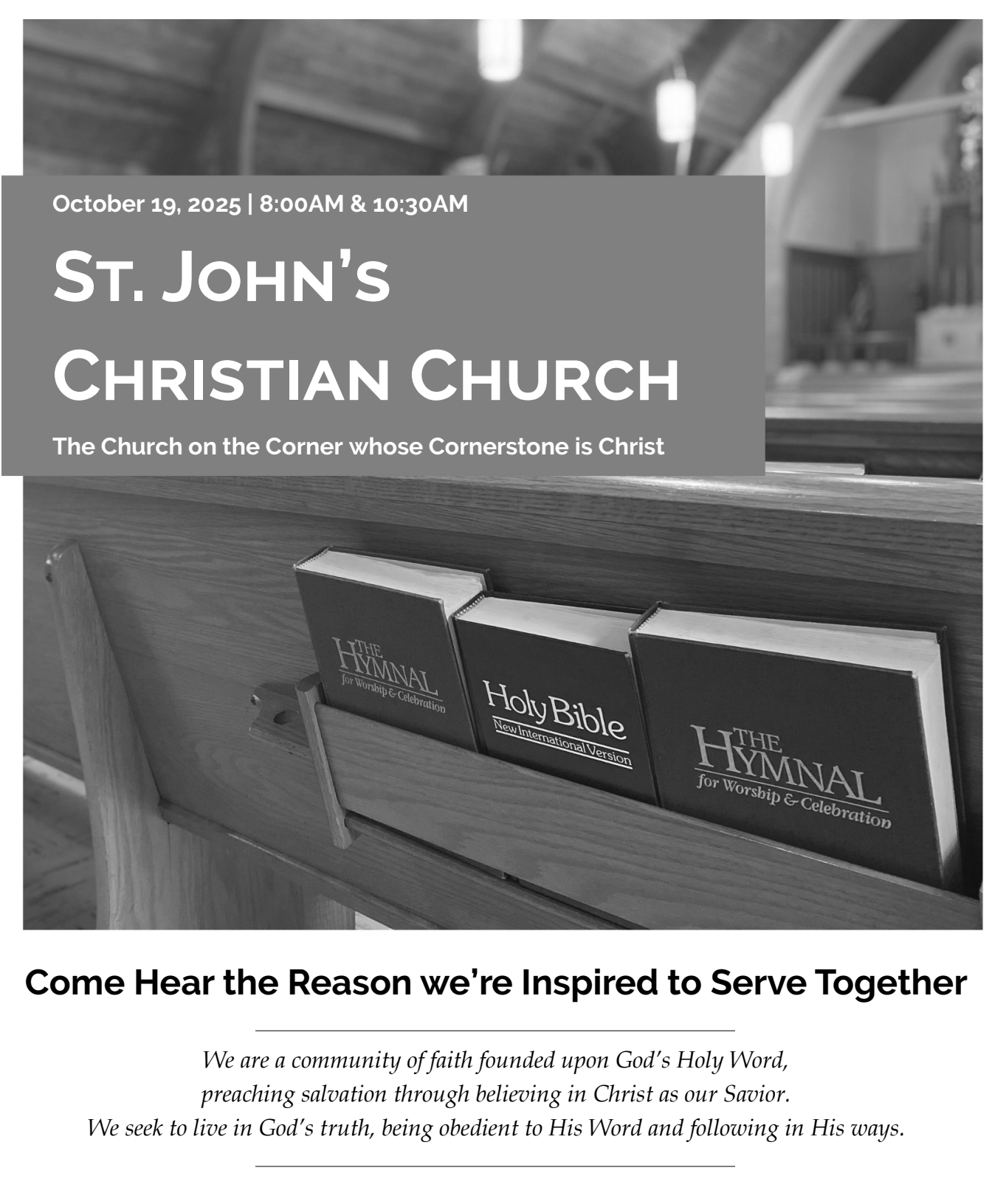
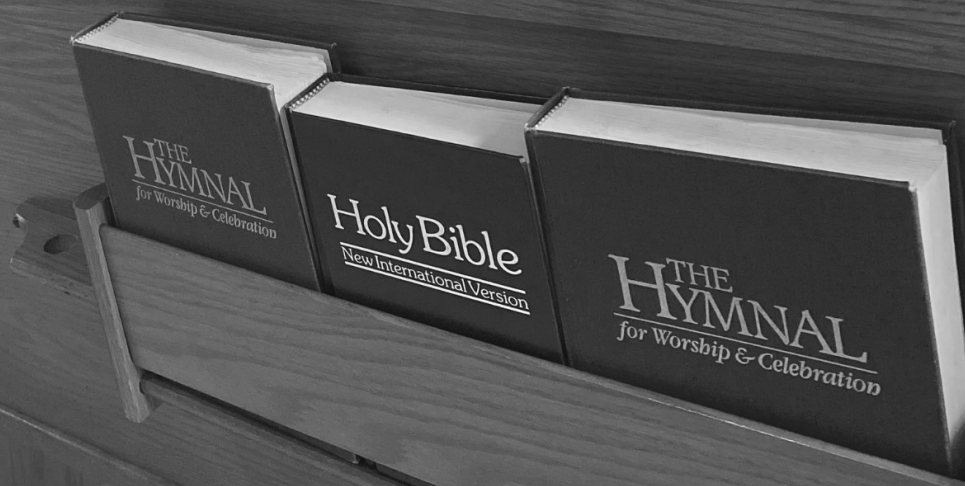




