rev. Cathy Bashore, Parish Associate

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Valerie Adelung, Music Director

Jake Miller, Worship Technology Coordinator

Julia Wells, Administrator

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408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
 know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

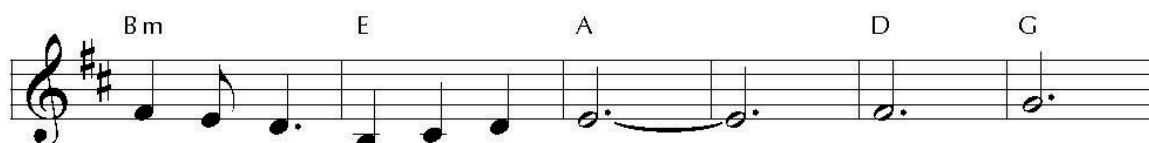
291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

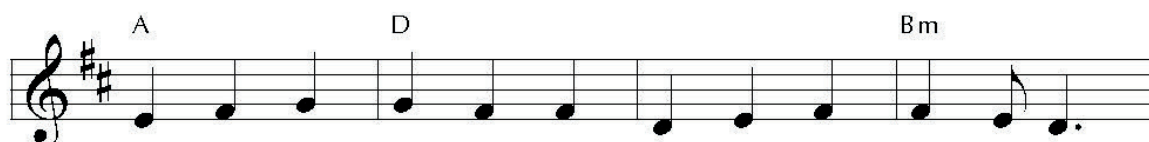
Refrain



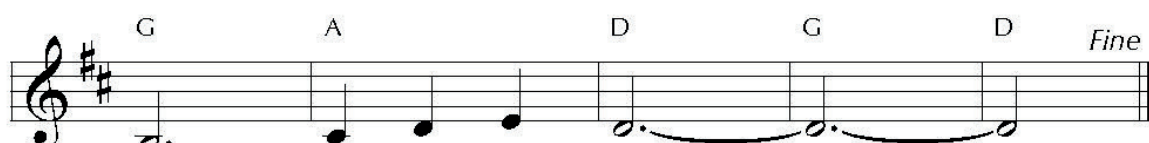
Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



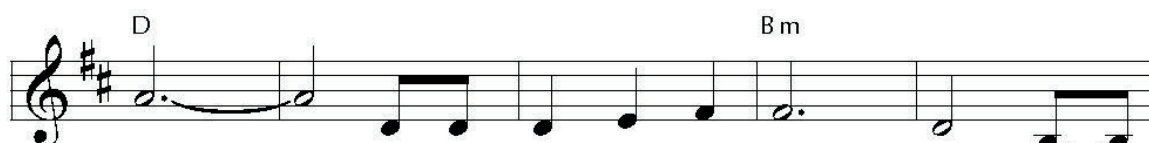
spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



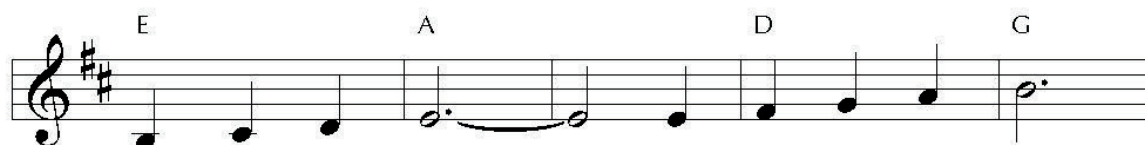
- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



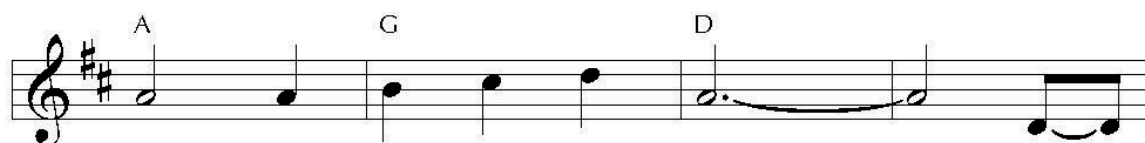
deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

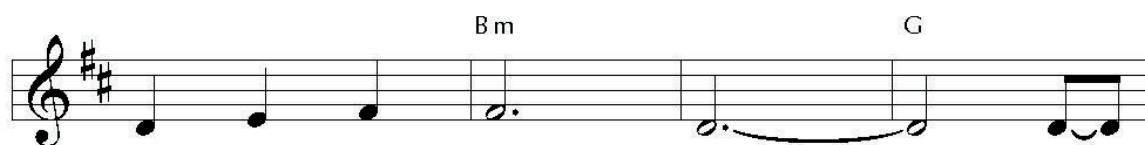
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
law and a land. When they were con - found -
whole world was still. And down in the cit -
cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -
ed with i - dols and lies, then you
y, you called once a - gain when you
sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and
spoke through your proph - ets to
blew through your peo - ple on the
bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."
o - pen their eyes.
rush of the wind.
peo - ple a - rise.

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.