



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024



**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community, and the world beyond.



**A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**A Matthew 25 Church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

# TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Preschool Suite D

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.**      **Worship** in the Sanctuary

**Time with Our Children (approximately 9:15 a.m.)**

*The young and young-at-heart are invited to join the worship leader at the front of the sanctuary. Following the TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN, young ones through fifth grade may be escorted to Children's Programming or they are welcome to remain in worship.*

**Children's Programming (9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)**

- Preschool Sunday School: Ages 3 and 4 in the Preschool Suite Room C
- Joyful Noise Choir: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in the Youth Music Room

**10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**      **Holy Toast Café** in Walton Community Hall  
*Enjoy free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar.*

**10:10 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Children and Youth Programming**

- Nursery Care: Age 4 and under in Preschool Suite D
- Kids Zone Sunday School: Kindergarten–Grade 5 in Classroom 1
- Middle School Zone: Grades 6-8 in Classroom 3
- High School: Grades 9–12
  - Confirmation Class in Classroom 7

**Adult Education** (see page 6)

- Hearts to Hear: Panel Discussion in Classroom 6

**11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**      **Living Mosaics worship** in Rodney Chapel

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**      **Hearts to Hear** in the Sanctuary (see page 5)

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**      **180° Youth Group** in Walton Community Hall and Classroom 6

For descriptions of our programs for children and youth, visit [wpc.org/children-youth](http://wpc.org/children-youth).

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**The Music:** We are honored to welcome internationally acclaimed concert pianist and Steinway Artist Gayle Martin back to Westminster today. The Houston native has given solo performances and appeared with orchestras around the world. She achieved international prominence as the sole American laureate in the sixth International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow—the third American woman ever to reach the finals. Gayle is a Juilliard graduate where she was one of the last students of the famed pedagogue Rosina Lhévinne. Please join us for her piano concert next Sunday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m.

**The sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Anna Mae and Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock by Dick Jolly and Charles Ingersoll. Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event. Please contact Linda Watson at (302) 571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com). The next available dates for flowers are April 7, 14, and 28.

**Westminster's Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community. Please submit your prayer request to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com) or online at [wpc.org/care-support](http://wpc.org/care-support).

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

~ Passages in **bold** print may be spoken by all. At the asterisk (\*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. ~

TOWER CHIME

Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor (excerpt)*  
Gayle Martin, piano

Frédéric Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

We follow Christ, who says, "Take up your cross."

**We follow Christ, who calls us to commit to his way.**

We follow Christ, who summons us to new life.

**Let us worship God with gladness.**

\*HYMN NO. 17

*Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we stray from your path  
when we live only for ourselves,  
when we turn from our neighbors and refuse to share their burdens,  
and when we ignore the pain of the world  
by neglecting people who are poor or ill or in war zones.  
Free us from our self-centered ways  
and inspire us to follow your way of compassion-fueled justice  
so that we may experience the abundant lives you want us to live. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(See "Today at Westminster" on page 2.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:27-36

Tracey Radosevic

SERMON

Gregory Knox Jones

\*HYMN NO. 718

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

BOURBON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

*Give Me Jesus*  
Teddy Austin, tenor

Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.  
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.  
Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 No. 757

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*To God Be the Glory*

arr. Frederick L. Swann

**New to Westminster?** Welcome! We're so glad you're here. If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself via our contact form on the [I'm New](#) page of our website or scan this QR code to get there from your mobile device. We look forward to getting to know you.



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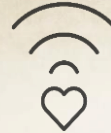
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# Hearts to Hear:



## A Telling of The Gospel of Mark

Today • 3–5 p.m. • Sanctuary



Westminster has a long and strong connection to biblical storytelling and is offering a unique opportunity to ground ourselves in the stories of Mark during Lent. Dr. Tracy Radosevic – itinerant storyteller, Dean of the Academy for Biblical Storytelling, and part-time professor at Wesley Seminary – will tell the entire book of Mark this afternoon! This promises to be an amazing experience. Those who come will hear the stories in a fresh new way and will be filled with the enthusiasm, passion, drama, compassion, humor, and inspiration that these stories embody.

