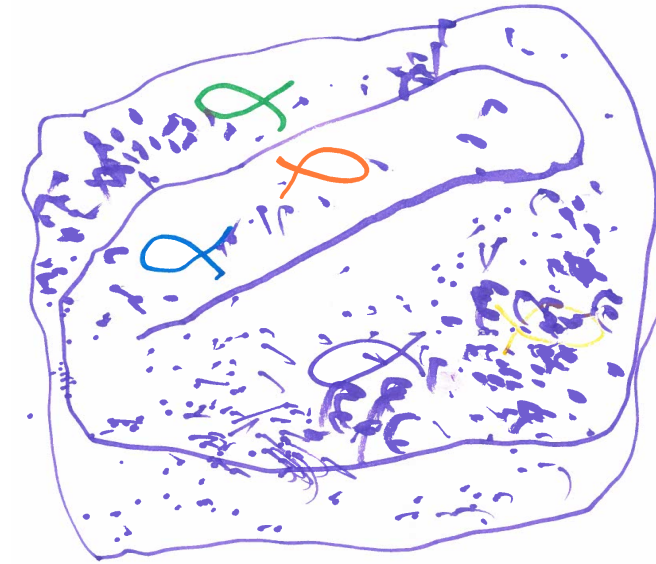


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Children's Day Bulletin

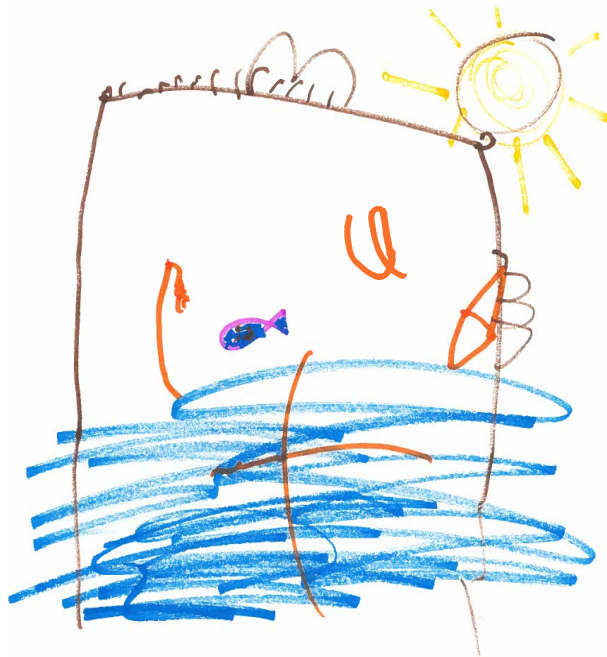
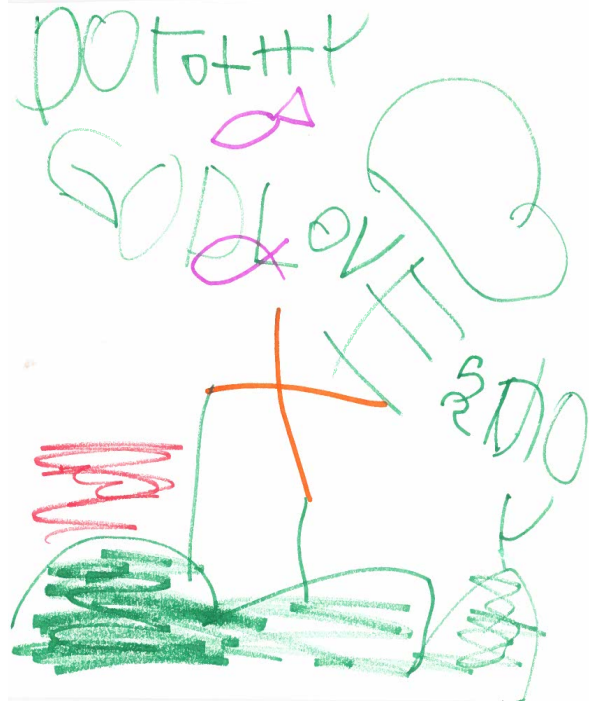
Sunday
MAY 18, 2025



Fletcher

*"Let the little children come to
me ... for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these."*

Mark 10:14



Marleigh

Cover art done by our Pre-K
and Kindergarten kids!



