

CONFESSIONS AND STATEMENTS OF FAITH

From *Lift Up Your Hearts* Hymnal

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Preface

Lift Up Your Hearts hymnal is a collection of music that is biblical, Reformed, balanced, and accessible. This document accompanies the hymnal as a resource for worship planning, preaching, and/or private devotion. It has identified selections from the confessions and statements of faith of the Christian Reformed Church in North America and Reformed Church in America, that speak the same testimony as a selection from *Lift Up Your Hearts*, and can be used liturgically in worship with the psalm, hymn, or spiritual song.

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These selections are organized by section of the hymnal. There are two indices available at the end of the document to help you navigate this document. The first index (found on page 99) lists the selection in *Lift Up Your Hearts* and the corresponding page in this document that you can find the entry. The second index (found on page 124) is organized by confession or statement of faith, and lists the corresponding psalm, hymn, or spiritual song title from *Lift Up Your Hearts* along with the hymnal number.



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Old Testament Life and Witness

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

1. All People That on Earth Do Dwell

The truths of Genesis, that “he (God) formed us without our aid” resounds in stanza 2 and is paralleled in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9, Question and Answer 26, Belgic Confession, Article 12; and *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 8, which states that God the Father created the world “out of nothing.”



Stanza 4 speaks of the nature of God as goodness, mercy and faithfulness; this list is enlarged in Belgic Confession, Article 1: God is “eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just and good, and the overflowing source of all good.”

2. O Worship the King

God’s “bountiful care,” as mentioned in stanza 3, is pregnant with meaning. Confessional statements on the providence of God speak to the comprehensiveness of this care. Belgic Confession, Article 13 calls this “fatherly care;” and Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, Question and Answer 27 professes that “all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.”

Frail and feeble children (stanza 4) do trust him and this trust in God’s bountiful care is, according to Belgic Confession, Article 13 an “unspeakable comfort.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, Question and Answer 26 says “I trust him so much that I do not doubt...” In Question and Answer 28 the Catechism says this trust leads us to be patient when things go against us, to be thankful when things go well, and to have good confidence for the future.

3. The Heavens Declare Your Glory

Beautifully declaring how we learn of God’s glory through his creation, this song is consistent with Belgic Confession, Article 2, which explains that the “creation, preservation and government of the universe...is before our eyes like a beautiful book.”

4. God of Wonders

This song weaves together thoughts about the nature of God, saying that the “universe declares your majesty.” Before singing this song, it is worth considering Belgic Confession, Article 1, which speaks of the nature of God: “eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just and good, and the overflowing source of all good.”

Article 2 speaks of how we learn of his wonders through the universe around us: "...since the universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book..."

5. Let All Things Now Living

This song beautifully merges God's creative work, his providential guidance of all, and our response of trust and thanksgiving. Each of these themes is amplified clearly in the confessions. Singing can be meaningfully coupled with a reading of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10, Questions and Answers 27-28: "The almighty and ever present power of God...upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand...nothing can separate us from his (God's) love."

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 9 claims that God made this "a world of color, beauty and variety..." a theme which is picked up throughout this song. The universe is a beautiful book to make us ponder the "invisible things of God" (Belgic Confession, Article 2).

6. Praise the LORD, Sing Hallelujah

Angels figure prominently in this song of praise. "All his angels" and "all his hosts" are to join with the entire universe to bring praise to the Creator. Belgic Confession, Article 12 professes that God "also created the angels good, that they might be his messengers and serve the elect."

8. Affirmation: How We Know God

This affirmation speaks about the two ways in which we come to know God using the words of Belgic Confession, Article 2.

9. The Mighty God with Power Speaks

Belgic Confession, Article 2, confesses that "the universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book," a truth that is picked up in stanza 1 of this song: "God's wonder earth displays."

10. We Sing the Mighty Power of God

Stanza 1 provides a very nurturing picture of the Creator and whose "power [that] made the mountains rise," whose "wisdom [that] ordained the sun to rule the day."

This song tells of the Lord who "filled the earth with good" and then "pronounced it good" (stanza 2). All these references are echoed in Belgic Confession, Article 2: this "beautiful book" makes us "ponder the invisible things of God."

11. We Worship You, Whose Splendor Dwarfs the Cosmos

While God's splendor is revealed in his Word, it is also revealed through his creation. Belgic Confession, Article 2, professes that "the creation, preservation and government of the

universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book...to make us ponder the invisible things of God: God's eternal power and divinity..."

14. Soplo de Dios/O Living Breath

This beautiful prayer for the Holy Spirit to come and pour out his gifts has three foci: creation, the Son, and through baptismal waters.

In stanza 1 the Spirit brings creation to birth, a prayer that is supported by *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 8, where the Spirit also was involved in calling "this world into being out of nothing and giving it shape and order."

In stanza 2, the Spirit brings the Son to birth among us, a prayer that is supported by Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14, Question and Answer 35, which testifies that the conception and birth of Jesus Christ happened "through the working of the Holy Spirit."

And in stanza 3, the Spirit's work is seen in "bearing us to life through baptismal waters," a prayer that also appears in Belgic Confession, Article 34 when it teaches that just as water washes away the dirt of the body, "so too the blood of Christ does the same thing internally, in the soul, by the Holy Spirit."

17. Beautiful Savior

The phrase "King of Creation," which has come to characterize this hymn, is reflected in many of the confessions. Belgic Confession, Article 12, professes that God created everything and Article 13 completes the picture by professing that he "leads and governs all things according to his holy will..."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Question and Answer 26 professes similarly that God the Creator still upholds and rules everything by his eternal counsel and providence.

The exclamation of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 2 proclaims this truth with excitement: "Our World Belongs to God! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor; his rule has begun!"

18. Touch the Earth Lightly

Here is a song with a long-neglected message—that God's people are called to be faithful stewards of God's creation. The newer testimonies of the church also carry this message. *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 2 admits that "God's world has been trapped by our fall, governments trapped by human pride, and nature polluted by human greed." *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 16 admits that "All spheres of life...bear the wounds of our rebellion." And paragraph 51 calls God's people to "lament that our abuse of creation has brought lasting damage to the world we have been given..." Christian obedience, therefore, is a call to a pattern of life that will serve the renewal of creation.

23. Children of the Heavenly Father

This familiar and well-loved hymn has several important truths embedded in it. First, God's children are created by God and receive their life from him. This is affirmed in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 11: "Life is God's gift to us..."

These children, as well as adults, belong to God, a truth affirmed in the sacrament of infant baptism and professed in confessional statements such as Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Question and Answer 74: "Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant..." This comforting truth is also professed in *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 20: "Christ's hand reaches out...to infants who live in the atmosphere of faith."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10, Question and Answer 28 says that God will always protect and preserve his children: "All creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved."

24. Affirmation: God as Creator and Provider

This affirmation is to be a helpful tool for expressing the creation and providence of God, through the words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 9 and 10, Questions and Answers 26 and 27.

25. God Moves in a Mysterious Way

This beloved hymn has been the source of encouragement to many believers in their times of trial and pain, for it enables them to express in song what they have learned from the confessions. First, God will always be with his people. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Question and Answer 26 professes that God will "turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world."

Secondly, nothing happens outside of God's will. Lord's Day 10, Question and Answer 27 professes that "all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand." Belgic Confession, Article 13 teaches that "this doctrine (of God's Providence) gives us unspeakable comfort since it teaches us that nothing happens to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly father."

Finally, nothing can separate God's people from his gracious love. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10, Question and Answer 28 professes that we can have "good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love."

26. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Boldly proclaiming that "(God's) got the whole world in his hands," this African-American spiritual is clearly rooted in a conviction of God's sovereign care. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 1 heartily professes, "We declare with joy and trust: Our World Belongs to God!"

because “Jesus Christ rules over all” (paragraph 43). Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9, Question and Answer 26 reassures us that “the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...still upholds and rules...by his eternal counsel and providence.”

Theme: Praise for God’s Creative Hand

In this song, we lift our praise for the gifts from God’s creative hand—of the earth, the skies, landscape, time, health, relationships, and, best of all, his Son. Stirring preparation for singing this comes from those confessions which speak of God’s creation of all things, such as *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 7-12; Belgic Confession, Article 12; and Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9, Question and Answer 26.

Songs that follow this theme:

- 19. For the Beauty of the Earth**
- 20. All Things Bright and Beautiful**
- 21. This Is My Father’s World**

Theme: God Created the World Out of Nothing

It is worth dwelling on God’s creativity before singing this song. Consider reading Belgic Confession, Article 12 or *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 8: “In the beginning, God—Father, Word, and Spirit—called this world into being out of nothing, and gave it shape and order.”

Songs that follow this theme:

- 27. Many and Great**
- 28. God Marked a Line and Told the Sea**

Old Testament Life and Witness

FALL AND THE HUMAN CONDITION

Theme:

This theme speaks about the fall into sin and the resulting sinfulness of the human race. God's people are called to be aware of the fall. Belgic Confession, Article 14 summarizes the fall and its impact with these words: "They subjected themselves willingly to sin and consequently to death and the curse..."



Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 3, Question and Answer 7 points out that "this fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition." Yet, God's people are also called to know about God's grace, which is freely given, despite the depravity of the world. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 14 claims that "we prove each day apart from grace that we are guilty sinners..."

Songs follow this theme:

- 29. How Sweet Was the Garden, Fertile and Fair**
- 30. God, Let Me Like a Spreading Tree**
- 33. All Have Sinned**
- 34. What Adam's Disobedience Cost**

Old Testament Life and Witness

GOD'S COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

Theme: God's Keeps Covenant Forever

This rich theme affirms that, as children of God, our identity comes from God who calls us his own. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 2 speaks of God's promise which first came to Abraham (paragraph 21) and gives even more firm assurance when it says that "from the beginning through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever..."



Songs that follow this theme:

35. You Are Our God; We Are Your People

36. Litany of Praise: Our Covenanting God

Theme: God Chose Israel to Show His Glory

God has made himself and his ways known through Abraham. *Our World Belongs to God* recognizes this as the beginning of covenant relationships and professes in Article 21, "The Lord promised to be God to Abraham, Sarah, and their children, calling them to walk faithfully before him and blessing the nations through them. God chose Israel to show the glory of his name, the power of his love, and the wisdom of his ways."

Songs that follow this theme:

39. The God of Abraham Praise

40. I Will Be Your God

Theme: God Holds the World with Fierce Love

The exodus from Egypt has become the key paradigm for God's gracious deliverance. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5 shows God's response to this event as evidence of the fact that "God holds this world with fierce love," and paragraph 21 points to the fact that "God chose Israel to show the glory of his name, the power of his love, and the wisdom of his ways."

Songs that follow this theme:

41. When Egypt Fled from Egypt Land

42. When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Theme: God Has a Plan

The journey of the Israelites through the wilderness is a picture of God's children as pilgrims on a long and sometimes difficult journey. Yet, through everything God has a plan, which is

revealed in the unfolding of the covenant. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 33 testifies about a “story of God’s mighty acts in the unfolding of covenant history.” This unfolding of the covenant plan is a testimony, according to *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 18, of “the long road of redemption” for the Israelites and for God’s children living today.

Songs that follow this theme:

43. Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

44. Lift Every Voice and Sing

52. We Give Thanks unto You

Theme: God’s Promise

Throughout all of history, God’s people proved to be unfaithful to him and yet God, in his mercy, was full of grace. These truths are expressed in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 22: “When Israel spurned God’s love...God scattered them among the nations, yet kept a faithful remnant and promised them the Messiah...God promised to forgive their sins and give them a new heart and a new spirit, moving them to walk in his ways.”

Songs that follow this theme:

47. O God, We Have Heard

48. It Is Good to Give Thanks to You, Lord

51. When the Lord Restored Our Blessing

54. Wisdom Calls

55. When God First Brought Us Back

Other songs in this section:

37. Te exaltaré/I Will Exalt

From the beginning of time, each generation has been called to celebrate God’s works and words. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 2 claims “from the beginning through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever...” This is a truth that truly needs to resound in all times and in all places.

38. In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

Rare is the song that reaches back into eternity, back into the “deep, unbounded darkness” of the world before creation, to note the work of God in “embracing us,” his children, as his own. In doing so, this song echoes the teachings of the Canons of Dort I, 7: “Before the foundation of the world, by sheer grace, according to the free good pleasure of his will, God chose in Christ to salvation a definite number...” The same is professed in Belgic Confession, Article 16.

53. Song of the Prophets

Here’s a unique song which gives us opportunity to hear the Word of God through multiple prophetic voices. Framed by stanzas 1 and 18 (summary stanzas), stanzas 2-17 summarize the

teaching of the prophets. Belgic Confession, Article 3 says that all these prophetic voices, though different from one another, were speaking from God and therefore “we call such writings holy and divine Scriptures.” All of these stories are part of “God’s mighty acts in the unfolding of covenant history” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 33).

Advent Expectation

ADVENT EXPECTATION

Theme: A Long-Expected Savior

The phrase “long-expected” and “the Savior promised long” are descriptors of Jesus and are familiar terms to many Christians. These words speak of generations who waited while centuries passed. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 23 also uses such terminology in calling him the “long-awaited Messiah.” And Belgic Confession, Article 18 professes that this all happened only “at the time appointed.”



Songs that follow this theme:

56. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

57. Todo la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting

60. Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Theme: Jesus Is Fully Human and Fully Divine

In these songs, it becomes clear that the one waited for is “Emmanuel—God with us.” The confessions of the church are very eager to identify that Emmanuel as the only Son of God “according to his divine nature” (Belgic Confession, Article 10). Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Days 11-13, Questions and Answers 29-34 put great effort into explaining why he is called Jesus, Christ, and God’s only begotten Son.

When stanza 2 of “All the Earth is Waiting” sings “a virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,” it is worth considering Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 14, Question and Answer 35, which explains what the virgin birth and conception by the Holy Spirit means.

Songs that follow this theme:

57. Todo la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting

61. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Theme: Christ’s Coming Involved the Trinity

What is notable about this song is that it concludes with a Trinitarian doxology, thus pointing to the truth that the coming of Christ was clearly a redeeming action involving all three members of the Trinity. Heidelberg Catechism captures the role of each member of the Trinity in Lord’s Day 12, Question and Answer 31 when it professes that Christ is called anointed, because he has been “ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit” to be our prophet, priest, and king.

Songs that follow this theme:

70. On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

71. Creator of the Stars of Night

74. Savior of the Nations, Come

Other Songs in this section:

63. My Soul in Stillness Waits

This song refers to Jesus Christ in stanza 1 as “our only hope of glory.” This concept seems to carry all the rest with it. Similarly, *Our Song of Hope* centers on Jesus Christ, as “our hope of glory as well.” “We are a people of hope” it says (stanza 1) and “we know Christ to be our only hope” (stanza 2) and “our only hope is Jesus Christ” (stanza 3). But it declares even more broadly that “Jesus Christ is the hope of God’s world” (stanza 4), giving hope for two worlds – in this age and in the age to come (stanza 5)!

65. LORD, You Have Lavished on Your Land

The intensity of this song with its profound sense of God’s goodness toward his world is a reminder of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5: “God holds this world in fierce love. Keeping his promise, he sends Jesus into the world, pours out the Holy Spirit, and announces the good news; sinners who repent and believe in Jesus live anew as members of the family of God—the first fruits of a new creation.”

