UNITY
Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Service for the Lord's Day
All Saints' Day
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
November 1, 2026

"United in Christ's love, we glorify God through worship, nurture, and service to all people."

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Prelude — *Shall We Gather at the River* — arr. Tucker
Joyful Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship – Revelation 7
ONE: What kind of love has God given us?
MANY: A love that proclaims we are God's very own.
ONE: What kind of promise has God given us?
MANY: God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
ONE: What kind of future has God given us?
MANY: God will lead us to springs of life-giving water.
ONE: Let us worship the living God!

* Hymn No. 33 — *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* — LLANFAIR

Prayer of Confession
MANY: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We want to be numbered among your saints, but we are unwilling to face the time of trial. We want to be gathered among the faithful, but we are unprepared to offer you our lives. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon
ONE: Siblings in Christ, no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned. Hear and believe the good news!
MANY: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!
ONE: As we are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us share the welcome and peace of Christ with one another, standing to greet one other with, "Peace be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

* Passing of the Peace
Please stand and share the peace of Christ with those around you. When the music begins, return to your pew and remain standing as we sing the Congregational Response together.

* Congregational Response — *Come Sing to God* (stanza 1) — ELLACOMBE
Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.

WELCOME

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a long-time member, we are blessed to have you with us.

As a congregation, we seek to live as people united in Jesus Christ. Our church consists of people of all ages and stages on faith's journey, from those new to faith to those who have honed their faith for decades. We consider this one of Unity's greatest gifts. We see ourselves as an ever-widening family with room for everyone. We tend to worship in some pretty traditional ways. We study the scriptures and seek to understand the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world.

We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning - a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper connection with the God who loves you! After the service, stick around for a few minutes. Introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you cannot stay or are worshiping with us online, please visit our website. See if this is a place and a people that God is calling you to be a part of; a place and a people where you might invest yourself in the amazing work God is doing; a place and a people you just might call home.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

First Reading — 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Children's Time

Congregational Blessing — *Go Now in Peace* — Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Second Reading — Psalm 43

Sermon — *I Shall Again Praise* — Dr. Matt Rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

***** Affirmation of Faith – from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-9.55

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Offering

As we worship both at home and in the sanctuary, we pause in gratitude to God to prayerfully reflect on the response we make to God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Financial gifts can be shared online at https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/give/now , through the mail, as the plates are passed, or in the mailbox in front of the Historic Sanctuary.

Offertory Anthem — *Send Out Thy Light* — Balakireff, arr. Cherwien

Chancel Choir

Send out thy light, O send thy truth,
that they may lead me, O Lord,
that they lead me to thy holy hill.

My soul shall trust in God the Lord,
for I will yet give thanks to God,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Send out thy light, O send thy truth,
that they may lead me, Lord,
to thy dwelling place.

* Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

***** Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

ONE: The Lord be with you.
MANY: And also with you.
ONE: Lift up your hearts.
MANY: We lift them to the Lord.
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise …

Today we remember the members and friends of Unity Presbyterian who have entered the Church Triumphant since All Saints' Day of last year:

Lee Cole
Greyson Gload
Ken Hill
Cecil Hinton
Mike Hopkins
Helen Knyfd
Mary Anne Long
Sandy Paul
Lea Shannon
Barry Tuttle
Wendi Wilkins

MANY: 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.

Choral Reflection *Hear My Prayer* Hogan

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer. Keep me safe within your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory; and to hear you say, "Well done!"
Done with sin and sorrow. Have mercy. Mercy. Amen.

Leading Worship This Morning:

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich
Senior Pastor

Rev. Molly Spangler
Associate Pastor

Rev. Liz Corsig Finegan
Associate Pastor

Craig Evans
Lay Worship Leader
(11:00)

Margaret Monroe
Director of Music

Acolytes:
8:45
Rose Berens
11:00
Charlotte Davis
Emily Evans

Children's Ministry Staff:
Kathryn McGregor,
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Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

We celebrate by serving one another in the pews today. As the plates are passed, please take a piece of bread or a cup of juice. Then hold the bread or juice until all have been served and we will partake together. Gluten free wafers are found by the steps at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer after Communion

* Hymn No. 326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude *Recessional in C* Dixon

***As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.**

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DEACONS serving today at the 8:45 a.m. service are Jim McMullen, Ron Ringley, and Audrey Allan; at the 11:00 a.m. service are Jamie White, Jim Weller, and Brynne Fisher.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given today to the glory of God and in honor and memory of all the saints who have shaped our lives, by Thomas, Margaret, and Quinn Monroe.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available at the Deacons desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP, GROW, AND SERVE