*A free-will offering will be collected at the end of the program  
(suggested donation: \$20).*

# ADULT EDUCATION

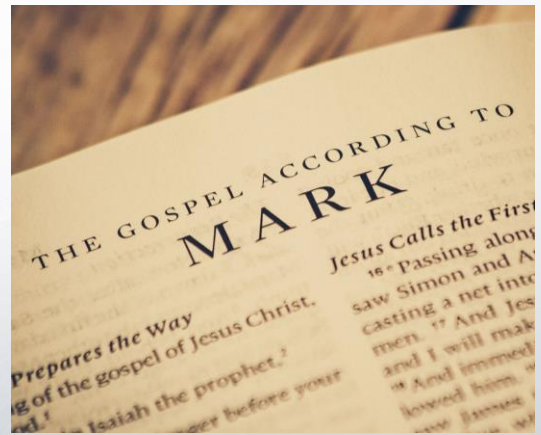
TODAY, FEBRUARY 25

## *Hearts to Hear:* Panel Discussion

**10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6** (in person only)

Dr. Tracy Radosevic will lead a panel discussion on Biblical storytelling. All are invited to attend, ask questions, and learn more about her life as a traveling Biblical Storyteller and professor of storytelling at Wesley Theological Seminary and Dean of the Academy for Biblical Storytelling.

On this same day, Tracy will also be telling scripture in both worship services (9:00 and 11:15 a.m.) and telling the entire book of Mark (3 p.m.). For more information, see page 7.



NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3

### **The Gospel of Mark Series: Essential Questions**

*Presented by the Rev. Dr. Eric Ruoss*

**10:10–11:00 a.m. | Classroom 6 and Zoom**

Zoom link: [bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom](https://bit.ly/wpc-adult-ed-zoom)

This class will explore questions such as “Who was Mark?”, “Why did he feel compelled to write this record?”, and “Why was Jesus coy about the revelation of his life changing action?”

Dr. Ruoss is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament of the New Castle Presbytery. His career was in education. In Delaware, he was the Headmaster of The Tatnall School and President of Nativity Prep.

### **Let's Talk About It**

**10:10–11:00 a.m. | Ruth Christie Room**



We are happy to bring back this series. Join us for a lively discussion of a timely topic that is current that week/month.

ONGOING/WEEKLY

### **Online Bible Studies**

**Midweek Manna Bible Study**

**Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Zoom**

Contact: Robin Rosser ([rlrosser@aol.com](mailto:rlrosser@aol.com))

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**

**Thursdays | 6–7 p.m. | Zoom**

*Facilitators: Randy Williamson*

*and Mary Anne Peters*

Contact: [randywilliamson1@comcast.net](mailto:randywilliamson1@comcast.net)

### **Peace and Justice Thursday Evening Education Event**

**A Fresh Start – Branches to Chances**

**Learn how this program helps turn lives around!**

*With Marcia Stephenson and Sue Wyndham,*

*Delaware Center for Horticulture*

**February 29 | 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Zoom link: [bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom](https://bit.ly/peace-justice-zoom)

Hosted by our Peace & Justice Work Group.

[zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) | Meeting ID: 860 2752 1655

**For full descriptions of our programs and more adult education and small group opportunities, visit [WPC.ORG/ADULTS](https://WPC.ORG/ADULTS) or check our events calendar at [WPC.ORG/EVENTS](https://WPC.ORG/EVENTS). Select adult education programs are available as a livestream/recording on our [YouTube channel](#).**

*Music at Westminster*  
GAYLE MARTIN, PIANO

Sunday, March 3  
3 p.m.



Westminster's 2023–2024 Concert Series continues with internationally renowned concert pianist and Steinway Artist Gayle Martin. Her program will include works by Brahms, Chopin, Grieg, Liszt, Schumann, and César Franck's rarely performed *Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue*, which she recorded at Westminster on a previous visit: [youtu.be/1fCQeXEmcmw](https://youtu.be/1fCQeXEmcmw).