67. Blessed Be the God of Israel

The words of Zechariah which form this song express the long hope of Israel that God would be faithful to his promises and provide new hope through David’s seed. The Confessions recall this promise-keeping God as the heart of our Advent hope. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5 speaks of God “keeping his promise” and paragraph 23 speaks of God “remembering the promise to reconcile” as the basis for sending his Son.

Similarly Belgic Confession, Article 18 says that God “fulfilled the promise made to the early fathers and mothers...” Further, the generations are to be the “fruit of the loins of David.”

74. Savior of the Nations, Come

The incarnation is able to “fill with wonder, all the earth” (stanza 1) because it is such an unexplainable birth—accomplished not “by human power or seed” but “only by the Spirit’s breath” (stanza 2). The Confessions and Testimonies of the church are careful to affirm the miraculous nature of the virgin birth. Belgic Confession, Article 18 says that Jesus was “conceived in the womb...by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation.”

Additionally, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 14, Question and Answer 35 teaches that he took the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary “through the working of the Holy Spirit.” *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 23 also includes the phrase, “conceived by the Holy Spirit.”

Christ's Life

CHRISTMAS

75. Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor

A sense of amazement pervades this song. Why would someone so rich become poor? It is for “love’s sake,” says stanza 1 and stanza 3 proclaims: “Lord you are love beyond all telling.” *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5 says it is “with fierce love” that God holds this world and sent Jesus into the world.



78. Of the Father's Love Begotten

God's “fierce love” referred to in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5 is the power behind the scenes in this song.

In stanza 2, this song, like Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 35, explains the conceiving of Christ by the Holy Spirit: the eternal Son of God took a truly human nature to himself “through the working of the Holy Spirit from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary.”

This hymn concludes with a doxology of praise for all three members of the Trinity who were involved in the incarnation. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 31 captures the role of each when it professes that Christ is called anointed, because he has been “ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit” to be our prophet, priest, and king.

80. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Belgic Confession, Articles 18 and 19 proclaim that Christ is “truly our Emmanuel—God with us” and he, as a divine being, truly assumed a human nature by the power of the Holy Spirit so that the two natures are “inseparably united and joined together.” This profound truth, that Jesus is fully human and fully divine, is proclaimed through Jesus' many names in this song: “everlasting Lord,” “offspring of the virgin's womb,” “incarnate Deity,” and the Godhead “veiled in flesh.”

81. Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Long before his birth, Jesus was promised, and thus he became “the great desire of nations” (stanza 3). When he came, he did as foretold by “gathering all nations to him” (stanza 4).

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 21 leads us to profess that the Lord promised to be God to Abraham and Sarah and their children, “blessing the nations through them” and shaping them to be a people who will be “a light to the nations.” In these words we catch a glimpse of

what Heidelberg Catechism teaches in Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 54, that Christ "through his Spirit and Word" will gather a church "from the entire human race."

This Christmas hymn concludes with a Trinitarian doxology, a reflection of the perspective found in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 31 that all three persons of the Trinity are involved in the birth of the newborn King. Christ is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

87. Once in Royal David's City

There is a sharp contrast in this song from the child who is characterized as a "baby in a manger" and "little child" in stanza 1 and "weak and helpless" in stanza 3, and then in stanzas 4 and 5 is seen as the "Lord in heaven above" and "at God's right hand on high." The Apostles' Creed, as explained in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 14-19, Questions and Answers 35-52 shows the same contrast when "born," "suffered," "dead," and "buried" give way to "ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God" and "will come to judge the living and the dead."

91. God Reigns! Earth Rejoices

"Former lamentations now are songs of peace," stanza 3 of the song says. This hopeful joy in Christ's coming is found in *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 1: "God is the world's true Hope," and therefore "we are a people of hope" (stanza 1), "Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world" (stanza 4), and it even makes clear that "our ascended Lord gives hope for two ages"—in the age to come and in this age (stanza 5).

92. Joy to the World

The confident and joyful proclamation of this well-loved carol is echoed in the conviction expressed in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 18 that "our Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom." As a result, "Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne. All authority, glory and sovereign power are given to him" (paragraph 27).

95. What Child Is This

The narrative of Christ's incarnation is told in this song: stanza 1 begins with a child sleeping on Mary's lap, a child who is the Word made flesh. In stanza 2, this child is called to bear the cross and yet is proclaimed as the King of kings who brings salvation. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 23 teaches that "God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary."

96. What Feast of Love

This Christmas song sets in contrast the gift from heaven that is celebrated around the manger with the gift that is celebrated at the table—the reason for the newborn in the manger. The metaphors here of Christ as the bread from heaven and of the banquet from heaven (stanza 1) and the wine of love (stanza 3) are reminders of the Lord’s Supper which Christ instituted as a way of remembering him and of being nurtured with the food of everlasting life (stanza 1). The words “taste and see,” in stanzas 1 and 3, are reminders of the invitation of Christ in the upper room to “take...eat...drink...”

It is worth considering Belgic Confession, Article 35, as a reminder to recognize the “spiritual and heavenly bread...by which our life is sustained.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 29, Question and Answer 79 also brings to mind that these elements are the “true food and drink of our souls for eternal life.”

97. Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

When Simeon prayed these words, he must have been well aware of “the long road of redemption” as *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 18 calls it. God’s “fierce love” (paragraph 5) with which he held this world caused him to turn toward this world with patience and tender care (paragraph 18). Simeon is delighted to see the fulfillment of his promises.

Christ's Life

EPIPHANY

Theme: Jesus Is the Light of the World

In stanza 2 of "Jesus, the Light of the World," "the nations" rise to joyfully praise Jesus and come to his light. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 21, leads us to profess that the Lord promised to be God to Abraham and Sarah and their children, "blessing the nations through them" and shaping them to be a people who will be "a light to the nations." In these words we catch a glimpse of what Heidelberg Catechism teaches us in Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 54, that Christ "through his Spirit and Word" ...will gather a church "from the entire human race."



In stanza 4, Jesus is proclaimed as the "heaven-born Prince of Peace." We also hear *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 54 identifying him as the "Prince of Peace," and calling us all to be "peacemakers," walking in the ways of peace and calling on our governments to work for peace.

Songs that follow this theme:

100. Jesus, the Light of the World

103. Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come

Other songs in this section:

101. How Bright Appears the Morning Star

In stanza 1, this song gives Jesus multiple names: "Righteous Branch, Jesse's Rod, Song of Man and Son of God," and "great Emmanuel." Belgic Confession, Article 18 explains the process by which he took on the flesh and blood of children and then concludes by saying, "In this way Christ is truly our Emmanuel—that is: 'God with Us.'"

Stanza 2 refers to the way in which Christ "cast a pitying eye on his helpless creature." *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5 uses a much stronger reference in professing that God sent Jesus into the world because of his "fierce love."

104. Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Throughout stanza 2, Jesus is manifested as "prophet, priest and king supreme"; using parallel language, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 31 explains that Jesus is

“anointed with the Holy Spirit” to be our “chief prophet and teacher,” our “only high priest” and our “eternal king.”

The refrain ends by confessing that “God in flesh [is] made manifest.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 14, Question and Answer 35 also confesses that Jesus “took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature...”

109. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Stanza 1 proclaims immediately that the Lord’s anointed one is “great David’s greater Son!” Belgic Confession, Article 18 also traces his lineage back to David: “...the fruit of the loins of David...descended from David...the seed of David; the root of Jesse.”

And yet, the rule of the promised descendent of David, Jesus, will only begin “in the time appointed” (stanza 1). This truth is also told in Belgic Confession, Article 18: God fulfilled his promise “at the time appointed.”