ANNUAL VISION OF MINISTRY - 2026-2027:
A Place at the Table - *Luke 24:30-31*

As God invites all to new life through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, Unity Presbyterian Church seeks to respond by being and becoming a community that:

- Welcomes and creates belonging for everyone as beloved children of God (*Luke 14:20b-23* and *Hebrews 13:2*)
- Gathers to encounter Christ and grow in faith through word, sacrament, formation, and fellowship (*Luke 13:29*-30 and *Hebrews 10:24-25*)
- Witnesses and engages with one another and the world through dialogue, discernment, shalom, and justice (*Isaiah 1:17*, *Matthew 14:16*, and *Luke 4:16-21*)
- Celebrates the goodness of the Lord with generosity and joy (*Psalm 34:8*, *Isaiah 25:9*, and *Luke 24:52-53*)

Worship

TODAY IN WORSHIP, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper, also known as Communion. Communion is one of two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, we remember the meals Jesus shared with his disciples, we give thanks for the gifts God has given us, we receive hope for the future, and we commit ourselves to share God's love with the world. In the PC(USA), "The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding." The Lord's Supper is a 'heavenly mystery'; none of us can ever fully understand it. It is the decision of each parent/guardian when they want their child(ren) to begin participating in Communion. Parents are encouraged to have ongoing conversations with their child(ren) and consider welcoming their child(ren) to participate in the Sacrament as soon as the child(ren) express a desire.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, Room M201 is open, and is connected to the sanctuary sound system. Ask an usher in the Narthex if you need directions.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE during today's worship services in Room S104 for infants-18 months and S103 for toddlers/preschoolers up through age 3. Both rooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary building. Our nursery is run by trained, paid staff with assistance from trained church volunteers. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered throughout the morning. Children may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to a worship service or may attend worship with you until Children's Time, and then, will be taken to nursery by our volunteers and staff. If your child plans to leave the service following Children's Time, ***please complete a bright yellow Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.***

CIW IS AVAILABLE during today's worship services. "Children in Worship" is a Montessori-based worship program for young children (those who turned 4 before September 1, 2026, and those who are in kindergarten and 1st grade). They learn to worship in a way that corresponds to corporate worship yet addresses their needs as young children. ***Please bring your child with you to worship in the sanctuary and complete a Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack, and place it on your child's back. Check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.*** After the Children's Time, your child will be escorted to the CIW Room (M206) on the children's ministries hallway.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED - Please note that as you join us for worship in the Sanctuary, there is a possibility that you will be seen on the online livestream. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Dr. Matt Rich at the church office at 803.547.5543.

Children's Ministry

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE TODAY ONLY FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS (GCs), our 4th and 5th grade fellowship group. **TODAY only we will meet from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Beginning next week and through November 22, we will meet from 4:30-5:30 p.m. All 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to join us for fellowship, devotions, games, and mission in Room M208. Parents are asked to park in the Fellowship Hall parking lot and walk their children up the walkway between the Fellowship Hall and the Labyrinth to check their children in. Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for more information. No registration needed.

SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER 2027:
June 14 – 17: VBS/Mission Camp – ages Rising 4K- Rising 6th grade
July 5-8: Passport Camp @ Montreat – ages Completed 3rd-5th grades
July 20 – 22: Grands Camp for Grandchildren in Rising 4K-Rising 5th grades and their grandparents

REGISTRATION FOR PASSPORTkids! CAMP FOR SUMMER 2027 OPENS TODAY. Unity will take a group to PASSPORTkids! Camp at Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC on July 5-8, 2027. This fun-filled four-day, three-night camp is for children who are **currently in 3rd - 5th grade**. Kathryn McGregor and other Unity adult chaperones will travel with the group to Montreat for camp. The cost is $458. Registration will be open until January 10 or until it fills. Space is limited, so register early.

JOIN US FOR OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS to be held on **Saturday, December 12th** at 10:00 am. This event is most appropriate for children who are in first grade and under and their parents, grandparents, and other loved ones, but all aged children are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Endowment

AS YOU CONTEMPLATE YOUR LEGACY, please consider including Unity in your estate planning.

Faith Formation

THERE'S A PLACE FOR ALL AGES DURING SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION - Sunday Morning Faith Formation for all ages continues **TODAY** at 10:00 a.m. A list of all classes and room numbers is below. **Scan the QR code** to learn more about each adult offering and find the place that is right for you. Find a place to grow in your faith this year. There is a place for everyone!