The Houston Native rose to prominence as the sole American laureate of the Sixth International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow—the third American woman ever to reach the finals.

Come and be swept away by the emotional richness of glorious masterpieces from the height of the Romantic era in the hands of a master. A free-will offering is requested.

**Join us in person or livestream at [wpc.org/watch](https://wpc.org/watch)  
or directly on WPC's [YouTube channel!](#)**

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### **SESSION**

Taryn Albert, Adam Blackford, Michelle Butler, Sally Buttner, John Carpenter, Clark Collins,

Bob Cox, Sara Dubberly, Rob Gooderham, Laura Holmes, Carla Krupanski, Daniel Malzhan,

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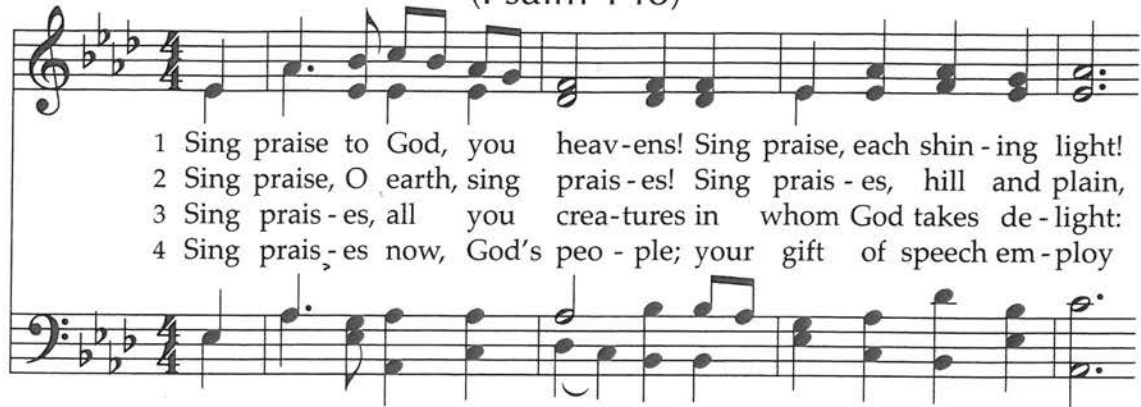
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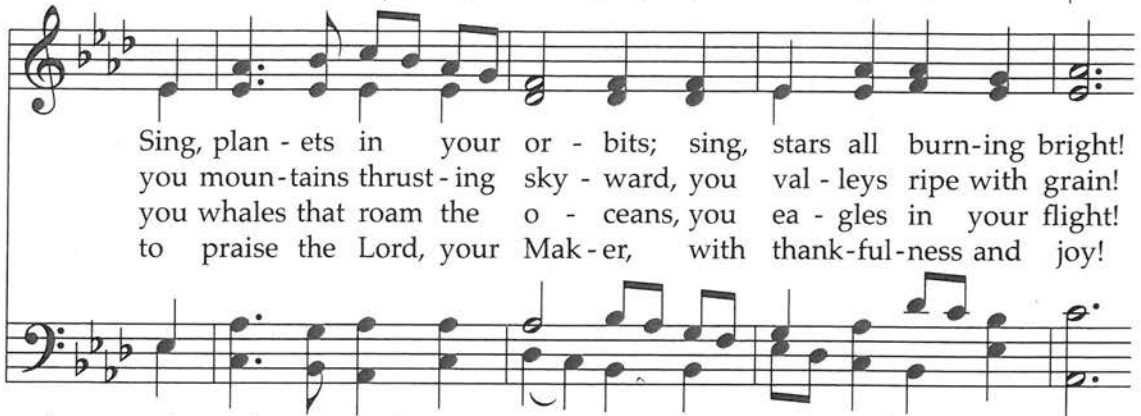


## Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! 17

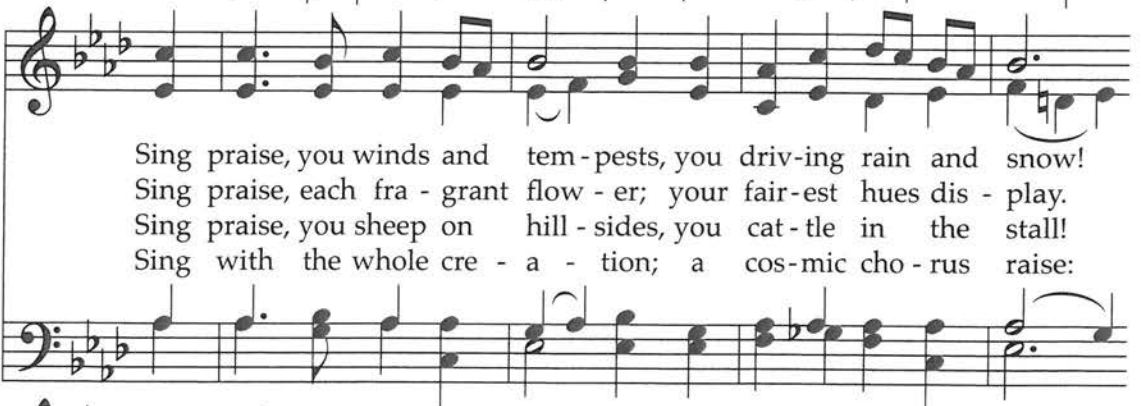
(Psalm 148)



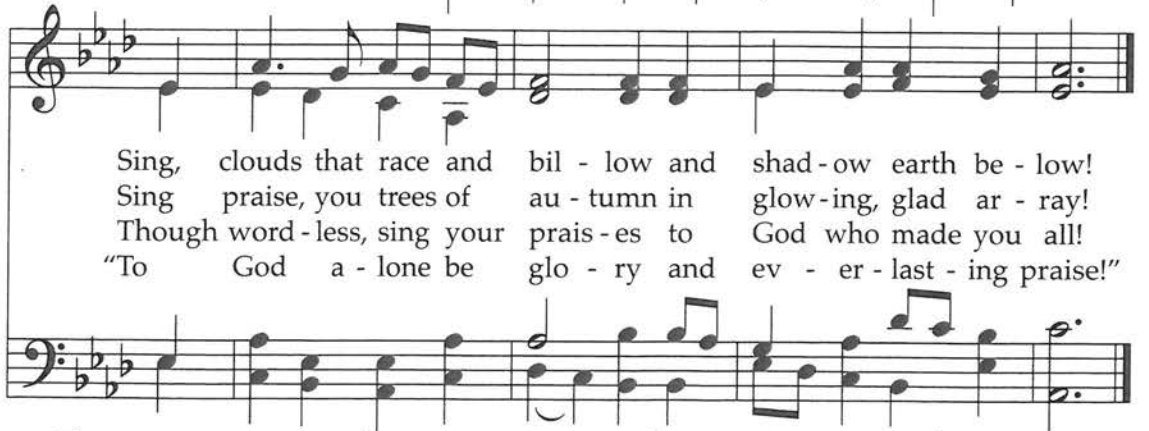
1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin - ing light!  
2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais - es! Sing prais - es, hill and plain,  
3 Sing prais - es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de - light:  
4 Sing prais - es now, God's peo - ple; your gift of speech em - ploy



Sing, plan - ets in your or - bits; sing, stars all burn - ing bright!  
you moun - tains thrust - ing sky - ward, you val - leys ripe with grain!  
you whales that roam the o - ceans, you ea - gles in your flight!  
to praise the Lord, your Mak - er, with thank - ful - ness and joy!