Stanza 4 says, “all nations shall adore you,” a truth that is rooted in the prediction that the Messiah was coming for “all nations.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 54 professes that the Son of God gathers his church “out of the entire human race,” a church that “is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain people. But it is spread and dispersed through the entire world...” (Belgic Confession, Article 27).

The song concludes in stanza 4 picturing “a kingdom without end,” a truth that parallels *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 44: “Jesus Christ rules over all,” “His kingdom will come, and the Lord will rule” (paragraph 55). *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 21 professes: “There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God’s glory.”

110. Behold the Lamb of God

Stanza 13 climaxes with a profession of Christ’s resurrection. The Apostles’ Creed professes: “The third day he rose again from the dead,” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 17, Question and Answer 45) calling God’s people to declare that in Christ’s resurrection, “he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.” By his resurrection we are “already raised to a new life.”

And “Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.” *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 25 states that “God raised him from the dead; he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death—Lord of life!”

111. O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

There was only one way for the sins of the world to be atoned for—God sent his one and only beloved Son into the world, who took “our mortal form for mortal’s sake” (stanza 1) and was

made in “‘human form’, truly assuming a human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin...” (Belgic Confession, Article 18).

He was baptized for us, stanza 2 says, and *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 24 assures us that “in his baptism and temptations...Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us.”

Yet the reason for his coming was to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Stanza 4 captures the process of his suffering and death on the cross. Belgic Confession, Article 21, recounts the many stages of Jesus’ suffering: “...He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.” In Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Days 15 and 16, Questions and Answers 37-44, there is a more complete description of the significance of his sufferings and death. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 25, professes that in his suffering and death, “He carried God’s judgment on our sin—his sacrifice removed our guilt.”

Stanza 5 proclaims: “For us he rose from death again” and the same truth is professed in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 25, that “God raised him from the dead; he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death—Lord of Life!” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 19, Question and Answer 50 explains that he “ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things.” *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 28 says that the ascended Jesus, at Pentecost, “becomes the baptizer, drenching his followers with his Spirit, creating a new community where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit make their home.”

And finally, the song ends in stanza 6 with a doxology to the Trinity. Belgic Confession, Article 8 gives a fuller explanation of all three persons of the Holy Trinity, while Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 8, Questions and Answers 24 and 25 identifies the primary tasks of each. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 2 proclaims: “God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!”

Christ's Life

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

112. When You, O Lord, Were Baptized

In this song there are references to the actions of each member of the Holy Trinity in the event of Jesus' baptism. The authenticity of this event is verified by its inclusion in Belgic Confession, Article 9, in which all three persons are included—the voice of the Father, the Son in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove: "So, in the baptism of all believers this form was prescribed by Christ: Baptize all people 'in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'"



113. Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 25 testifies that when we are set right with God, we are "given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion."

Stanza 3 refers to the "royal priesthood," a calling that all of God's children share, because we "share in his anointing...to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, and to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 32).

See also number 112 (above), "When You, O Lord, Were Baptized."

115. Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

It is worth considering, when reflecting on the temptations of Christ, to bear in mind the testimony from *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 24, that Jesus "in his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles, battles with demons and friendship with sinners...lived a full and righteous human life before us... He lovingly obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word the coming rule of God."

Christ's Life

TEACHING AND MIRACLES

117. Blest Are They

Stanzas 4 and 5 speak about the call to seek peace and, even, to suffer hate. These requirements are the same as those which gave rise to the *Belhar Confession*, Section 3. The church is called to be a “peacemaker” and to “witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwell.” The *Belhar Confession*, Section 5 calls the church to obedience even though “...punishment and suffering be the consequence.”



118. The Kingdom of Our God Is Like

This song proclaims the identity of the kingdom toward which God's children are called to work. Similarly, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 24 says: “As God's Son, he lovingly obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word this coming rule of God.”

119. Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

The entire spirit of this song is expectancy and readiness, cultivated by the awareness that the “time is drawing nigh” and Jesus Christ will soon return and bring the final consummation. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 57 declares: “We live confidently, anticipating his coming, offering him our daily lives – our acts of kindness, our loyalty, and our love—knowing that he will weave even our sins and sorrows into his sovereign purpose.”

120. Look and Learn

This song speaks about looking and learning from God's creation, particularly the flowers and the birds. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10, Questions and Answers 27 and 28 profess that we learn to have “good confidence in our God and Father...for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.” Belgic Confession, Article 13 testifies that we may trust that God watches over us with such fatherly care that not “even a little bird can fall to the ground without the will of our father.”

121. Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Stanza 2 warns us against “the vain world's golden store” and “each idol,” a parallel warning to that of the Decalogue given on Mt. Sinai. Similarly, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 34, Question and Answer 95 says: “Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in the Word.”

122. Far from Home We Run, Rebellious

It is worth considering the picture of the Prodigal Son while singing this song. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 5 describes the redeeming love of God, “God holds this world in fierce love!”

124. A Sower’s Seed Fell on a Path

While the Parable of the Sower is the scripture reference for this song, the refrain highlights the key responsibility of having “ears to hear your Word and hearts where seed can grow.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 54 proclaims that the Holy Spirit gathers the church “through his Spirit and Word.”

Belgic Confession, Article 7 testifies that “this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and...everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it.”

125. Jesus the Lord Said, “I Am the Bread”

Before singing this song, consider reading Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 7, Question and Answer 20: “Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.”

Additionally, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 11, Question and Answer 30 says, “Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.”

126. Come, One And All

Stanza 4 is a beautiful testimony about our hope beyond death when “the Lord will lift us free from death to walk with him eternally.” A similarly beautiful profession is found in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 22, Question and Answer 58, “...after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined; a blessedness in which to praise God forever.”

127. Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion

This song reflects the deep compassion of the ministry of Christ; similarly, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 24 testifies that “in his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles, battles with demons and friendships with sinners, Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us.”

128. I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling

Stanza 6 calls us to taste and see of the goodness of Christ at the Lord’s Table, a prominent theme in confessional statements about the Lord’s Table, such as Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Days 28-30, Questions and Answers 75-82 and Belgic Confession, Article 35.

Stanza 7 speaks of our hope of eternal life. How beautiful to match up these words with Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Question and Answer 58, "...after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined; a blessedness in which to praise God forever."

129. Somlandela/We Will Follow

The call to follow Christ that is expressed in this song, is also expressed very comprehensively in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 41-43: "To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are without fitting in, light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world."

Belhar Confession, Section 4, is also explicit in helping us to sense our call to follow Christ who wishes to "bring about justice and true peace among people."

Christ's Life

TRANSFIGURATION AND LENTEN JOURNEY

130. Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Stanza 3 says that the nations “cry aloud in wonder.” In the same spirit, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 21 confesses that the Lord promised to bless “the nations” through Abraham and his seed, and God chose Israel to be “a light to the nations.”

Our Song of Hope, paragraph 5 testifies that the “Holy Spirit is with us, calling nations to follow God’s path...”



131. Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain

Stanza 4 prays for Christ to “help the church...share with you love’s cost and pain...” This prayer is remarkably similar to the call from *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 41 in which the mission of Christ’s church is a call to “embrace God’s mission...in the world.”

132. Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Stanza 5 ends by speaking of an “Easter of unending joy,” stirring the hope and confidence expressed so beautifully in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 56-58.

133. Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Stanza 2 is a call to follow the Savior “through the valley to the cross.” This call is remarkably similar to the call of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 41 in which the mission of Christ’s church is a call to “embrace God’s mission...in the world.”

134. Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

Stanzas 5-6 speak of the hope of “resurrection morn” and “Easter Day,” alluding to hope and confidence expressed so beautifully in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 56-58.

