

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

53 Meeting Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026 AT 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.



THE REV. DR. L. HOLTON SIEGLING, JR.
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THE REV. DR. JAMES T. ROGERS
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THE VISION OF GOD

PRELUDE Prelude on "Song 46" Leo Sowerby

(May the beginning of the prelude serve as a call to silent meditation and prayer.
You are welcome to use this time to mark your attendance in the pew friendship pads.)

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT "What Wondrous Love Is This" American Folk Hymn

Rob Dillon, Tenor (8:45)

"Come, Let Us Bow Down" Giuseppe Verdi
Kirk Choir (11:15) arr. Hal H. Hopson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, You have searched us, and know us; You are acquainted with all our ways.

All: You know our words before we speak them, and You discern our thoughts from far away.

One: There is nowhere we can go from Your Spirit, nowhere we can flee from Your presence.

All: Your hand is upon us, and Your grace surrounds us. Search us, O God, and open our hearts to worship.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn No. 464

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

CALL TO CONFESSION (A pause for silent confession follows.) The Rev. Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, You know us better than we know ourselves. You see our restless hearts, the desires we chase, and the wells from which we draw. We confess that we settle for lesser waters. We hide behind masks and resist Your healing grace. Forgive us for seeking life apart from You. Reveal to us that which we cannot see, O Lord, and set us free. Cleanse us through Christ, who crosses every barrier to reach us and offers Himself as living water; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

†CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Deep and Wide"

Deep and wide, deep and wide.

There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

Deep and wide, deep and wide.

There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

(Repeat)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE TIME FOR TEENS

(Children through 5 years old may be dismissed to the Massie Building for Children's Church.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kent Owens (8:45)
David Ward (11:15)

THE WORD READ Old Testament: Psalm 139 (pew Bible, page 503)
New Testament: John 4:5-42 (pew Bible, page 864)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "GRACE THAT EXPOSES" The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

†THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

†HYMN OF REFLECTION "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" Hymn No. 370

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Mary B. Robinson

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(As the offering plates are passed down each aisle, we celebrate those who contribute through various means, including electronically, by texting FIRSTSCOTS to 73256, or by scanning the QR code on the bulletin insert.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "My Song Is Love Unknown" John Ireland
Rob Dillon, Tenor (8:45)

"O God of Mercy" Simon Lole
Kirk Choir (11:15)

†DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No. 592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN OF COMMITMENT "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Hymn No. 84

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen" McNeil Robinson, II

†POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major Felix Mendelssohn

The flowers in the sanctuary are lovingly given by Phyllis and George Dickinson for the members of our congregation who have and continue to struggle with health concerns.

Large print hymnals and assisted listening devices are available upon request.

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor following the service or contact them this week at the church.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY in the form of video recording and live streaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast.

FIRST (SCOTS) HISTORY TOURS

Please join us for a guided tour and brief history of First (Scots) following the conclusion of worship. Please come and meet your docent at the harpsichord following the service for a 10-15 minute tour. Today's docents are Graham Heller (8:45) and Scott Evans (11:15).

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE TODAY

8:45 A.M. GREETER:

Julianne Farnsworth

8:45 A.M. USHERS:

Whit Smith (Captain), Chris Hawk, Michael Branch,
Kent Owens, Paige Owens, Matt Spath

8:45 A.M. DEACONS:

Kathy Rhodes (Lead Deacon), Bonnie Hutson

8:45 A.M. BEADLE:

Henry Hay, III

8:45 A.M. LAY READER:

Kent Owens

COFFEE GREETER:

Joanne Mauldin

MEDIA MINISTRY:

Matt Bucknam

11:15 A.M. GREETERS:

John Marko, Jr., Bob Baldwin

11:15 A.M. USHERS:

Amelia White (Captain), Jay White, Janice Culp,
Chase Jasso, Meredith Jasso, Ben Archambault

11:15 A.M. DEACONS:

Gene Childers (Lead Deacon), Whitney Stoddard

11:15 A.M. BEADLE:

Eddie McSwain

11:15 A.M. LAY READER:

David Ward

ELDER ON CALL: (March 9 - 15) - Harvey Mason - (704) 907-2254

DEACON ON CALL: (March 9 - 15) - Joanne Mauldin - (803) 493-2287

PASTOR ON CALL: (March 9 - 15)- The Rev. Dr. James T. Rogers - (843) 513-3717



The Reverend Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr., Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. James T. Rogers, Associate Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Peter R. B. Sutton, Associate Pastor
Pastor Mary Robinson, Commissioned Lay Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Daniel W. Massie, Pastor Emeritus



Ricard Bordas, Director of Choral Music
Alison Beskin, Kirk Choristers Director
Dakota Carte, Administrative Assistant
Scarlett Crawford, Church Administrator
Jennifer Cromwell, Kindergarten Director
Ashley DesChamps, Christian Education Assistant
Chef Robyn Guisto, Food Services Director

Karen Kuhn, Administrative Assistant
Donna Lawson, Day Porter
Shelby Olinger, Church Accountant
Anne-Clark Peters, Communications Coordinator
Meredith Sharma, Cherub and Alleluia Choir Director
Garry Stone, Facility Maintenance Coordinator
Christina Wilhoit, Handbell Choir Director

Dr. Anthony Williams, Director of Music and Organist

Welcome to First (Scots)

Calendar of Events

March 9 - 15

Monday, March 9

Worship Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

General Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Monday Prayer Group, 12 - 1 p.m.

Kindergarten Board Meeting, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Bridge, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, 7 - 8 a.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Meeting 5 - 6 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11

Ladies Bible Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Lenten Service at St. Michael's, 12 p.m.

Kirk Club, 3:30 - 5:40 p.m.

Cancer Companions, 4 - 5 p.m.

Taizé Worship, 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 12

Thursday Tabletalk, 12 - 1 p.m.

Open Door Initiative, 1 - 4 p.m.

TAIZÉ & WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Our mid-week chapel service begins at 5:00 p.m. in Lilly Chapel followed by Wednesday Night Supper which begins at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP for dinner, please follow the QR code or email Karen Kuhn at kkuhn@first-scots.org. This week the deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, March 10 at noon.

March 11 Menu:

Salad

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Boiled Potatoes

Carrots

Kids Menu:

A delicious kid-friendly option!

RSVP here



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



This Lent, set aside time each day for prayer, reflection, and Scripture. This Lenten devotional offers you thoughtful readings to guide through the season and prepare your heart for Easter. Scan the QR code to access the devotional.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE & LUNCH

Join us on Wednesday, March 11 at 12 p.m. for the Community Lenten Service and Lunch at St. Michael's Anglican Church. Our own Rev. Dr. Holton Sielgling will be preaching. To view a full list of upcoming Lenten events, please scan the QR code.



Walk, so others don't have to.



**walk
for water** water mission

walkforwater.com/charleston

March 21, 2026

9 a.m. • Riverfront Park
N. Charleston, SC

Register today!

Use discount code

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for free registration.



First (Scots) Preschool and Kindergarten is pleased to announce that a limited number of openings are available in our Senior Kindergarten class for the 2026-2027 school year. Our 5K program provides an engaging and nurturing Christian environment where children grow academically, socially and emotionally while developing a lifelong love of learning. Please call Jenn Cromwell, Kindergarten Director, at (843) 722-8882 or email her at fspkindergarten@first-scots.org, if you are interested in receiving more information. Tours are also available by appointment.

VBS
SAVE THE DATE!



This year's Vacation Bible School is set for July 27-July 31. Registration info coming soon!

SCOTS ON THE GO



Join Scots On The Go for a St. Patrick's Day Celebration Lunch Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. (A day late)

At Tommy Condon's Irish Pub & Restaurant
160 Church Street
Follow the QR code to make your reservation as soon as possible.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)
MARCH

Please join the **Betty Noble Circle** March 10 at the church, 9:30a.m. We'll continue our 23rd Psalms study. Contact Teresa Tarrant at teresatarrant@aol.com

The **Unbroken Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Julie Cannell's Home to discuss Lesson 3 in our study guide. Newcomers are welcome! Email susanbridwell@gmail.com for more info.