October 19, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the Fireside Room just off the gym. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and in the Fireside Room. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the chapel narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.” (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

“To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship.” (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 95

(8:00) Prelude

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Egypt”

“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

V. 1-3, pg. 5 “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”
pg. 6-7, “Do Lord”
pg. 8, “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”
pg. 9, “It Will Be Worth it All”

† (10:30) Opening Songs

“Praise”
“Death Was Arrested”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 1:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, 6:2

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn

pg. 10-11, “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

† (10:30) Sermon Song

“Always”

Sermon

“It’s Never Too Late for Reconciliation”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Give Thanks”

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† (8:00) Closing Hymn

pg. 12, “The Banner of the Cross”

† (10:30) Closing Song

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song

chorus, "The Banner of the Cross"

† (10:30) Benediction in Song

#244, "The Trees of the Field"

WELCOMING OUR GUEST SPEAKER: ED ALLEN

Ed has served Christ through pastoring local churches, and providing leadership in church-related health and human service ministries focused on older adults. Before retiring, he helped launch Seashore Highlands, a Methodist Continuing Care Retirement Community in Gulfport, Mississippi. Beyond the blessings of his faith, his greatest joys include the spiritual legacy of his parents, as well as that of his in-laws, and his marriage to Sandy (Richard and Conna Grieser's daughter) in 1980. He and Sandy are most grateful to see their shared faith now lived out through their three children and passed on to Sandy's and his grandchildren. He is honored to be part of St. John's Christian Church and blessed to serve alongside the people who are St. John's Christian Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 95:1-7 Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³ For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 6:2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

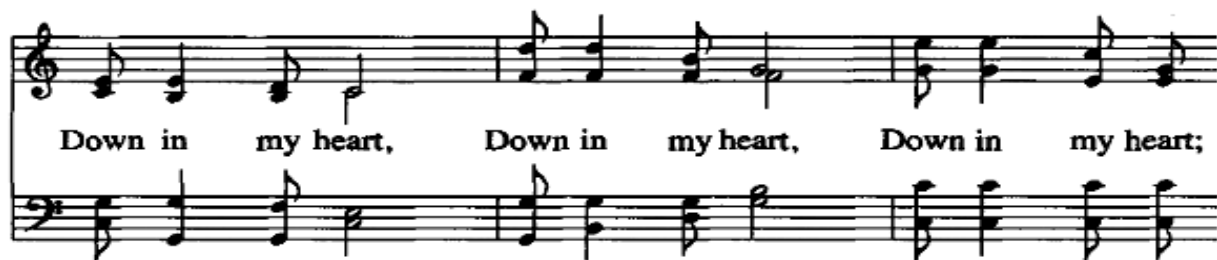
I'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY 622

...and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.