136. To My Precious Lord

Stanza 3 speaks of the hope of when Jesus comes “back to earth again,” which, according to Belgic Confession, Article 37, he will do so “bodily and visibly.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 19, Question and Answer 52 professes that Jesus will return “to judge the living and the dead.”

137. Christ, the Life of All the Living

This song is saturated with an awareness of the vicarious suffering of Christ, for this we owe him a “...thousand, thousand thanks.” Belgic Confession, Article 21 captures the heart of our

confidence and assurance with its profession: “And he endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.”

141. Somos pueblo que camina/We Are People on a Journey

Both stanza 3 and the refrain speak of the Lord’s Table with “the bread that God provides...at the holy feast of God.” This reminder leads us to focus on the truth of Belgic Confession, Article 35, which professes Christ as the “living bread,” and Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 29, Question and Answer 79, which professes that to believe this truth is “the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life.”

Stanza 5 speaks of “those who truly seek for justice”; similarly, the *Belhar Confession*, Section 4 reveals God as the one who “wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.”

142. We Are People on a Journey

Stanza 3 is a reminder of the table of the Lord; in the same way, Belgic Confession, Article 35 professes Christ as the “living bread,” “the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 29, Question and Answer 79).

Christ's Passion and Exaltation

PALM SUNDAY

146. All Glory, Laud, and Honor

In Stanza 1, Christ is referred to as the “King of Israel and David’s royal Son” and “the King and blessed one.” Belgic Confession, Article 18 traces Christ’s lineage to David as well: Christ is “descended from David according to the flesh...”



MAUNDY THURSDAY

No links are found for this section

Christ's Passion and Exaltation

GOOD FRIDAY

161. Go to Dark Gethsemane

The first few stanzas of this hymn recount the experiences of Christ's suffering in Gethsemane and on Calvary. Belgic Confession, Articles 20 and 21 confess the significance of these sufferings in Christ's priestly role and how he "endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins."



The account of his suffering and death in stanzas 1-4 is given a much more full explanation in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 15-16, Questions and Answers 37-43: "Nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the son of God."

The end of stanza 5 proclaims the resurrection of Christ as the source of our hope. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 17, Question and Answer 45 clearly testifies of its benefits for us: "...so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death...we too are already raised to a new life...(and it) is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection."

162. To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord

While Christ was mocked by some, this text speaks of our understanding now that Christ's reign is real (stanza 1), his crown is glorious (stanza 1), and his kingdom "will not cease to grow" (stanza 3). This firm hope is expressed in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 31: Christ has been anointed to be the "eternal king who governs by his word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us."

Theme: The Significance of Christ's Suffering

These songs reflect the narrative of the suffering and death of Christ on Calvary, events whose significance and purpose is deepened by the confessions of the church. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 15-16, Questions and Answers 37-44 explain the significance of each step of his suffering. Question and Answer 40 testifies that Christ had to suffer death "because God's justice and truth require it; nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the son of God."

The Belgic Confession, Article 20 professes that "God made known his justice toward his Son...poured out his goodness and mercy on us...giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life."

Consider also the testimony of Belgic Confession, Article 21: “He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.”

Songs that follow this theme:

- 163. What Grace Is This**
- 164. What Wondrous Love**
- 166. Were You There**
- 167. Beneath the Cross of Jesus**
- 168. O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**
- 170. Man of Sorrows—What a Name**
- 171. Calvary**
- 172. Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended**
- 173. Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**
- 174. I Stand Amazed**
- 175. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**
- 177. Oh to See the Dawn**

Christ's Passion and Exaltation

EASTER

201. Affirmation: Jesus, Our Hope

These are rich and powerful words from *Our Song of Hope*, Stanzas 4 and 5, for a congregational affirmation before singing of our Easter joy.



Theme: The Truth of Easter

As a collective whole, these Easter hymns accomplish three functions: they recount the Easter narrative, proclaim our Easter hope, and celebrate our joy at Christ's resurrection. While it is impossible to identify separate confessional links for each one, as a whole they are built on the professions of Easter truths that are expressed primarily in Heidelberg Catechism. Note especially the following:

- Lord's Day 17, Question and Answer 45 declares that Christ's resurrection makes us share in Christ's righteousness, raises us to a new life by his power, and is a sure pledge to us of our resurrection.
- Lord's Day 22, Question and Answer 57 comforts us to know that not only our soul but "also my very flesh will be raised by the power of God, reunited with my soul, and made like Christ's glorious body."
- Lord's Day 22, Question and Answer 58 says that it may be a comfort to know that while experiencing the beginning of eternal joy now, "after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever."

In addition, *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 5 professes: "On the day of the resurrection, the tomb was empty; His disciples saw Him; death was defeated; new life had come. God's purpose for the world was sealed."

Songs that follow this theme:

179. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

181. See, What a Morning

182. Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

183. Aleluya/Alleluia

184. Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

- 185. The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done**
- 186. Low in the Grave He Lay**
- 187. Thine Is the Glory**
- 188. Mfurahini, haleluya/Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia**
- 190. O Sons and Daughters**
- 191. Praise the Savior, Now and Ever**
- 192. Oh, qué bueno es Jesús/Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord**
- 193. I Know That My Redeemer Lives**
- 194. Refuge and Rock**
- 196. Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness**
- 197. Cristo vive/Christ Is Risen**
- 198. Celtic Alleluia**
- 199. Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**
- 202. This Joyful Eastertide**
- 203. Now the Green Blade Rises**
- 204. Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna**
- 205. Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**
- 206. Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**
- 207. Come to Us, Beloved Stranger**

Christ's Passion and Exaltation

ASCENSION AND REIGN

213. Affirmation: The Benefits of the Ascension

This affirmation from Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18, Question and Answer 49, is hope-filled and deeply personal. Worshipers who profess these words will be nurtured.

Theme: All Authority Belongs to Christ

The confessions make it clear that the ascension of Christ opened the door to the rule of his kingdom. This fact is comforting to those who love him and is a fearful threat to those who despise him. The response therefore is praise and adoration from people of faith, and resistance from those who reject him.

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 27 affirms "All authority, glory and sovereign power are given to him," and reaffirms it in paragraph 43: "Jesus Christ rules over all."

Consider the clear affirmation made in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19, Question and Answer 50: "Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is the head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things."

It is no wonder that those who despise him join together to conspire against him, for Christ's aim as Lord is to "destroy the devil's work...every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy word" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 48, Question and Answer 123).

Songs that follow this theme:

- 214. Why This Dark Conspiracy**
- 216. Nations, Clap Your Hands**
- 217. The LORD unto my Lord Has Said**
- 218. To Your Unequaled Strength**
- 219. Jesus Shall Reign**
- 220. At the Name of Jesus**
- 221. For the Honor of Our King**
- 222. He Is King of Kings**
- 223. Crown Him with Many Crowns**
- 224. Rejoice, the Lord is King**
- 225. You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd**
- 226. Jesus Is Lord**



227. He Is Lord

Christ's Passion and Exaltation

PENTECOST

229. Affirmation: The Holy Spirit

This succinct yet beautiful affirmation from Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 20, Question and Answer 53 provides a clear statement of the identity and ministry of the Holy Spirit.