THE
**UNITED
CHURCH**
CANADA



Order of Worship for
MAY 18, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: “Hosanna Filio David” by Jeanne Demessieux

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: How, as in all creation, we can find our unique voice of praising God for his love. (Psalm 148)

BAPTISMS/COMMUNICANTS CLASS: Jackson Callard, Elise Cunningham, Leah Davis, Liam Hildebrandt, Adele Marshall, Lily Munson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: From the heights of heaven to the depths of the sea,

People: We gather to praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: With the sun and moon, mountains and trees, all living creatures,

People: We join creation’s symphony in worshiping our Creator!

Leader: Young and old, women and men, from all walks of life,

People: Together we lift our voices in praise!

All: For God’s splendor is above earth and heaven, and we are the people close to His heart. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #21: “How Great Thou Art”**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Almighty Creator, whose glory fills the heavens and the earth, we join today with all creation in offering our praise to you. As we reflect on your majesty revealed in Psalm 148, tune our hearts to sing your praise and open our eyes to see your handiwork in all that surrounds us. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray, Our Father, who art in heaven...

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 21:1-6 (page 1230) {A.B. page 1400}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah”

Sunday School Kids (pre-K through 5th)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:31-35 (page 1067) {A.B. page 1185}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Flowers” by Samantha Ebert (words on insert)

Cause Worship Band

Sermon

“The Complete Symphony of Praise”

(Psalm 148)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #492: (8:45) “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”** CCLI Song #7106765, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***HYMN: (11:00) “Praise You In This Storm”** (printed on extra sheet)

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Improvisation on “Jesus Loves Me”

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN #505: (8:45) “Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim it!”**

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***HYMN: (11:00) “Alive and Breathing”** (printed on extra sheet)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Nancy Bowllan, Diane Brown, Ernestine & Wilbert (Ernie & Mac) McKenzie, Leslie Roof, Elise Cunningham, Leah Davis, Liam Hildebrandt, Adele Marshall, Lily Munson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Te Deum” by Marc-Antoine Charpentier arr. Kraft

** indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Luca Masi (Verspoor's g-grandson), Lou Verspoor, Karen Roaix, Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Arlene Willett, Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Dave and Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Jennie (friend of Nancy Bowllan), Sara Scharr, Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe's friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Recovering at home: Alice Smith-Mather (missionaries' daughter)

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: JJ Callard (USN), US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti - the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple) and prayers for a smooth transition as Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather and Ryan & Althia White as they end their time as PCUSA missionaries.

Highlights for This Week

- **NEW!** "Pop-up" **playdates - Thursdays in May** (May 22, and 29) at the "**Pirate Playground**" on Outhouse Road, **9:30-11:30am**. All moms, grandmas, caregivers and their children are invited! Come when you can; bring a lunch and stay longer if you choose.
- **2025 Graduates** - Is your child graduating high school or college? Let Pastor Mark know the details, and plan to participate in the June 8 celebration during the 9:30 summer service on **Sunday, June 8!** Please provide the following information: Graduate Name, School Graduating From, Degree/Program to be enrolled in (or has completed), and future plans!
- **Youth Fun Night** - Friday, May 23, 6:30-10pm - Registration is now open for our upcoming youth night! 6-12 grade students invited. MS students will gather downstairs, and HS upstairs. Snacks, fun, and games for everyone! HS students will also be able to paint on canvas - to be hung in the youth room!
- Parents, don't forget that we offer **camperships!!** Our church believes that the Christian Summer Camp experience is so valuable that **we will pay ½ the week's tuition to one week at any summer Christian camp**. It's simple: Pick a summer Christian camp, register your child, and then **send the registration confirmation to Deb....**and our church will pay half the cost. If your family needs a full campership, please let Deb know. **The deadline for campership requests is Sunday, June 1.**
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for May: Steward Gail Benjamin.** Please contact Gail if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the entire summer!
- **VBS prayer cards** are available in the welcome center. Please grab a stack, take them home, and join us in prayer for our True North VBS, July 14-18. Thank you!
- Join us for a **VBS scenery work day!** Come for as long as you can. We have a lot of different ways you can help.
 - Tuesday May 27, 9am-12noon
 - Monday June 2, 9am-12noon
- **Ministry Involvement Day** - If you were not able to join us on Ministry Involvement Day on March 30, **please be sure to complete a survey.** They are available on the Welcome Center desk or online using the QR code.



