



Surrender your anxiety.
Be silent and stop your
striving, & you will see
that I am God. I am the
God above all the
nations, and I will be
exalted throughout
the whole earth.

Psalm 46:10

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ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SING

This service is based on the Praise service in the hymn/songbook, All God's People Sing.

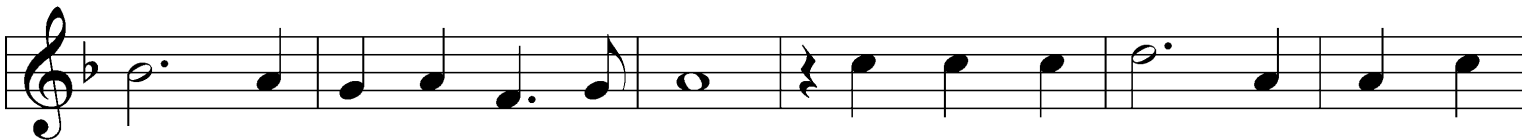
Opening Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697–1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt.

Invocation

A: In the Name of God the Father: **C: Praise to our creating God!**
A: In the Name of His Son, Jesus: **C: Praise to our redeeming God!**
A: In the Name of God the Spirit: **C: Praise to our renewing God!**
A: Let us join our thankful voices, **C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!**

Confession (based on Psalm 51)

A: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love;
C: according to Your great compassion, wipe out our sin.
A: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
A: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
A: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us.
A: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.
A: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: have mercy on us. Amen.

Absolution (based on Psalm 103)

A: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with you according to your sins,

nor repay you according to your iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove your transgressions from you.

According to this Word from the Lord, and in the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.

C: **Amen. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Bless His Holy Name! Amen.**

Song of Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809, sts. 1,3



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn-ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
 All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960 Tune: William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

Words of Praise

A: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator’s praise arise;

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A: Let the redeemer’s name be sung, Through every land, by every tongue.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A: Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Your Word;

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, ’Til suns shall rise and set no more.

C: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: O God of peace, you have taught us in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence is our strength; Lift us to your presence by the might of your Spirit, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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Today's Psalm Reading (responsive)

Psalm 46 (Passion Translation)

A: ¹ God, you're such a safe and powerful place to find refuge!

R: You're a proven help in time of trouble—

A: *more than enough* and always available whenever I need you.

C: ² So we will never fear

R: even if every structure of support were to crumble away.

A: We will not fear even when the earth quakes and shakes,

R: moving mountains and casting them into the sea.

A: ³ For the raging roar of stormy winds and crashing waves

C: cannot erode our faith in you.

R: Selah.

C: Pause in his presence.

A: ⁴ God has a constantly flowing river whose sparkling streams

C: bring joy and delight to his people.

R: His river flows right through the city of God Most High,

C: into his holy dwelling places.

A: ⁵ God is in the midst of his city, secure and never shaken.

R: At daybreak his help will be seen with the appearing of the dawn.

A: ⁶ When the nations are in uproar with their tottering kingdoms,

R: God simply raises his voice

A: and the earth begins to disintegrate before him.

R: ⁷ Here he comes!

A: The Commander!

R: The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side.

C: The God of Jacob fights for us!

A: Selah.

C: Pause in his presence.

A: ⁸⁻⁹ Everyone look!

R: Come and see the breathtaking wonders of our God.

A: For he brings *both ruin and revival*.

R: He's the one who makes conflicts end

A: throughout the earth,

R: breaking and burning every weapon of war.

C: ¹⁰ Surrender your anxiety!

A: Be silent and stop your striving and you will see that I am God.

C: I am the God above all the nations,

R: and I will be exalted throughout the whole earth.

C: **11 Here he stands!**

A: The Commander!

R: The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side!

C: **The God of Jacob fights for us!**

A: Selah

C: **Pause in his presence**

R: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

C: **As it was is the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Song of the Day

Be Still and Know



1. Be still, and know that I	am God	Be still, and
2. Be still, and know that I'm	the Lord	Be still, and
3. Be still, and know that I	am here	Be still, and
4. Be still, and know that you	are loved	Be still, and

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know that I	am God	I stand a - lone	a - bove each
know that I'm	the Lord	Come un - to me	and
know that I	am here	At my com - mand	wind and
know that you	are loved	You are my friend	I

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na - tion of the ear - th	Be still, and know that I	am God.
I will give you re - st	Be still, and know that I'm	the Lord.
wave both dis - ap - pear	Be still, and know that I	am here.
give my life for you	Be still, and know that you	are loved.



Sermon

Confession of Faith

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Praise for the Wisdom of God – a Gift to Us Through the Holy Spirit

A: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

A: The wisdom of God transforms our “heart life.”

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

A: Lord, teach us to number our days, and live according to Your wisdom.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

A: In Christ, we have received the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise.*

A: May the body of Christ be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

C: *The Lord is worthy of eternal praise. Amen.*

Offering

Offertory

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

A: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

A: The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

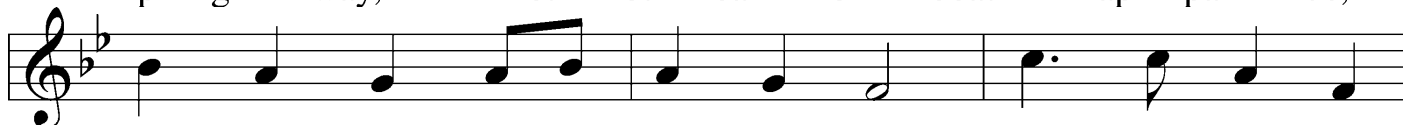
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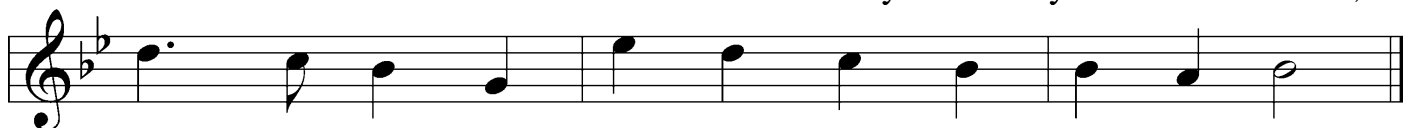
1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

Text (sts. 1-2): attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.; (st. 3): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79

Announcements

STUFF THE BUS

Community School Supply Drive

United Way of Lake County's Stuff the Bus supply drive provides students in Lake County with new school supplies – preparing them for their academic studies, building their self esteem and setting them up for success. New supplies only, please.

The Supply Wish List

Backpacks – 17" plain, single or dual color

Spiral notebooks, wide ruled

2-inch binders

Folders with pockets

Crayola crayons, 24 count

Crayola markers, 10 count

Yellow highlighters, 2 pack

Sharpened #2 pencils, 24 pack

Pink erasers, large

Glue sticks, large

Scissors, child safe

Tissues

Donations accepted until Monday August 7

Help local students go back to school prepared to succeed!

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY , JULY 27

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 30

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY , AUGUST 3

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

THURSDAY , AUGUST 10

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY , AUGUST 17

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

CHURCH PICNIC (VIKING PARK) 11AM

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.