Theme: The Work of the Spirit

It is difficult to isolate certain confessional themes in each song about the Holy Spirit in this section. Rather, there are several themes that are woven together in nearly all of these songs. The Holy Spirit is identified as one with the Father and the Son in the Holy Trinity; we plead for the coming and indwelling of the Spirit in our lives; the Spirit's work is evident in creation and in God's people throughout redemptive history; the Spirit calls and empowers the church for mission; and the Spirit is the source of power, fruit, and hope. These themes are expressed in confessional statements such as these:

- Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 20, Question and Answer 53 testifies, "...the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God." In addition, the Spirit "makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever."
- *Our World Belongs to God* has helpful references to these multiple themes of the Spirit's work and ministry.
 - "Jesus becomes the baptizer, drenching his followers with the Spirit, creating a new community where Father, Son and Spirit make their home" (paragraph 28).
 - "The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith... stands by us in our need and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant" (paragraph 29).
 - "God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church in astonishing variety...equipping each member to build up the body of Christ and to serve our neighbors."
 - "The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe and nation into the unity of the body of Christ" (paragraph 30).
 - "Men and women, impelled by the Spirit go next door and far away...pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say" (paragraph 30).
- *Our Song of Hope* also contributes very clearly regarding the Spirit's work:
 - "The Holy Spirit speaks through the Scriptures...has inspired Greek and Hebrew words, setting God's truth in human language, placing God's teaching in ancient culture, proclaiming the Gospel in the history of the world" (stanza 6).

- “The Holy Spirit speaks through the church, measuring its words by the canonical Scriptures...has spoken in the ancient creeds, and in the confessions of the Reformation” (stanza 7).
- “The Spirit sends [the church] out in ministry to preach good news to the poor, righteousness to the nations, and peace among all people” (stanza 16).
- “The Holy Spirit builds one church, united in one Lord and one hope, with one ministry around one table” (stanza 17).
- The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus to respond in worship together, to accept all the gifts from the Spirit, to learn from each other’s traditions, to make unity visible on earth” (stanza 17).
- “...The Spirit works at the ends of the world before the church has there spoken a word” (stanza 20).

Songs that follow this theme:

228. Send Us Your Spirit

230. Come, Holy Spirit

231. Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire

232. Come, Holy Ghost

233. Haleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord

234. Come Down, O Love Divine

235. Spirit, Working in Creation

236. Praise the Spirit in Creation

237. Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

238. Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

239. Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

240. Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

241. Santo Espíritu, excelsa paloma/Holy Spirit, from Heaven Descended

242. When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

Joining in the Spirit's Work

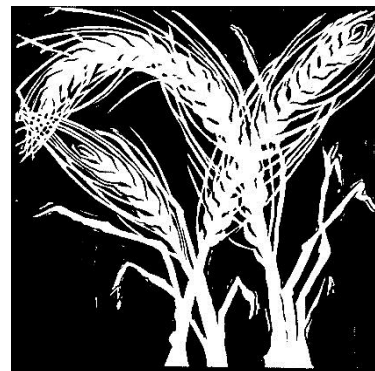
THROUGH THE CHURCH

259. Affirmation: The Unity of the Body

This affirmation uses the words of the *Belhar Confession* to express the bond of communion among believers in Jesus Christ.

263. Affirmation: Joining The Mission of God

This affirmation leads God's children to testify regarding our commitment to the work of the Church in the world through the words of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 41 and 42.



Theme: Using God's Gifts in Community

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 55 professes "the communion of the saints," by which we mean that "each member should consider it a duty to use [their] gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members."

The *Belhar Confession*, Section 2 testifies that the unity of God's children becomes active "in a variety of ways; in that we love one another, that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another..."

Songs that follow this theme:

256. They'll Know We Are Christians

257. Blest Be the Tie That Binds

258. Koinonia

260. Miren qué bueno/Oh, Look and Wonder

Theme: Christ Gathers a Community

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 54 confesses that the ascended Jesus Christ is now "head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things" and "through his Word and Spirit, out of the entire human race, gathers...a community chosen for eternal life..."

Songs that follow this theme:

261. Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

264. Lift High the Cross

268. In Christ There Is No East or West

269. All Are Welcome

Other songs in this section:

243. One People, Here, We Gather

In stanza 1, this song speaks of a “Pentecost of nations” and in doing so, acknowledges like Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 54 does, which says: the Son of God gathers his church “...out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end.”

The Belgic Confession, Article 27 professes that the church is “...not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain people...but it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world...”

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 30 testifies, “The Spirit of God gathers people from every tongue, tribe and nation into the unity of the body of Christ.”

In stanza 1, this song speaks about the “varieties of gifts” that God’s children possess. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 55 professes that God’s children should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the full service and enrichment of the other members.”

248. We Are Your People

How rich is the congregation which remembers that the Holy Spirit draws all of God’s people together as the communion of saints. We not only “share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts,” but we also “consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 55).

The vision in this song is expressed in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 41: the Spirit calls all members “...to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhood and in the world...this mission is central to our being.”

When we sing that we are to be God’s voice, hands and face, the *Belhar Confession*, Section 4 is a reminder that God has “revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.”

Our Song of Hope, stanza 16 testifies that the Spirit “...sends [the church] out in ministry to preach good news to the poor, righteousness to the nations, and peace among all people.”

250. Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Stanza 4 is doxological, giving praise to all three members of the Trinity. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 8, Question and Answer 24 and 25, and Belgic Confession, Article 8 give a clear and

succinct statement about the Trinity: “all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy.”

251. The Church’s One Foundation

The words from stanza 1, “...she is his new creation by water and the Word” parallel Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 54, testifying that Christ “...through his Spirit and Word...gathers, protects and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.”

Stanza 2 combines two powerful truths: the church is “elect” and the church is from “every nation.” The Canons of Dort I, 7 verifies both of these by teaching that “election is God’s unchangeable purpose by which he...chose in Christ to salvation a definite number of particular people out of the entire human race.”

Stanzas 3 and 4 acknowledge that the church will often suffer while she tries to be obedient. The *Belhar Confession*, Section 5 says that God’s people ought not to be surprised at this; it is to be expected.

Stanza 4 also speaks of the church “waiting the consummation of peace forevermore.” The Apostles Creed professes that we believe in “the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 22, Questions and Answers 57-58 expand on this profession: “...after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forevermore.”

Similarly, several confessions end with a testimony about this consummation. These rich testimonies are in Belgic Confession, Article 37; *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 55-58; and in *Our Song of Hope*, stanzas 20-21.

252. Church of God, Elect and Glorious

This song speaks of the Church of God as “elect.” The Canons of Dort I, 7 verifies both of these by teaching that “election is God’s unchangeable purpose by which he...chose in Christ to salvation a definite number of particular people out of the entire human race.”

Stanza 1 calls God’s children to “know the purpose of your calling” and in stanza 4 to “fulfill your calling,” phrases that have far greater content than at first glance. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 41 powerfully explains the mission of the church and helps us realize how far-reaching this calling of the church is: “...the Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.”

254. For All the Saints

Two rich and beautiful professions are woven together in this song—the perseverance of the saints, and the ultimate consummation for the church. In conjunction with this song, one might consider forming a litany from the words of the Canons of Dort V, 3 and Belgic Confession, Article 37:

- Canons of Dort V, 3: “But God is faithful, mercifully strengthening them in the grace once conferred on them and powerfully preserving them in it to the end.”
- Belgic Confession, Article 37: “...the faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor. The Son of God will profess their names before God his Father the holy and elect angels; all tears shall be wiped from their eyes and their cause...will be acknowledged as the cause of the Son of God. As a reward the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the human heart could never imagine.”

Similarly, a litany could be constructed from the words of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 56-58. Rich testimonies of hope are found in these words!

255. Somos uno en Cristo/We Are One in Christ Jesus

The unity of the church in the Holy Spirit is reflected in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 21, Question and Answer 54 when it says that we are “united in true faith.” Additionally, *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 17 professes, “The Holy Spirit builds one church, united in one Lord and one hope, with one ministry around one table.”