Are You Visiting Us Today?

If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/ your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**



Children's Time

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon upstairs in room 26. **Children** aged **Kindergarten through 3rd grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during both services and the Sunday school hour. Room 10 (the infant nursery) is used during the early service, Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery) is used during the Sunday school hour, and both rooms are open during the late service.



Parent/Child Library



The **Parent/Child Library** is full of books for all ages on **how God made you unique** which is the emphasis for the months of May through August! You may **borrow a book/books** off either the display shelf or the regular book shelf. All families are welcome to use the Parent/Child library *at any time*. Please **sign the book(s) out** and return within 4 weeks. Any questions? See Deb Marshall

Softball anyone?

The **United Church softball team** will be playing **this Tuesday, May 20th at Farmington Town Park, field #1**. The team plays **every Tuesday night** on one of the local fields. Come to cheer us on!



Tables: In With the New and Out With the Old!



The United Church has purchased **new folding tables** that provide easier portability for our dining area. As a result, we have an abundance of sturdy, **wooden 8-foot rectangular and 5-foot round folding tables** that we can no longer store. If you are interested in bringing home one or more of these tables, we are asking for a **minimum donation of \$10 per table**. Please contact the Staff Relations Committee by email at src@uccdga.org.

If you are in need of assistance transporting the table(s) home, we have kind volunteers who are willing to help.

Save the dates!

June 1 - Church Picnic

August 16-17 - Retreats and worship at Onanda Park

Aug 23 - Red Wings Game

Sept 11-13 - Pictorial Directory photos taken

Church Picnic

Join us for the Annual **Church Picnic** on **Sunday, June 1**. Plan to arrive by 11:45am, and we'll eat at noon. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign up on the office door to bring a main dish (no hot dogs this year!). Drinks and table service provided. Please label dishes and serving utensils. Feel free to bring outdoor games. Baker Park Pavilion, 185 Buffalo St, Canandaigua. Questions? Contact Mary Beth Fortunato at mbweber@hotmail.com or 585-451-1758.



Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to help out **later this summer** with preparations for our **new Pictorial Directory**, please let Becky Boseck or the church office know! We could use a few folks to help get families scheduled for their appointments and make phone calls to those we miss on Sunday mornings. The photo dates will be September 11-13 (and maybe the 10th if we run out of slots.)

Summer Schedule next week!

Beginning **next Sunday, May 25th**, we will meet for one service of worship at **9:30am**. This one service will continue through August 31st.

We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at feedback@uccdga.org.



Thank You from Kory Massey

Stephen and I thank God for the gracious help, encouragement, and prayers that you continue to share with us. You are helping to shoulder our burdens, yet again, and we are incredibly grateful for all the love you've shared with us.

Summer Campers

Below find a list of our summer campers. Each child attending camp gets a campership for ONE week of camp. Some children/families choose to attend other weeks as well. Please pray that the campers below have a safe week that is an impactful part of their faith journey.

LeTourneau campers...