Women at the Well will meet at Blind Tiger (36-38 Broad St.) for fellowship Thursday, March 19th. This is a casual gathering & pop-ins between 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. are welcome! All ages & newcomers are also encouraged.

JOIN THIS YEAR'S
EASTER EGG HUNT

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29

AFTER THE 11:15 A.M. SERVICE

A POTLUCK LUNCHEON
WILL FOLLOW.

EASTER EGGS NEEDED

An Easter Egg Hunt for all children will be Palm Sunday, March 29, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service.

You can help by donating pre-stuffed Easter eggs! Please deliver them to the Christian Education office by Wednesday, March 25.

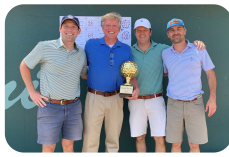
The eggs may contain candy, stickers, or small toys. No chocolate or nuts, please. To learn more, contact Ashley DesChamps at cedassist@first-scots.org.

FIRST (SCOTS) PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Honorary Life Membership (HLM) program sponsored by Presbyterian Women (PW) was established in the Presbyterian Church to honor faithful service to the work of the church.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award electronically, please use the QR code below to do so by the March 29, 2026 deadline. A list of those who have previously received this award is included with the nomination form, since these individuals are ineligible for re-nomination.





22ND ANNUAL FIRST (SCOTS) FELLOWSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Registration is now open for the annual golf tournament to be held on Monday, April 6 at the Charleston Municipal Golf Course. Proceeds from the golf tournament will benefit local, regional, and world mission efforts of the First (Scots) Youth.

Deadline to register is Monday, March 30. For questions, contact Brent Sausser at (843) 670-7300 or brentsausser@gmail.com

Follow the QR Code to register.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY

Travel on the road to Jerusalem in this six-week DVD study that explores the parables and stories Jesus told at table along the way to His final meal. Willimon's insights will transform how you understand The Last Supper and your place at Christ's table today.



WHEN: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
(Through March 31)

WHERE: Room 203

WHAT YOU NEED: Will Willimon's study guide pictured above (available online)

QUESTIONS:

Ruthie Edwards (halfsouthern1@gmail.com) or
Martha Jane Hudnall (mj.hudnall@comcast.net)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

*Enjoy great Scottish fare
and traditional Scottish reels (dancing) -
no experience required, and everyone is welcome!*

WEDNESDAY **18** 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.
MARCH

MOLLY WIER HALL

Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program begin at 6:15 p.m.

RSVP required no later than noon on Tuesday, March 17.

Follow the QR code or call (843) 722-8882 to RSVP.



FIVE WISHES®

MY WISH FOR:

The Person I Want to Make Care Decisions for Me When I Can't

The Kind of Medical Treatment I Want or Don't Want

How Comfortable I Want to Be

How I Want People to Treat Me

What I Want My Loved Ones to Know

WHY CHOOSE FIVE WISHES?

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- It covers personal, spiritual, medical and legal wishes all in one document.
- It allows your family or caregiver to know exactly what you want, so they don't have to guess.
- When completed correctly and notarized, it's legally valid in nearly every state, including South Carolina.

Five Wishes is an advance directive created by the nonprofit organization Aging with Dignity. It is designed to help individuals express their personal, medical, emotional, and spiritual desires regarding their care. The document is user-friendly, legally valid in all fifty states, and available in multiple languages, making it a popular resource for advance care planning in the U.S. It is often described as a "religious living will with a heart and soul," allowing individuals to ensure their care aligns with their values and dignity.

Our pastors really appreciate it when there is a death of a member who has completed the Five Wishes document and the church has a copy on file. This makes it easy for planning a memorial service and the family of the deceased appreciates it so much when we can tell them we have their loved one's wishes for planning their service. It takes a lot of stress off the family. We have put some of the Five Wishes document on the wall rack between the Nursery and the door to Lilly Chapel. Please feel free to pick one up, complete it and turn it in to the office for your file. For more information, you may call Pastor Mary Robinson at (843) 722-8882.