Children	Youth	Adults
Birth - 3 years: S103 & S104 4K - Kindergarten: M203 1st - 2nd Grades: M205 3rd - 5th Grades: M208	6th & 7th Grades: M106 Confirmation (8th): M107 High School: M108	As a Child: M312 Faith Connections: Historic Sanctuary Fellowship: M201 Unity: M102 The Bereans: M210 (and on Zoom* *Contact Kathryn McGregor at KMcGregor@UnityFortMill.org for the Zoom link.*)

MONDAY MUSINGS meets each Monday from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. with the pastors in Room M201 for conversation about and study of Sunday's sermon and scripture texts.

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR NEXT SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE Join others from Unity an unforgettable spiritual pilgrimage through Greece and the Greek Islands, tracing the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and discovering the places where the story of the early church first unfolded **April 22-May 2, 2028**. We are honored to have as our teacher and fellow pilgrim on this tour recently retired Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Frances Taylor Gench. **Registration will open January 1, 2027**. **Scan the QR code to read more about the trip.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ADVENT WORKSHOP on Sunday, November 29th at 10:00 am. This is an All-Church event in lieu of regular Faith Formation classes that Sunday. We will make an Advent wreaths that your family can use at home as we all make a place for Christ this Advent season. All are welcome. No registration is necessary.

Hospitality and Evangelism

WELCOME TO UNITY COFFEE: Anyone interested in learning more about Unity is invited to join us on **Sunday November 15 at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. This is an informal get-together during which we will share basic information about the congregation, our beliefs, answer any questions you may have and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. Children are welcome to join their parents, or they may attend Sunday school.

Human Resources Ministry Team

WE'RE HIRING - Are you or do you know someone with gifts and skills for publications, social media, websites, and design? Perhaps you or they are looking for a part-time position, say 25 hours a week? Maybe you or they are looking for a way to connect their faith with the mission of a really awesome church and ministry team? Unity Presbyterian Church is searching for its next Communications Specialist. This 25 hour/week position (generally Monday - Thursday, 9 AM to 3:00PM) is responsible for producing the weekly bulletins, creating weekly church emails and social media engagement, updating the website, creating a twice a month newsletter, and various other poster/publicity/graphic design. **For more information, including the job description, please email Dr. Matt or reach him in the church office.** Thanks for sharing this opportunity with those who might be interested.

Men's Ministry

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST - Unity's Men's Ministry is preparing an appreciation breakfast, on **November 10, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.**, for all veterans that are members of Unity or attend Unity regularly. Our guest speaker will be Unity member, retired Col. David Rozelle who serves as Director of Workforce Enhancement for the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs. All are welcome, but we **ask if you are planning to attend please register using the QR code by November 2** so that preparations can be made.

Outreach

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY SUNDAY IS TODAY - We will resume our regular food and supplies donations to the Fort Mill Care Center **TODAY**. Please continue to bring the items requested for the Sharing God's Bounty food drive. Through September, we have collected 3,478 lbs. of food and supplies. Please bring your donations and deposit them in the collection box in the Narthex any time you are at church. You can also drop off donations, including any refrigerated items, directly at the Fort Mill Care Center. They are open MWF from 9 to 12 and Wednesday from 5 to 7. Please have them weigh the donation and please send an Email with the total weight to Larry Terrell at larry.terrell@sbcglobal.net. ***(NOTE: Any food, hygiene, or cleaning items are welcome, but they are currently overstocked on peanut butter.)*** Thank you again for generously sharing God's love with our neighbors in need.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN'S BUILD HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED for Saturday, November 7 - Unity will join Habitat for Humanity of York County Women's Build **from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** building a home for the Wilkins family in Clover. Lunch will be provided by the Men's Ministry. There is a job for all skills and abilities, 16 and older. While a Women's Build encourages women to join the Habitat mission, men are also welcome. Habitat homeowners take classes on financial literacy and home ownership, complete 250 hours of "sweat equity" by working on their own home and repay a 0% interest rate loan for the price of their home. **Please contact Steve Hardy at stevehardy59@yahoo.com or 803.579.7341 to sign up.**

THORNWELL DOCUMENTARY SCREENING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 at 12:15 p.m. The Outreach Ministry Team invites you to a screening of Thornwell's new documentary in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Thornwell is one of our long-standing mission partners here in South Carolina, and November 22 is our annual Sunday when we share updates on the ministry they are doing and take up a special offering for them. The documentary will last 30 minutes, with time for questions afterwards. There will be door prizes and brunch food so plan to stay after worship as we spend time with our mission partners that day. All are invited and we hope to see you there.