Jesse Cheney: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Sam Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)

David Quimby: Galactic Adventure Camp (June 23-27)

Carter Slomski: Lego Masters Camp (June 23-27), Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Wyatt Posson: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3), Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wacky Water Camp (July 28-Aug 1)

Adele Marshall: Creative Arts Camp (June 30-July 3)

Joy Cheney: Mad Science Camp (July 7-11), Wild, Wild West Camp (overnight, July 21-25)

Dorothy Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)

Violet Thorman: Wild, Wild West Camp (July 21-25)

Kailynn Stewart: Wave Riders Camp (overnight, Aug 4-8)

Asher Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Elizabeth Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Levi Abdallah: Adventure Quest Camp (Aug 11-15)

Miracle Mountain Ranch campers....

Hannah Aldrich (July 6-11)

Paige Munson (July 6-11)

Sophie Munson (July 6-11)

Beaver Camp campers...

Adele Marshall (July 6-11)

Eva Clark (July 20-25)

Elise Cunningham (July 20-25)

Lily Munson (Aug 3-8)

Paige Munson (Aug 3-8)

Sophie Munson (Aug 3-8)

Amelia Cunningham (Aug 10-15)

Anna Zajac (Aug 10-15)



Flowers

(11:00 Cause Band) by Samantha Ebert

Well, blue skies and hillsides feel so far away
And I wrote in my notebook that I've seen better days
Than the ones as of late
I can't bear the weight

The rain won't stop pouring out my windowpane
And I haven't left my bedroom in 76 days
I wish something would change
'Cause I'm losing faith

So I brought it up in a desperate prayer
Lord, why are you keeping me here?
Then He said to me, "Child, I'm planting seeds
I'm a good God and I have a good plan
So trust that I'm holding a watering can
And someday you'll see that flowers grow in the valley"

So whatever the reason, I'm barely getting by
I'll trust it's a season knowing that you're by my side
Every step of the way
And I'll be okay

'Cause I brought it up in a desperate prayer
Lord, why are you keeping me here?
Then He said to me, "Child, I'm planting seeds
I'm a good God and I have a good plan"
So trust that I'm holding a watering can
And someday you'll see that flowers grow in the valley

When I'm on the mountain and looking down below
I'll see a valley of flowers that needed time to grow
And I'll thank you for the rain
The hurt and days of pain

And I'll bring it up in a grateful prayer
Thank you, Jesus, for keeping me there
You know just what I need, and you've planted seeds
'Cause you're a good God with a real good plan
And you hold my world in a watering can
So I can have peace 'cause flowers grow in the valley

Missions **Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...**



A **“Framing Frenzy”** coordinated between Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity, the United Church, and Zion Fellowship is planned for **Saturday, August 23rd** in the Zion Fellowship parking lot! 50-100 community volunteers, age 16 and up, will work together to frame the walls which will become a Canandaigua home for another Habitat family. If you, your family, or friends have interest in a meaningful day of “hands on” service please speak with Linda Werts asap and come to an

informational meeting on Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm in the fellowship room. There is need for “construction” workers as well as volunteers to prepare lunch and snacks, handle registration details, and perhaps other tasks.

Care Net is looking for volunteers to work in their center on Tuesdays from noon until 2pm and in other ways. Training is provided. Interested? Please contact Kathi Nacca.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) and The United Church have been partners in missions for many years. (Over 30 years)
Is there anyone interested in training to be a Living Waters for the World (LWW) trainer?

There is a section of the organization called Clean Water U.
There are two training sessions scheduled: Ready to lead a water mission team?
Reserve your preferred Clean Water U session date early; workshops often fill quickly. A deposit (half of session rate; \$725 for new student; \$400 for alumni) is required to reserve a class slot. Tuition assistance is available from the Mission Committee.

2025 training dates:

June 17-21 (in person at Camp Johnsonburg, NJ)
September 23-27 (in person at Camp Hopewell, MS)

Three areas of training: 101- partnership & Project planning; 102 Health & Safety education; and 103 The system Builders & operation trainers.
Questions? speak to Ken Allen, or Linda Werts.

Church World Service Blankets

It's not too late to donate for Blanket Sunday! If you forgot your envelope (or were away visiting Mom) last weekend, you can still give a donation. Use the envelopes in the pews or just write “blankets” in your check memo line.