Sing praise, you winds and tem - pests, you driv - ing rain and snow!  
Sing praise, each fra - grant flow - er; your fair - est hues dis - play.  
Sing praise, you sheep on hill - sides, you cat - tle in the stall!  
Sing with the whole cre - a - tion; a cos - mic cho - rus raise:



Sing, clouds that race and bil - low and shad - ow earth be - low!  
Sing praise, you trees of au - tumn in glow - ing, glad ar - ray!  
Though word - less, sing your prais - es to God who made you all!  
"To God a - lone be glo - ry and ev - er - last - ing praise!"

This paraphrase of Psalm 148 reflects the spirit of praise linking Psalms 146–150. Of the two great themes found in these final five psalms—creation and deliverance—this psalm focuses on the former. The opening praise “from the heavens” is matched by praise “from the earth.”

# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

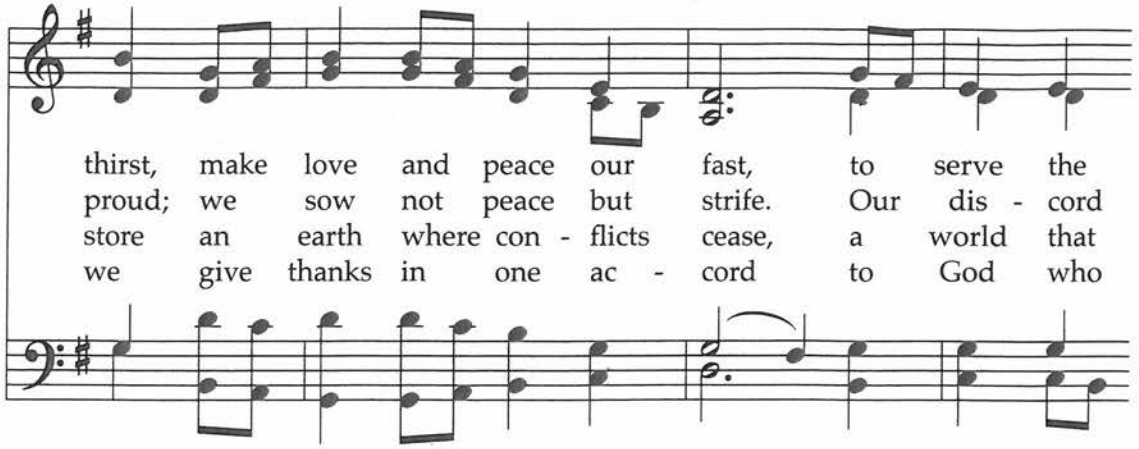
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

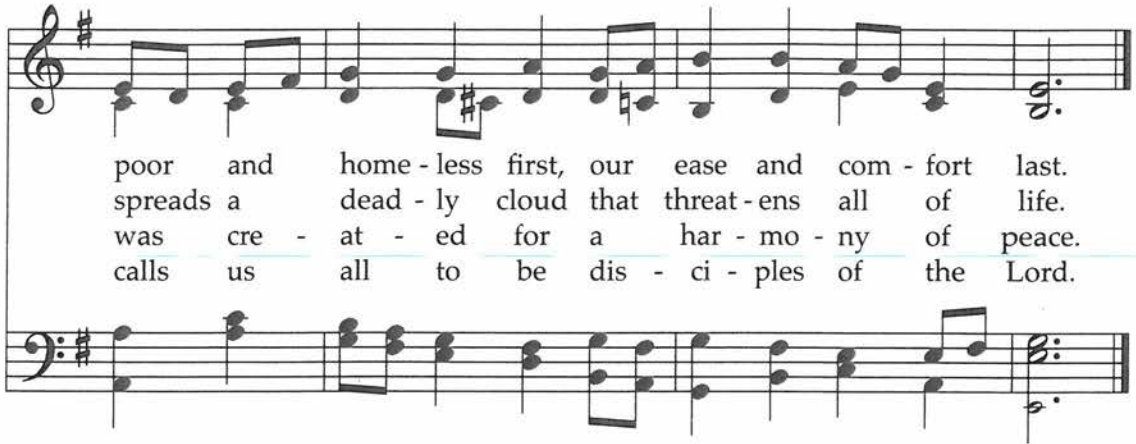
plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.