

Welcome
to
Kirkwood!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Opening Hymn

“Behold the Lamb”

Call To Worship

(from Psalm 95)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of
our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful
noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and
a great King above all gods.

**People: O come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker!**

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**People: Gracious and loving God,
forgive us when we ignore your call
in Jesus Christ and ignore the cries
of those in the world who need your
love and our help.**

Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us to be followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and our trust.

Leader: Please continue in silent confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, reminding them the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67**

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!

I am standing here by the spring of water;
let the young woman who comes out to
draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give
me a little water from your jar to drink,”
and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will
draw for your camels also” - let her be the
woman whom the Lord has appointed for
my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew.

I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.'

So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.”

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up,
mounted the camels, and followed the
man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and
went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.

And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.”

So she took her veil and covered herself.
And the servant told Isaac all the things
that he had done. Then Isaac brought her
into his mother Sarah's tent.

He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things
from the wise and the intelligent and have
revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for
such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden
is light.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Throwing Off
One Yoke,
Taking Up Another











Expectations











Jesus

I Trust You

Glory to God #338

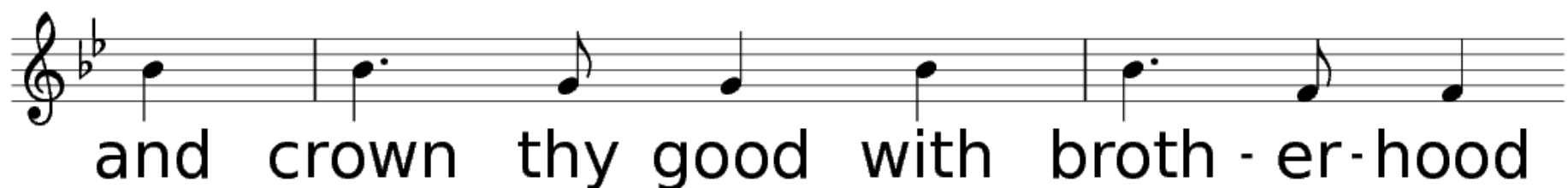
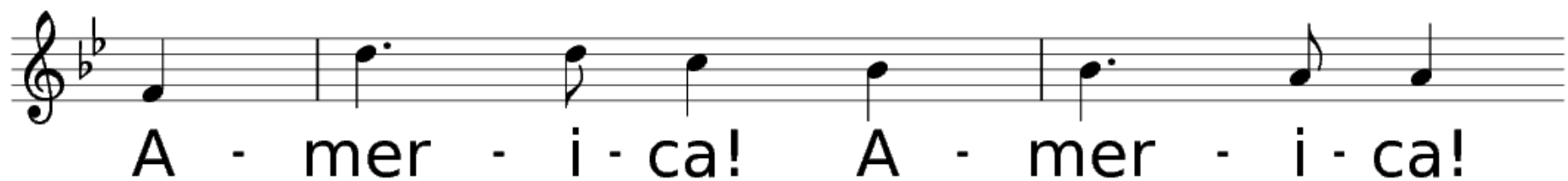
Middle Hymn

**“O Beautiful for
Spacious Skies”**

*TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, alt.
MUSIC (MATERNA, CMD): Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882*

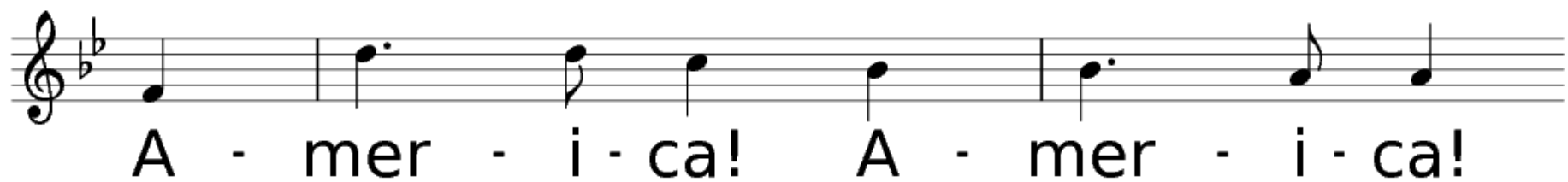
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for am - ber waves of grain,
for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties
a - bove the fruit - ed plain!

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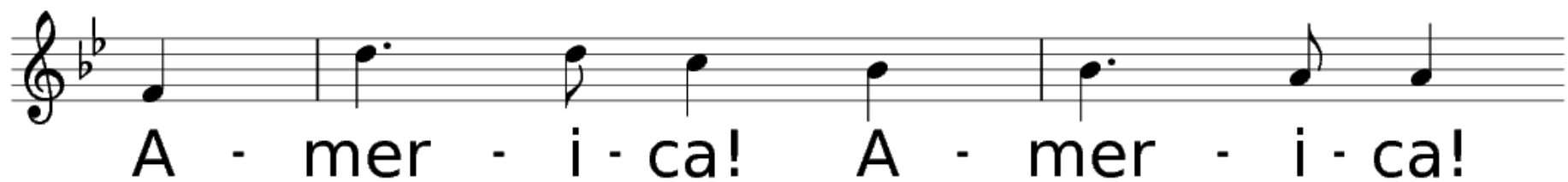
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in lib - er - at - ing strife,
who more than self their coun - try loved,
and mer - cy more than life!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies". It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!". The music is written in a simple, clear style with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats.



3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream
that sees be - yond the years
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam,
un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

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Prayers of the People/

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

**Giving Thanks to God
with Our Tithes and
Offerings**

Offertory Song

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;**

**Praise God above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

(repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

**People: Accept these gifts we bring,
O Lord. Give us the wisdom, courage,
and love we need to use them in ways
that please you.**

**To spread the gospel and care for
our neighbors with the love of Jesus.
We thank you for your indescribable
gift! Amen.**

Closing Hymn

**“It Really is
Amazing Grace”**

Charge and Blessing