Joining in the Spirit's Work

IN CULTURE, COMMUNITIES, AND NATIONS

274. O God, Who Gives to Humankind

Not many songs or confessional readings address the matter of learning and education. This is a golden opportunity to reinforce the testimony of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 47 that "...we foster schools and teaching in which God's truth shines in all learning."



Theme: The Cry from the Nations

Any song or testimony about the cries that comes from our nations and cities must be met with confessional statements about the mission of the church as listed here.

Our World Belongs to God, paragraphs 41-43 are explicit and pointed about the mission of the church: "In a world estranged from God, where happiness and peace are offered in many names and millions face confusing choices, we witness—with respect for followers of other ways—to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ."

Later, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 52-54 point to the task of the church in seeking public justice and functioning as a peacemaker: "We call on our governments to work for peace and to restore just relationships. We deplore the spread of weapons in our world and on our streets with the risks they bring and the horrors they threaten..."

The *Belhar Confession*, section 3 calls the church to be a peacemaker, and section 4 calls the church "to bring about justice and true peace."

Our Song of Hope, stanza 10 calls the church to seek "the welfare of the people" and to work "against inhuman oppression of humanity."

Songs that follow this theme:

278. The City Is Alive, O God

282. O God of Every Nation

283. O God of Love, Forever Blest

285. Blest Be God

288. Shalom/Bring Peace

289. For the Healing of the Nations

290. Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments

291. How Long, O Lord, How Long

- 292. There Where the Judges Gather**
- 293. O Great God and Lord of the Earth**
- 294. When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor**
- 295. Let Justice Flow**
- 296. We Are Called**
- 297. Open Our Eyes**
- 298. Salaam/Peace**
- 299. Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**
- 301. How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD**
- 303. Healer of Our Every Ill**

Joining in the Spirit's Work

IN FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Theme: Home, Family and Marriage

This theme focuses on the home, family, and marriage, a topic with helpful references in the confessions. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 46, testifies to the implications of living as “the family of God.”



Our Song of Hope, stanza 13 calls God’s children to be “stewards of marriage with its lifelong commitment to love...”

Songs that follow this theme:

- 311. Unless the LORD Builds the House**
- 312. In Our Households, Heavenly Father**
- 313. Whoever Fears the Lord**
- 314. Tell Your Children**
- 315. Where Love Is, God Abides**
- 316. When Love Is Found**
- 317. God, Who Created Hearts to Love**
- 318. Help Us Accept Each Other**

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IN OUR WALK WITH GOD

342. Affirmation: True Faith

Through the words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7, Question and Answer 21, this affirmation provides a rich means for worshipers to affirm the nature of the faith by which they live.

Theme: The Holy Spirit Renews Our Hearts

The plea of this song is reflected by the testimony of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 29. Here it is made clear that it is uniquely the Holy Spirit who "renews our hearts and moves us to faith, leads us into truth, and helps us to pray, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant." No wonder the Christian pleads for the Spirit to come and do this work!

Songs that follow this theme:

320. Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

321. We Need the Power of the Holy Spirit

Theme: Prayer for God's Leading and Care

This song includes a plea and a prayer seeking God's leading and care. Those who seek this leading can know that the Holy Spirit always aims to provide just such care for the believer. He not only renews our hearts, but also "leads us into truth, and helps us to pray, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 29).

Songs that follow this theme:

329. Lead Me, Guide Me

330. Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

331. To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

332. As the Deer Pants for the Water

341. We've Come This Far by Faith

Other songs in this section:

323. With All My Heart I Thank You, LORD

We do not walk with God to gain his attention and favor, but rather to exhibit our profound thankfulness to him. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1 makes it clear



that “because I belong to him, Christ...makes we heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.”

In addition, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 32, Question and Answer 86 gives us a beautiful and moving testimony of why God’s children are called to live obediently: Christ has redeemed us by his blood. Therefore, God’s children are called to “show that we are thankful to God for his benefits.”

324. O For a Closer Walk with God

This song reminds us of the reality that we, though being children of God, do still wander from him, lose the sense of his presence, and need to return. Stanzas 2-4 are the prayer of a believer who has lost the sense of a one-time close walk with God. The Canons of Dort V, 4 teaches us that even true believers are led astray by the desires of the flesh, of the world and of Satan, and therefore are called to watch and pray that they may be restored to a “closer walk with God.”

325. O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Stanza 3 is a petition that we may be taught the patience of Christ. Similarly, *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 10 points out the need for God’s children to be filled “with the patience of Christ.”

327. When We Walk with the Lord

The theme of this song centers on happiness, joy and delight, found in the Christian life when God’s children walk consistently with the Lord. Similarly, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 32, Question and Answer 86 professes that as God’s children do good works, i.e. grateful and obedient living, they will be “assured of [their] faith by its fruits.”

328. Lead On, O King Eternal

The confessions of the Reformed Faith are rich in references to the Kingship of Christ. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Days 18 and 19, Questions and Answers 46-52 reflect on the phrase from the Apostles’ Creed: “He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 19, Question and Answer 50 professes that “he is head of the church, (and) the one through whom the Father rules all things.”

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 27 professes that “all authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to him. There he hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father.”

333. All My Life

When he wrote this song, Ken Medema was reflecting the confused cry of the Psalmist in Psalm 73. Yet notice how the Psalm (and song) is not totally a cry of confusion, but also moves toward an expression of faith, “For God has changed my vision...” (stanza 5). When Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, Question and Answer 28 reflects on God’s providence, it provides the

same changed vision and in a beautiful testimony claims we can not only be “thankful when things go well” but can also be “patient when things go against us” and “we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love.”

334. May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Developing the mind of Christ is a key element in the believer’s sanctification. Therefore the church, as the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord, “is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him; delight in his presence, seeking him I pray—silent before the mystery of his love” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 35).

In addition, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 47 points to the fact that God’s truth should shine forth in all learning: “All students, without regard to abilities, race, or wealth, bear God’s image and deserve an education that helps them use their gifts fully.”

335. Like a Child Rests

The confessions of the church at times refer to the fact that child-like silence, resting and trusting, are all part of a believer’s walk with God. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 35 testifies that believers are called to be “silent before the mystery of his love.” Belgic Confession, Article 13 testifies that “we do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what God does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend.”

337. LORD, You Have Searched Me

Stanzas 3 and 4 of this song express the wonder of knowing the creator God. In a similar way, Belgic Confession, Article 12 says in a spirit of awe: “God has given all creatures their being, form and appearance and their various functions for serving their Creator.”

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 10 testifies that we are “made in God’s image to live in loving communion with our Maker...”

Later, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 44 confesses: “...life is a gift from God...” that we receive “thankfully with reverence for the Creator.”

343. Blessed Be Your Name

Some may find it difficult to sing this song; it expresses the call of God’s people to bless God’s name even when the road leads through a desert (stanza 2) or suffering (stanza 4). Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, Question and Answer 28 claims that believing in the providence of God calls us to be not only “thankful when things go well,” but also “patient when things go against us” and to have “good confidence in our God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love.”

Belgic Confession, Article 13 testifies that “we rest” in the thought that “nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father, who watches over us with fatherly care.”

349. I Will Sing a Song of Triumph

“I Will Sing a Song of Triumph” speaks of victory even though “unnumbered troubles” (stanza 1) surround us, a topic that some may find difficult to sing. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, Question and Answer 28 claims that believing in the providence of God calls us to be not only “thankful when things go well,” but also “patient when things go against us” and to have “good confidence in our God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love.”

Belgic Confession, Article 13 testifies that “we rest” in the thought that “nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father, who watches over us with fatherly care.”

351. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Full of praise, this song reaches a crescendo of hope in stanza 4 when it prays that Christ will come and “finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be...” This hope of final perfection is expressed beautifully in a number of confessions. Belgic Confession, Article 37 says that when Christ returns, “The faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor” and “the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the human heart could never imagine... So we look forward to that great day with longing in order to fully enjoy the promises of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Even more pointedly, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 56 professes, “We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light.”

