

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 @10AM

LAST SERVICE
FOR THE SEASON

DRIVE IN

Thank you to all
who participated in
leading worship
this summer

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Worship

Join us September 24 as we return to indoor worship



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Prelude "NETTLETON & HOLY MANNA"
arr. J. Carter

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"The one that overcomes shall inherit all things. I will be their God and they will be my child." Revelation 21:7

Call to Worship

Leader: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David.

**All: What he shuts no one can open.
What he opens no one can shut.**

***Opening Hymn** (see insert)
"This Is My Song"

Prayer of Confession Thanks to Rev. Bob Hoffman for this Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance *Based on Romans 12:2*

"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

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***Passing the Peace:** *(during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

Children's Message & Blessing *Blessing of the Backpacks*

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to my heart, Holy Spirit. Send me the words that will bring new life. Words on the wing of the dark night will fade away. Speak to my heart. Amen.

Sermon Text 23 Psalm

Sermon *How is Your Cup?*

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response** (see insert)
"Take My Life"

Prayers of the People *(With a mic, the liturgist will walk to those with hand raised.)*

**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.**

Offertory (see insert)
"Like the Planting of a Dry Seed"

***Closing Hymn** (see insert)
"I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me"

*Charge & Blessing

*Postlude "Fugue in F Major"

Notes: Today we welcome all of our visitors and invite you to join us inside in the parlor for refreshments. There you will be welcomed as we share love and appreciation for our beloved Henny who is with us in fellowship today.

You are also welcome to travel with Pastor Mashona as she worships with Morning Star Baptist Church in Albany, immediately following worship.

Next Sunday we will be inside! We will also be having our annual blessing of the prayer shawls.

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Keyboard: Iteke Prins

Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

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Join Us for This Week's Events

SUN 17 • 10am: Final Drive-In Worship (also on Zoom), See our website for links to worship info.

MON 18 • 9am: Food Pantry in temporary location

TUE 19 • Noon: Adult Book Study



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calendar

WED 20 • 9am: Food Pantry in temporary location
• Noon: Centering Prayer (Powell), AA Mtg (Parlor)

Indoor worship resumes on September 24.



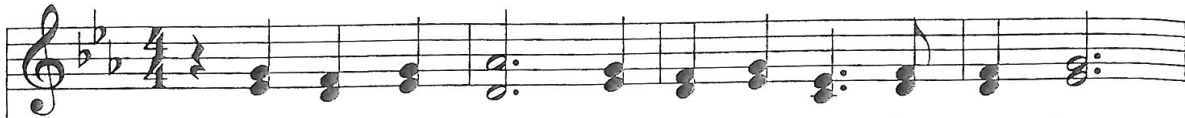
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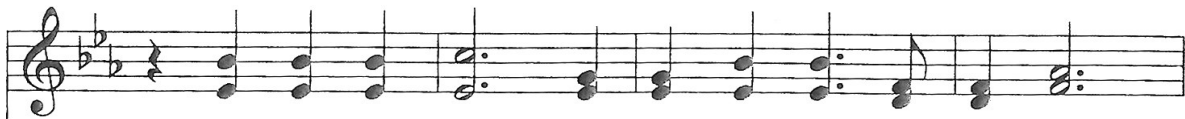
This Is My Song



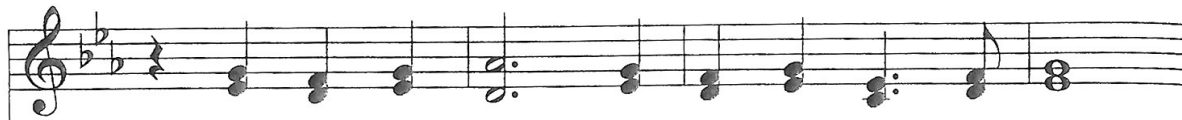
1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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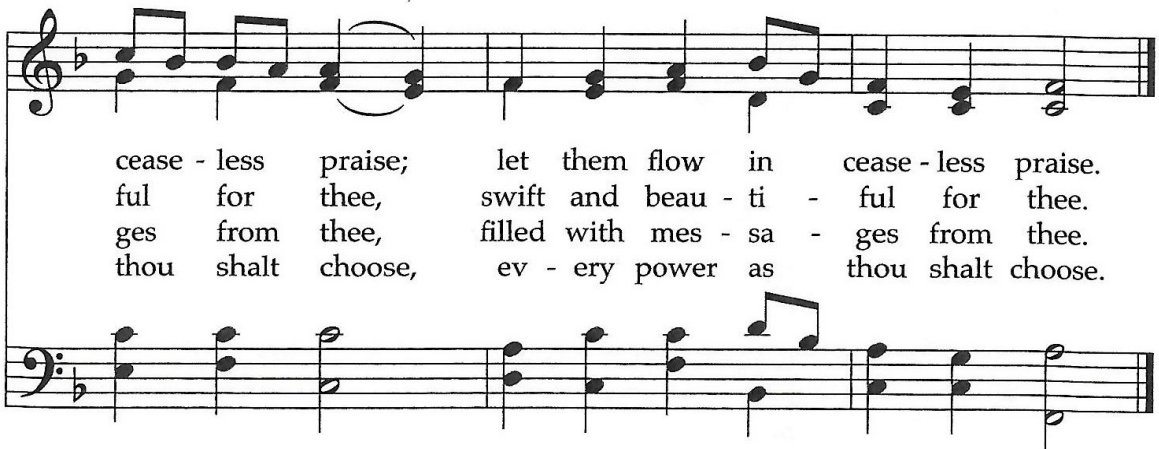
Take My Life



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Like The Planting of a Dry Seed

Edith Sinclair Downing

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The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 1, 4, 7, 10, and 13 indicating the start of each line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Like the plan-ting of a dry seed wait-ing for re-fresh - ing
2. You still pro-mise re-su-rec-tion e - ven when our faith grows

rain, so our souls wait for the green shoot
cold. We can trust you for our fu - ture

to break through, bring hope a - gain. God, we trust you for our
know - ing not what it will hold. Keep us faith-full while we're

fu - ture as the seeds trust you for care. Help us know that in our
wait-ing as we watch for seeds to grow. Re - sur - rect in us new

dark times you will all our tri - al share.
pas - sion to in - crease the love we know.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984

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