1 Peter 1:8



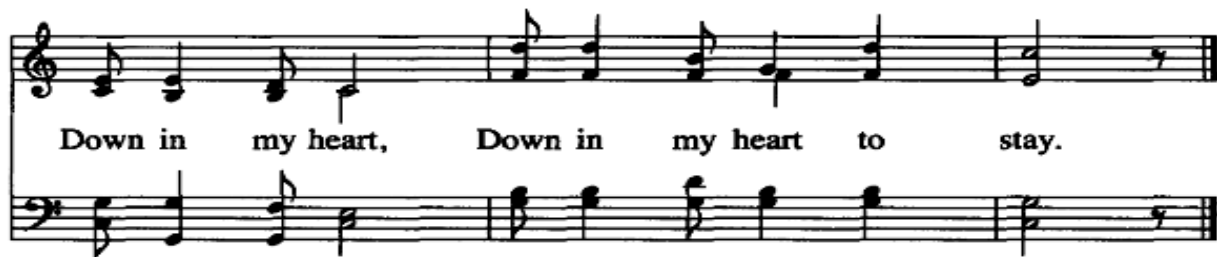
1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 2. I've got the peace that pass - eth un - der - stand - ing,
 3. I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,
 4. For there is there - fore now no con - dem - na - tion,



Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 I've got the peace that pass - eth un - der - stand - ing,
 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,
 For there is there - fore now no con - dem - na - tion,



Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay.

Do Lord

(as published by The Croton Press)

Words and Music by
Marvin V. Frey

VERSE

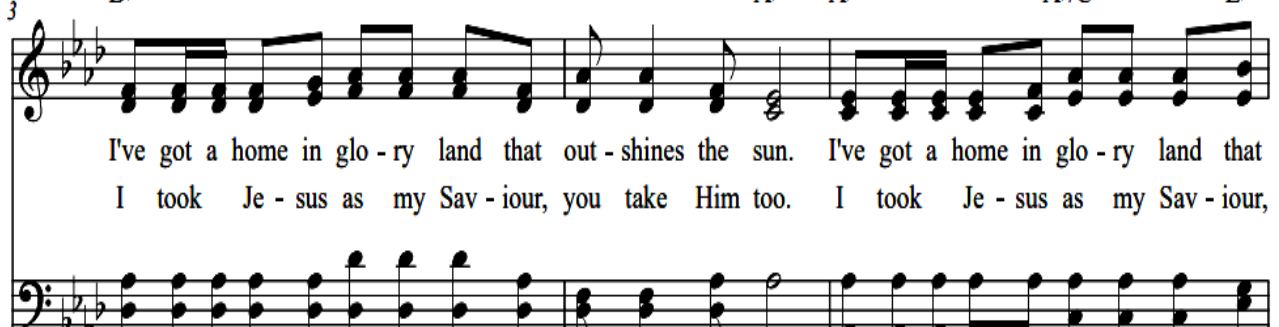
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1. I've got a home in glo - ry land that out - shines the sun.
2. I took Je - sus as my Sav - iour, you take Him too.

(Hal - le - lu - jah.)

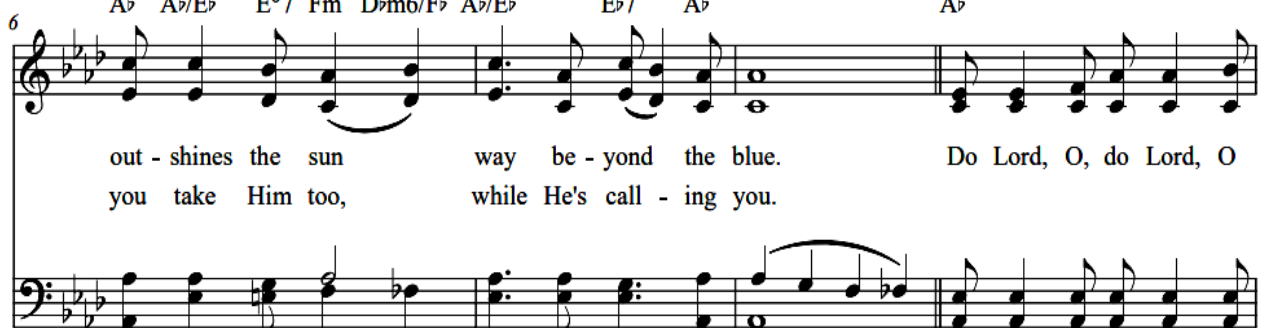
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I've got a home in glo - ry land that out - shines the sun. I've got a home in glo - ry land that
I took Je - sus as my Sav - iour, you take Him too. I took Je - sus as my Sav - iour,

CHORUS

6 Ab Ab/Eb E°7 Fm Dbm6/Fb Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab Ab



out - shines the sun way be - yond the blue. Do Lord, O, do Lord, O
you take Him too, while He's call - ing you.