Foodlink’s “Pop-Up Food Pantry” will distribute free food on **Monday, May 19th**. Volunteers are needed from 9:00am until about 11:00am at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barns, 5440 Route 5 & 20. Next distribution will be June 30th.



First Fridays at Cameron! Beginning June 5th a small group of volunteers will re-join our friends at Rochester’s **Cameron Community Ministries** and serve and pack lunches at their free noonday meal program. We’ll work from 11:30am-1:30pm. Please reach out to Mary Lou Havens if you’d like to join us.

Notes & Doodles space:

Second hymn

Praise You In This Storm

Words and Music by
Bernie Herms and Mark Hall

INTRO



VERSE

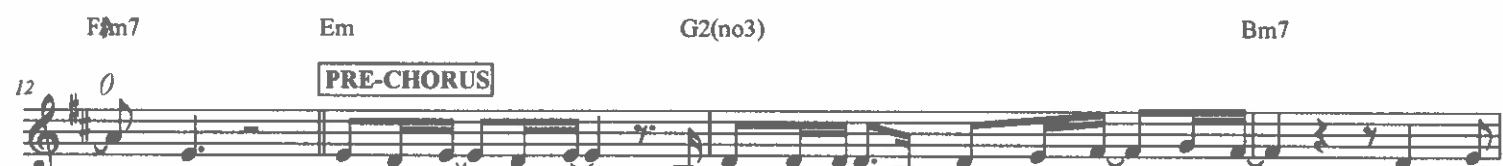
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2. I re - mem - ber when



God, You would have reached down and wiped our tears a - way, stepped in and saved
I stum - bled in the wind; You heard my cry to You, and raised me up a - gain.



the day. But once a - gain I'll say, "A - men!" And it's still rain -
But my strength is al - most gone. How can I car - ry on if I can't find

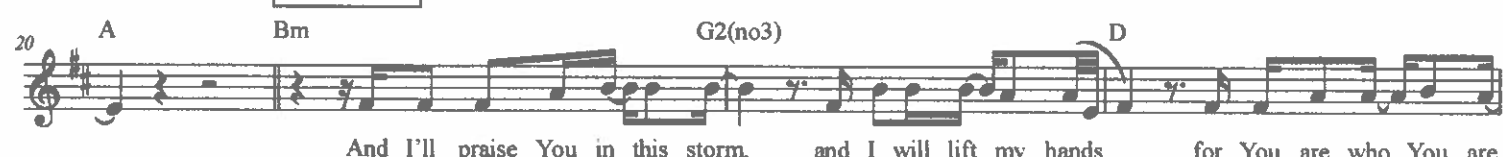


in'. As the thun - der rolls I bare - ly hear You whis - per through the rain, "I'm with
You?"



You." And as Your mer - cy falls I'll raise my hands and praise the God who gives and takes a - way.

CHORUS 1a



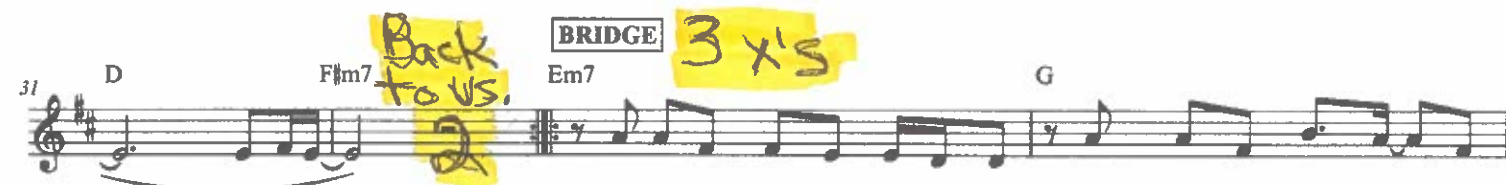
And I'll praise You in this storm, and I will lift my hands, for You are who You are