Sharing God's Love

Last Sunday our youth and youth advisors were all about sharing the love! Our high school youth prepared 45 care bags for those experiencing homelessness. Our middle school youth gathered toys for the children receiving care at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital and made cards for adult patients and staff. Both groups were also reminded that when we feed the hungry, care for the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are serving Jesus, himself (Matthew 25:31-46). We also enjoyed some nine square in the air, an Animals in the Bible devotion about ants by Porter Yount (on Proverbs 6:6-11), and the "over the mountain" game led by Carrie Simpson. Can't wait until next time!



Reserve Your Spot for Topgolf!



This Sunday the High School Youth Group is experiencing Topgolf Charleston from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meet at Topgolf (4878 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418) by 5:15 p.m., so you can register before game play starts at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and food & drinks are provided. Please

reserve your spot through Realm. In addition, please have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement, if you haven't turned one in for 2025-2026. If you have any questions or if financial aid would enable participation, please contact James Rogers. James Rogers (843) 722-8882 will be serving as the primary leader for this event.

Reserve Your Spot for Escape in 60!

This Sunday the Middle School Youth Group is participating in an escape room event at Escape in 60 in downtown Charleston from 5-7 p.m. Please meet at Escape in 60 (45 S Market St, Charleston, SC 29401) at 4:45 p.m., in preparation for our 5 p.m. game time. Participants will experience one of two games: After Hours or Roulette Me Out. Afterwards the group will enjoy a free ice cream treat from Off Track Ice Cream (6 Beaufain St.), where youth can be picked up at 7 p.m. Please reserve your spot (\$30) through Realm. In addition, please have a parent complete a Youth Permission and Release Statement, if you haven't turned one in for 2025-2026. If financial aid would enable participation, please contact James Rogers jrogers@first-scots.org or (843) 722-8882. Middle school youth advisor Chris Bucknam (843) 324-3557 will be serving as the primary leader for this event.



If you feel called, please prayerfully consider online giving, accessible using this QR code! In addition to the offering plate, pledges may be made with pledge cards, located in and around the sanctuary.



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EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number of Flowers: Easter Lily _____ Geranium _____ Hydrangea _____

Flowers are \$27 each and may be taken home after the 11:15 a.m. service on April 5.

Attach cash or check and deliver to the church office, or pay through E-Giving.

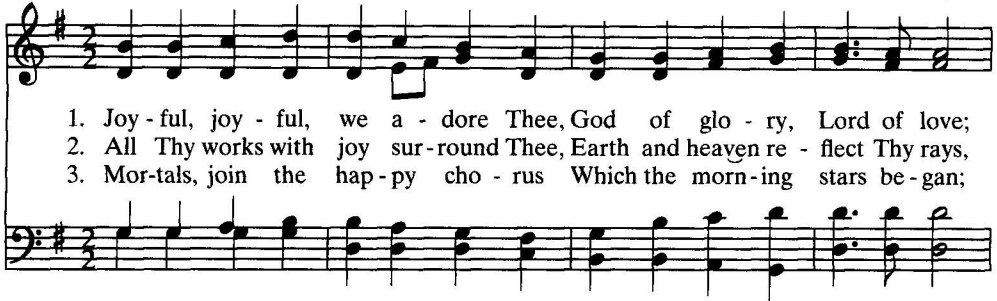
Include "Easter Flowers" on check memo.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