10

E^b A^b D^b A^b

do re - mem - ber me. (O do Lord. Do Lord, O do Lord, O do re - mem - ber me. (O do Lord.) (re - mem - ber)

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A^b/C E^b A^b E^b6 E^o7 Fm D^bm6/F^b A^b/E^b E^b7 A^b

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do re - mem - ber me, way be - yond the blue.

MISSION-A-MONTH - LIFEWISE

October's Mission A Month is LifeWise Academy-Archbold. This program is offered to K-5th grade students during school hours and is structured as an off-campus Bible learning experience. With parental approval, K-4th students are transported once weekly to the LifeWise classroom in Archbold Evan church or 5th grade students' classroom at the Ruihley Park Scout Cabin. During their class time students learn Bible stories, scripture and positive character traits and how to apply them in their daily lives. And did you know you can volunteer to help in this program? To learn more about the program and how to volunteer visit lifewise.org. To financially support this mission, mark your offering envelope M-A-M or LifeWise Academy. Please pray for LifeWise Academy as they continue to reach our children with the Gospel.

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

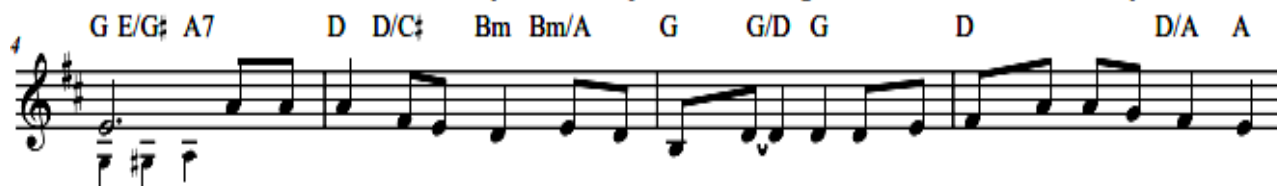
Words and Music:
Traditional

VERSE

D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/D G D D/C# Bm D/A



1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing; Give me oil in my lamp, I
2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me prais - ing; Give me joy in my heart, I
3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me rest - ing; Give me peace in my heart, I
4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing; Give me love in my heart, I



pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing; Keep me burn - ing till the break of
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pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing; Keep me serv - ing till the break of

CHORUS



day. Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King of kings!
day.
day.
day.



Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King!

It Will Be Worth It All

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Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

— Hebrews 12:1

WORTH IT ALL
William J. Gaither

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1 There's a prom-ised land made for all the free, When our race on
2 There no sad fare-wells, there no tear-stained eyes, There no heart-ache,

1 earth is run, Where no bro-ken dreams will mar our mem-o-
2 grief, or woe, There no shat-tered hopes will ev-er cloud the

1 ry; It will be worth it all when we get home. It will be worth it all just to
2 skies; It will be worth it all when we get home.

see His face, When He claims us for His own; Then ten mil-lion

years to sing a-maz-ing grace; It will be worth it all when we get home.

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Fear ye not . . . ye are of more value than many sparrows . . . — Matthew 10:31

I KNOW

Ira F. Stanphill

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1 I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, I just live
 2 *Ev - ery step* is get - ting bright - er As the gold -
 3 I don't know a - bout to - mor - row, It may bring

1 from day to day; I don't bor - row from its sun - shine,
 2 *en stairs I climb;* *Ev - ery bur - den's get - ting light - er,*
 3 me pov - er - ty; But the one who feeds the spar - row,

1 For its skies may turn to gray. I don't wor - ry o'er the
 2 *Ev - ery cloud* is sil - ver - lined. There the sun is al - ways
 3 Is the one who stands by me. And the path that is my

1 fu - ture, For I know what Je - sus said; And to - day
 2 *shin - ing,* There no tear will dim the eye; At the end -
 3 por - tion, May be through the flame or flood; But His pres -

1 I'll walk be - side Him, For He knows what is a - head.
 2 *ing of the rain - bow,* Where the moun - tains touch the sky.
 3 ence goes be - fore me, And I'm cov - ered with His blood.