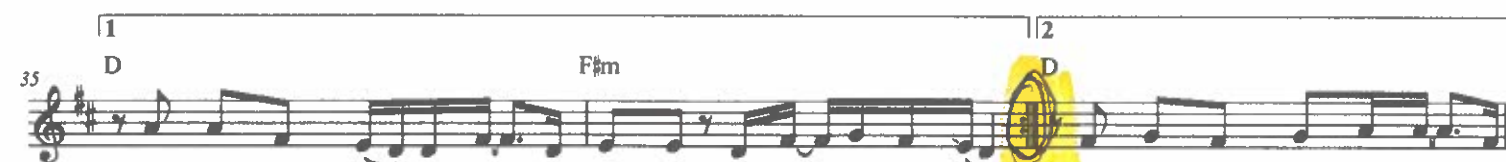
no mat - ter where I am. And ev - 'ry tear I've cried You hold in Your hand.



You nev - er left my side. And though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm.



I lift my eyes un - to the hills. Where does my help come from?



My help comes from the Lord, the Mak - er of heav - en and earth. My help comes from the Lord, the

INSTRUMENTAL



Mak - er of heav - en and earth.

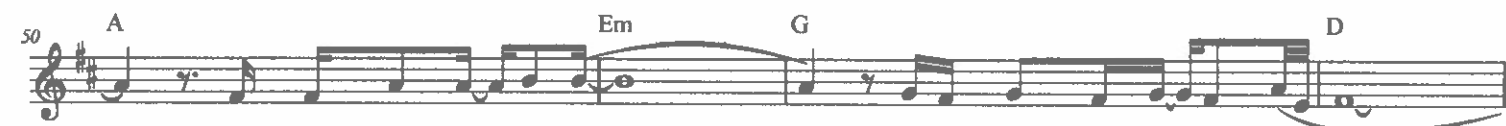
CHORUS 1b



And I'll praise You in this storm, and I will lift my hands. For You are who You are



no mat - ter where I am. And ev - 'ry tear I've cried You hold in Your hand. You nev - er left my side.



And though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm.

ENDING



And though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm.



Third hymn

Alive & Breathing

(based on the recording by Matt Maher | original key: Gb)

Words and Music by
Matt Maher and Elle Limebear

VERSE 1

♩ = 136 Eb5 Bb(4)/D Cm7

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul? What mat - ters come to mind?

Ab2(no3) Eb Bb(4)

The cares you keep, the thoughts you think;

13 Cm7 Ab2 Bb Cm7 Ab2

it's not all wast - ed time. Seek and you will find.

CHORUS

5 Eb % Fm Cm7

Joy still comes in the morn - ing Hope still walks with the hurt - ing. If you're still a - live

25 Ab Eb

and breath - ing, praise the Lord! Don't stop danc - ing and dream - ing

30 Fm Cm7 2nd time to Coda Ab

There's still good news worth re - peat - ing. So lift your head and keep sing - ing, "Praise the Lord!"

VERSE 2

35 Eb Fm

The years roll by. We won - der why

41 Cm Ab Eb Fm

we lost our way from home. Our Fa - ther finds the

48 Cm Ab Bb Cm Ab back to Chorus

child in - side we left for grow - ing old. A - wake, a - wake, a - wake my soul.

55 D.S. al Coda

BRIDGE 1

56 Ab Coda Eb/G Ab2 Bb

"Praise the Lord!" Let ev - 'ry - thing. let ev - 'ry - thing. let ev - 'ry - thing

BRIDGE 1 & 2

61 Eb/G Ab2 Bb

praise the Lord. In the work - ing, in the wait - ing, let it praise the
(Let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing praise the

66 Eb/G Ab2 Bb Eb/G

Lord. In the bless - ing, in the break - ing, come on, praise the Lord. In the
Lord. Let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing praise the Lord. Let ev - 'ry - thing,

71 Ab2 Bb Eb/G Ab2

dy - ing, the ris - ing, let it praise the Lord.
let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing praise the Lord. Let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing,

76 Bb Eb/G Ab2 Bb

Let it praise the Lord.
let ev - 'ry - thing praise the Lord. Let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing, let ev - 'ry - thing praise the

Back to chorus