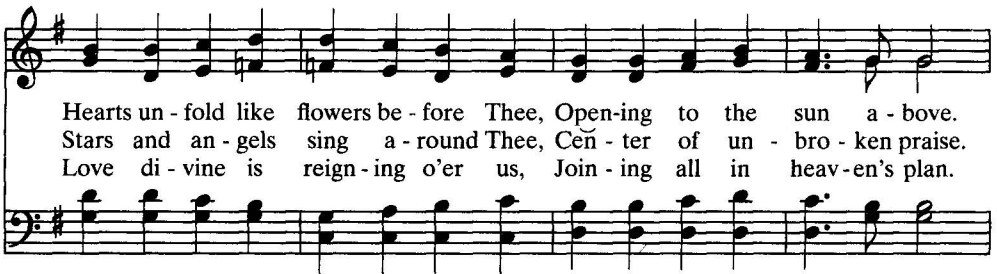
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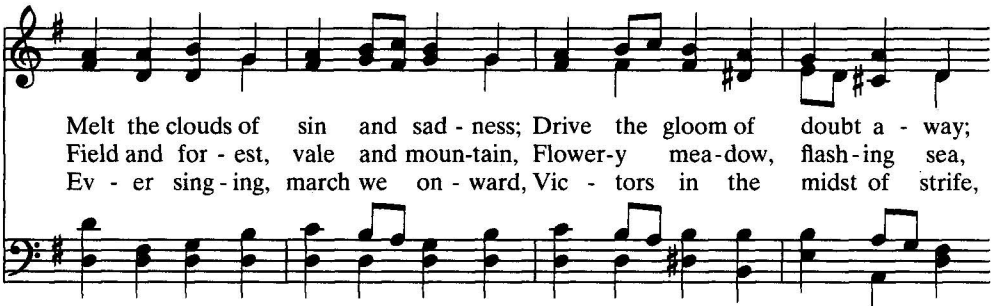
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.


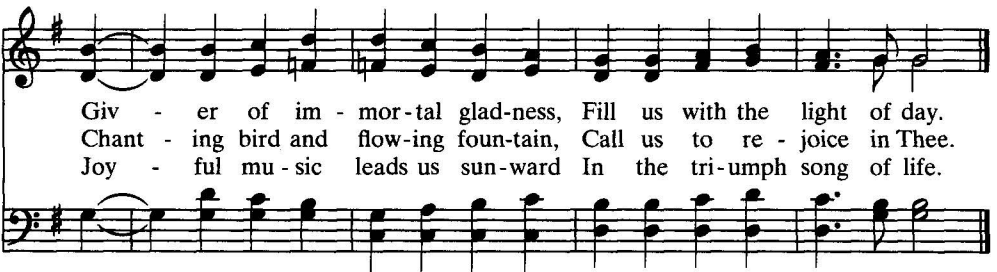
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav - en re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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WOODWORTH LM

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

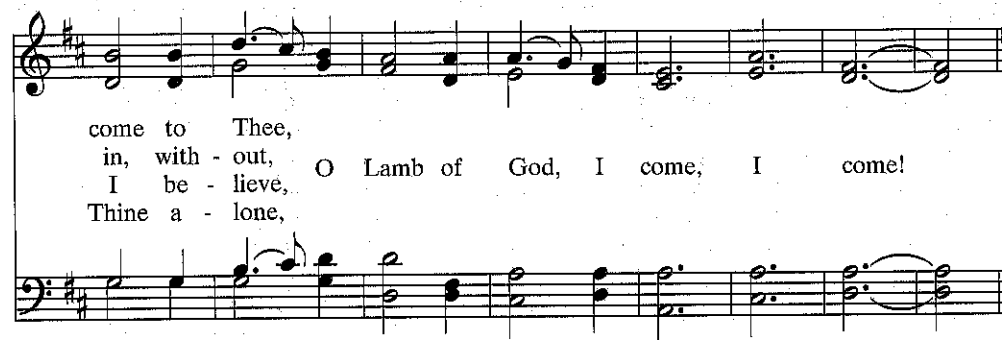
Charlotte Elliott, 1834



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
 4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,



come to Thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve,
 Thine a - lone,

Music: Harmonization copyright, MCMLV, by John Ribble; renewed 1983; from *The Hymnbook*, published by Westminster Press.



God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor-tals' sake.
 sharp He knew, For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death, For us gave up His dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.



Galatians 6:14

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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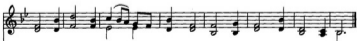
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John Bowring, 1825

Ithamar Conkey, 1849



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tower-ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er-take me, Hopes de-ceive, and fears an- noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing Light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and plea-sure, By the cross are sanc - ti - fied;



All the light of sa - cred sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub-lime.
 Nev - er shall the cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 From the cross the ra - diance stream-ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 Peace is there that knows no mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