Man - y things a - bout to - mor - row I don't

seem to un - der - stand; But I know who

holds to - mor - row, And I know who holds my hand.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

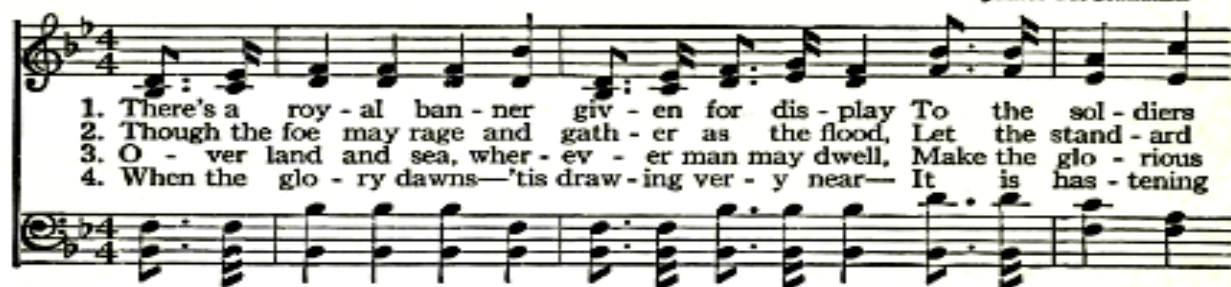
- Oct 19 The Safest Place to Be ----- Psalm 9
- Oct 20 God's Way or My Way ----- Exodus 16:17-30
- Oct 21 Now Is The Time ----- John 12:20-36
- Oct 22 Not Everyone Believes ----- John 12:37-50
- Oct 23 Humble Love ----- John 13:1-17
- Oct 24 In The Dark ----- John 13:18-30
- Oct 25 Farewell, Dear Friends ----- John 13:31-38

The Banner of the Cross

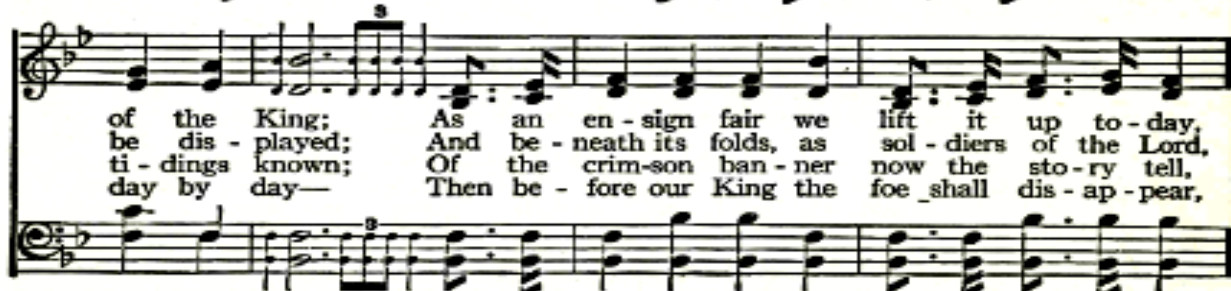
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Daniel W. Whittle

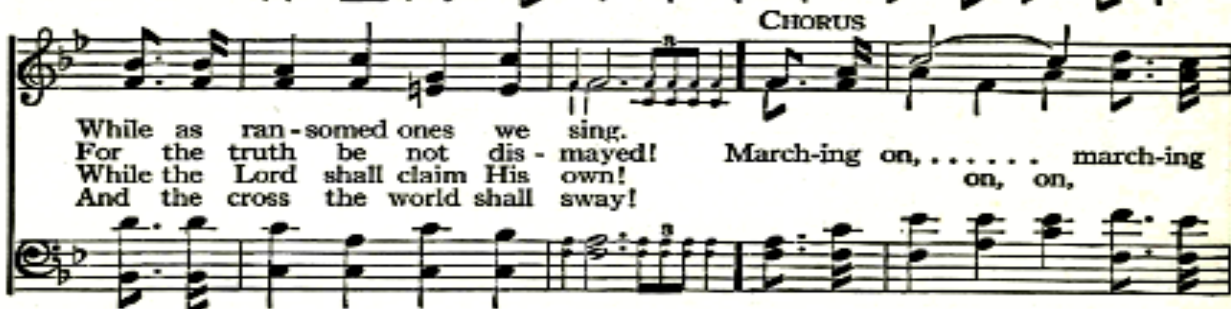
James McGranahan



1. There's a roy - al ban - ner giv - en for dis - play To the sol - diers
 2. Though the foe may rage and gath - er as the flood, Let the stand - ard
 3. O - ver land and sea, wher - ev - er man may dwell, Make the glo - rious
 4. When the glo - ry dawns—'tis draw - ing ver - y near— It is has - tening