Stephen Ministry

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN IS A STEPHEN MINISTER CHURCH - Stephen Ministers are members of Unity Presbyterian Church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, please contact Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson via email at Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org or call Rev. Molly Spangler at 803.547.5543.

Unity Preschool

UNITY PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIRY CAMPAIGN - Unity Preschool recognizes that reading together is a simple yet powerful way to help young children develop literacy skills. We are raising funds to provide our students with one book a month. We hope these books will inspire our families to read with their children and help our students develop a love of reading. When you become a Book Fairy by contributing to our campaign, you will help us raise funds to purchase books for our students. Any extra funds will go toward building our preschool library and will benefit our students for years to come. Will you become a Book Fairy for our students and donate to our campaign? You may donate online using Unity's website or **by scanning the QR code**. If you give money via Unity's website, please choose "Preschool" as the fund and include "Book Fairy" in the notes. Thank you in advance for your support!

Wedding Celebration for Pastor Liz and Jack Finegan

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ALL-CHURCH CELEBRATION FOR THE NEWLYWEDS TODAY at 12:15 p.m. with some delicious cake in the Fellowship Hall. The only gifts that are requested are treasured family recipes. You can submit a recipe early or bring one with you when you come. You may submit your recipes via email to Lynn Ringley at Lringley@icloud.com or Michelle Hoffman at michellekhoffman@gmail.com. **Or you may pick up a recipe card in the narthex and return it to the narthex or the church office by TODAY.** (You can also bring your own recipe card with you as long as it is size 4x6). We hope you will come to celebrate with our Unity family as Liz and Jack start this part of their journey together.

Women of Unity

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH with all things happening with the Women of Unity by following us on Instagram: @woufortmill.

Worship and Music

MUSIC CAMP - **Registration is now open! Use the QR code to register on Realm**. Registration closes on November 30, or when registration is full. Music Camp is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. 4K children who attend Cherub Choir in the fall may also register with Music Director's approval. Campers will rehearse and perform the musical "In the Image" by Mark Burrows, which will teach us that being created in the image of God is about creativity, faithfulness, responsibility, community, and the ability to find the good in things. **Camp runs February 15-19, 2027**, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., with the performance on Friday, February 19th at noon. Registration is free, but space is limited to the first 40 registrants. Have questions? Reach out to Margaret Monroe, Director of Music, at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or 803.547.5543.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS – The next session of Children's Choir begins on November 8. Even if you couldn't participate in our first session, please join us this time around as we learn songs to sing for upcoming Advent worship services. Cherub Choir (children who turned 4 by September 1, 2026 through first grade) will meet from 2:30-3:15 and the Covenant Choir (grades 2-5) meets from 3:30-4:15. Parents, please register any children singing for the first time this school year on **Realm using the QR code** (returning singers do not need to register again). Contact Margaret Monroe at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or 547-5543 with any questions. Come make a joyful noise!

Young Adults

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW for a college student & young adult Honduras mission trip! Join us for a week of mission, relationship-building, and learning with our longtime mission partners in the Copan region of Honduras, May 24-31, 2027! **Scan the code for more details and to register**.

Youth Ministry

YOUTH GROUP TODAY HAS BEEN CANCELLED. We look forward to seeing you for Youth Group on Sunday, November 8th from 4:30-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

JOIN US FOR ICE CREAM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3! Enjoy some ice cream and fellowship on your day off from school! Middle schoolers will meet from 1-2pm and high schoolers will meet from 2-3pm at the Peach Stand (Hwy 160).

SAVE THE DATE FOR A PARENTS OF YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP beginning on **Sunday, November 8**! Parents of 6th-12th graders are invited to gather monthly during youth group from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room for an informal book study on "Caring Assertiveness" from Stephen Ministries. Led by retired psychiatrist and Unity Youth Advisor, Ted Benfield, this group will explore strategies to relate in a more direct, honest, and respectful way and enjoy more fulfilling connections with your children. No registration needed and come as you are able! Book will be provided at the first session.

SAVE THE DATE AND REGISTER NOW ON REALM FOR UNITY YOUTH TRIPS & RETREATS!

Middle School Charleston Youth Mission Weekend: January 15-18, 2027
High School Alabama Mission Trip: February 14-21, 2027
High School Montreat Youth Conference: June 13-19, 2027
Middle School Massanetta Conference: July 13-16, 2027

Hymns for November 1, 2026
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Hymn *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* LLANFAIR

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
Singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

Hymn *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!