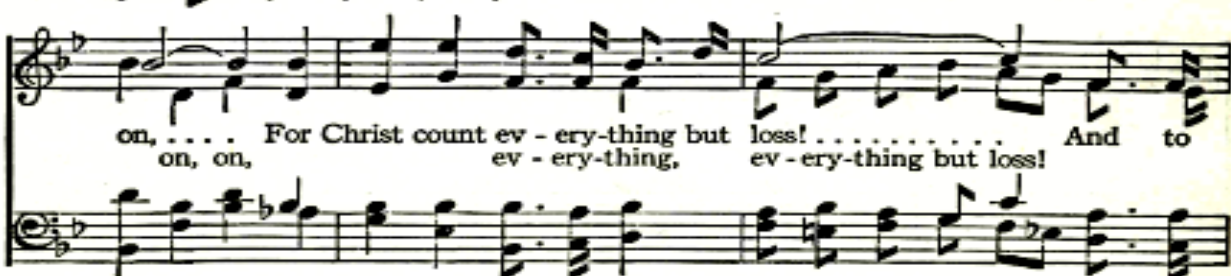


of the King; As an en - sign fair we lift it up to - day,
 be dis - played; And be - neath its folds, as sol - diers of the Lord,
 ti - dings known; Of the crim - son ban - ner now the sto - ry tell,
 day by day— Then be - fore our King the foe shall dis - ap - pear,

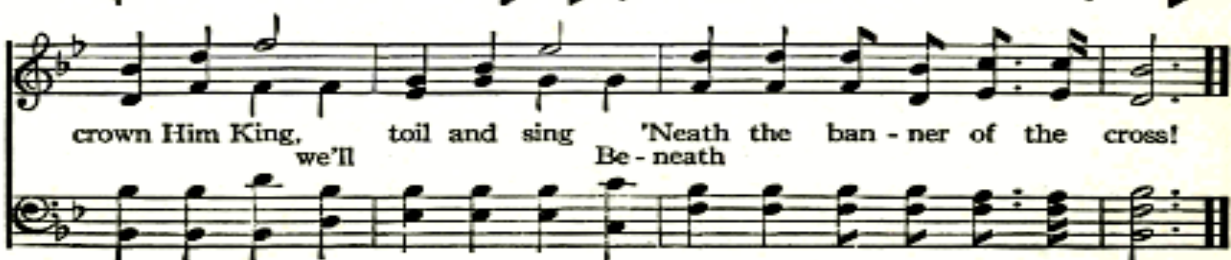


CHORUS

While as ran - somed ones we sing.
 For the truth be not dis - mayed! March - ing on, march - ing
 While the Lord shall claim His own! on, on,
 And the cross the world shall sway!



on, For Christ count ev - ery - thing but loss! And to
 on, on, ev - ery - thing, ev - ery - thing but loss!



crown Him King, toil and sing 'Neath the ban - ner of the cross!
 we'll Be - neath

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Youth for Christ is looking for volunteers** to work with students as they break up in to small groups after a time of teaching. This happens before school on Tuesdays - interested in helping? Connect with Eliot at enofziger@defyfc.org.
- ♦ **Worship Techs** - With updated and upgraded tech systems in the sanctuary, as orientation and training sessions are about to occur, it is an opportune time to join the tech team – sound, video, projection and live stream. If Pastor Erich can learn the basics, it doesn't take too much knowledge or experience to get started! And we have a good group of team members who will offer continual encouragement and support after the initial training. Interested people may speak with Pastor Erich or Jocelyn Walker.
- ♦ **Widow Event at Pettisville Missionary Church - Tuesday, October 21st** starting at 5:00PM. Photos, appetizers, desserts, inspirational program. See flyer on wandering bulletin board. Please RSVP at 419-445-7773 if interested.
- ♦ **Adult Choir** will be holding their first rehearsal on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30PM** in the sanctuary. Get ready for a fun filled year of singing and praising the Lord together. This year we will be learning some fun, toe-tapping pieces along with a few reflective pieces. We would invite anyone who likes to sing to come and be a part of the choir. See you Wednesday!
- ♦ **GIF Gals** - Welcome to Fall. What beautiful weather Northwest Ohio has had. Hope you were able to get outside to enjoy some of it. This nice weather has allowed us to have one more evening meal together. On **October 23rd**, we will meet at the **109 restaurant in Delta at 5:00PM**. *Please sign up by October 21st* on the wandering bulletin board. You are welcome to invite a friend, neighbor, family member or anyone you like to join us for an enjoyable evening.
- ♦ **Fair Trade Rug Event** – Ten Thousand Villages, **October 22-25th**. Hand-knotted, exquisite quality Bunyaad rugs. Natural dyes, bold designs, lasting artistry. From 2' x 3' to 10'x14' plus square, round and runners.
- ♦ **Ruihley Park Pavilion Blood Drive** - Tuesday, **October 28th**, 2025, 11:00AM to 5:00PM. To register please call 1-800-RED CROSS or go online to redcrossblood.org and use keyword: RUIHLEYPARK
- ♦ **Knowing The Master** - Faith, Family, Football. **November 2nd, 3:30PM-7:00PM** Pettisville Missionary Church. Special Guest Master Teague III. Free and open to everyone. Meal provided. Sponsored by Pettisville Man Cave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ♦ **Starting Point at SJCC** - Whether you're new to St. John's or simply wondering how you can further explore your calling in the church, we'd love to see you at Starting Point, a new program here at SJCC that will be held on the first Sunday of each month during the 9:15AM Education Hour! Starting Point will meet in the gym on **November 2nd** and will give attendees a chance to meet some of our staff and leaders, learn more about who we are and why we're here, and help you discover how you can get involved and live out your own faith life. If you have any questions prior to our gatherings, please contact Pastor Erich in the church office. We look forward to seeing you!
- ♦ **Veterans Breakfast - Sunday November 9th**. Breakfast starts at 9:00AM immediately following the early service. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Please *sign up by Sunday, October 26th*.
- ♦ **Piano Duo Concert at St. Martin's** - St. Martin's Lutheran Church continues its 2025–26 Concert Series with a dynamic Piano Duo Recital featuring Jeff Nicholas and Vanessa Kwiatkowski Nicholas on **Sunday, November 9th at 3:00PM** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). The husband-and-wife duo will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 3 in F Major, Op. 90 and selections from Dvořák's Slavonic Dances, Op. 46, bringing the power and color of the orchestral world to the piano. Together, their artistry captures the excitement of four-hand piano playing—music rich with lyricism, rhythm, and heart. Admission is free, and all are invited to enjoy this afternoon of great music. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ **Church potluck** - The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a potluck on **Sunday, November 16th** following the 10:30AM service. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share and spend some enjoyable time with your church family!
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, November 20th, 11:30AM** in the gym. Come one and all for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.
- ♦ **St John's Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner - December 4th at 5:30 PM**. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board with a *final count needed by November 16th*.
- ♦ **Siberian Solstice 2025** – Coming to SJCC Saturday, **December 6th, at 7:00PM**. Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story. No tickets needed, free-will donation. Bring your friends, spread the word and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (Archbold Evan)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	5:00PM	GIF Gals (Delta 109 Restaurant)
Fri	7:05PM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restoration Spa)
Sat	7:00PM	MS/HS Costume Mafia @ St. Martins
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	10:30AM	LOGOS Choir

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley		
Speaker	Ed Allen		
(8:00) Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Song Leader	Praise Team
(10:30) Lay Reader	Aimee Roth	Children's Message	JoAnn Short
(10:30) Video Techs	Cayla Swisher & Jocelyn Walker		
(10:30) Sound	James Grime		
(8:00) Usher	Jim Grieser	(10:30) Head Usher	Dave Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short		
Nursery Assistants	Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge		

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, a new round of chemo treatment is scheduled to start this week.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise continues through treatment of cancer, doing as well as can be expected, and still going to work regularly.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she continues to recover from surgery of her lower back area, gaining each day, but also dealing with many aspects of recovery.
- ◆ Norma Fish, who fell on October 8th, dealing with aches and bruising.
- ◆ Joan Grieser, who is in Rupp Rehab for a period of time.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 401, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 407 E Lutz Road, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

And those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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