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IN GRATEFUL LIVING

Theme: Voicing Our Thankfulness

Voicing our thankfulness is the theme of these songs and the theme of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 2, which professes that God's children can "live and die in the joy of this comfort," when we know our sin and misery, know how we are set free in Christ, and especially know "how I am to thank God for such deliverance."



Similarly, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86 leads us to confess that our whole lives will "show that we are thankful to God for his benefits."

This spirit is reinforced by *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 6 with its personal profession, "We rejoice in the goodness of God..."

Songs that follow this theme:

357. In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

358. Give Thanks

359. Give Thanks to God, Who Hears Our Cries

362. I'm So Glad

Theme: The Benefits of Christ's Resurrection

In order to sing these songs with greater depth, consider reading Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 17, Question and Answer 45, a reminder of the benefits of Christ's resurrection: "...by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death...we too are already raised to a new life..."

These songs speak of a "risen Savior" and "I can face tomorrow" and "life is worth the living" because of the certainty of the resurrection of Christ. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 25 testifies: "God raised him from the dead: he walked out of the grave, conqueror of sin and death—Lord of Life! We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin's dominion."

Songs that follow this theme:

361. Because He Lives

365. I Serve a Risen Savior

Theme: Expressing Trust in God's Faithfulness

Each of these songs expresses trust in the faithfulness of God who will care for us as a shepherd faithfully cares for his sheep. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1 says, "He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact all things must work together for my salvation."

Additionally, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10, Question and Answer 28 says that the providence of God leads me to trust him fully, being "patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love."

Belgic Confession, Article 13 is clear to testify that he "watches over us with fatherly care," and "in this thought we rest, knowing that God holds in check the devils and all our enemies, who cannot hurt us, without divine permission and will."

Songs that follow this theme:

368. El Señor es mi pastor/My Shepherd Is the LORD

369. My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

370. My Soul Finds Rest

371. Tu fidelidad/I Depend upon Your Faithfulness

Other songs in this section:

354. LORD, I Gladly Trust

The beautiful expressions of trust that we find in especially stanzas 1 and 2 can only come from someone who knows the deep comfort of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1: "...I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful savior Jesus Christ." Only such a person can profess in stanza 4, "Lord, I gladly trust in you."

355. Be Gracious to Me, Lord

Only when God's children know that "...he watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1) can they sing "sleep in peace..." for they know that "...God's love shall never cease" (stanza 2).

356. Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

The comprehensiveness of this prayer ("my whole being," stanza 1) arises from a heart that knows the full power of the grace of God that has restored us, "so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits..." (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86).

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 47, Question and Answer 122 professes that believers can aim to "direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised."

360. You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Consistent with the spirit of exclamation in this song is the testimony of Belgic Confession, Article 21, after citing all that was involved in the atonement of Christ, it exclaims, "And he endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins."

363. Blessed Assurance: Jesus Is Mine

This is the testimony of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1 in song! "I belong, body and soul, in life and death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ" and "because I belong to him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him."

364. Tell Out, My Soul

Mary could not keep the good news within! Neither should we. So, "men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 30).

366. My Jesus, I Love Thee

When Christians gather in worship, they are quick to testify of their love for the Lord who loved them. First, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 36 claims that "our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise Gods name..."

And we know that we are safe in Christ's love for we will experience "endless delight" in "heaven so bright" (stanza 3). Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Question and Answer 58 claims that "after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever."

367. O God, You Are My God Alone

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And we know that we are safe in Christ's love: "Beneath the shadow of your wing, I live and feel secure" (stanza 3). Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Question and Answer 58 claims that "after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever."

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IN MARKING TIME

Theme: A Perfect Love and Comfort

What can possibly be so important that it is our first cry in the morning and our last thought at night? Belgic Confession, Article 20 testifies that God gave us “...his Son to die by a most perfect love” and then raised him to life “for our justification in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.”



Because of such perfect love, comfort can be found in the words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1: “I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.” This is our cry—first thing in the morning and last thought at night!

Songs that follow this theme:

372. When Morning Gilds the Sky

375. Your Name

386. Christ, Mighty Savior

Theme: God's Appointments to Serve in this World

Prayers and praise for the constant care of God are necessary for those who understand that God has appointed them to serve this world and one another: “Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker, we are appointed earth keepers and caretakers to tend the earth, enjoy it, and love our neighbors. God uses our skills for the unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who live in it may flourish” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 10).

Songs that follow this theme:

377. Lord, as the Day Begins

378. Lord of All Hopefulness

Theme: Life Is a Gift from God

The spirit of this song can come only from those who thankfully receive each day as a gift from God's hand. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 44 teaches, “Life is a gift from God's hand” which we receive thankfully “with reverence for the Creator...” (paragraph 44).

The call for God's help in our daily living arises from those who are confident of his fatherly care; consider reading Belgic Confession, Article 13 and Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Question and Answer 26.

Songs that follow this theme:

- 379. Let the Giving of Thanks**
- 382. You, O Lord, Are a Shield About Me**
- 384. O LORD, Come Quickly; Hear Me Pray**
- 388. Every Heart Its Tribute Pays**
- 389. Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory**
- 390. Night Has Fallen**
- 391. Awit sa Dapit-Hapon/When Twilight Comes**
- 392. O Joyous Light of Glory**
- 393. O Gladsome Light, O Grace**

Theme: Trusting in God’s Fatherly Care

At the end of the day, the child of God who trusts in his fatherly care (see Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9, Question and Answer 26 and Belgic Confession, Article 13) can ask for forgiveness, be at rest, and expect new strength.

Because of this, the child of God who trust in God’s fatherly care can give praise to all three members of the Trinity (Belgic Confession, Article 8).

Songs that follow this theme:

- 394. All Praise to You, My God, This Night**
- 395. When Evening Falls and Labors Cease**

Theme: God as Provider

For the source of the harvest, God’s children are called to look to God who with his powerful hand upholds all things, even “...leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink...” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, Question and Answer 27). As a response for the harvest, God’s people are called to give him thanks.

The fourth petition of the Lord’s Prayer also expresses this dependence on God as provider (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 50, Question and Answer 125).

Songs that follow this theme:

- 396. For the Fruit of All Creation**
- 397. Praise God for the Harvest of Orchard and Field**
- 398. Sing to the Lord of Harvest**
- 399. Bless the LORD, O Saints and Servants**

Theme: The Passage of Time

In the passage of time, the child of God lives with expectancy—for God to renew them and for God to lead them in obedience (*Our Song of Hope*, stanza 9).

Even though time passes and years end swiftly, God is eternally faithful. And so God's children testify using the words of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 1: "As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, and others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!"

Songs that follow this theme:

400. Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year

401. Hours and Days and Years and Ages

402. Lord, Show Me How to Count My Days

403. Wildflowers Bloom and Fade

404. God of Our Life

405. O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Other songs in this section:

374. O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

This song heralds the Son as the light of God and calls for the Spirit's ray to shine on all we do. It concludes with a Trinitarian doxology in stanza 4. For a clear expression of the Trinity, consider reading Belgic Confession, Article 8 and the *Belhar Confession*, Section 1.

376. Hear, O LORD, My Urgent Prayer

The believer's urgent prayer rises first thing in the morning (stanza 1) as an expression of the fact that "Jesus Christ rules over all. To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are without fitting in, light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 43).

383. My Spirit Glorifies the Lord

Mary sang these thoughts first, with the awareness that God had chosen to use her as an instrument in the arrival of his Son in the world. This event is mentioned in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14, Question and Answer 35 and Belgic Confession, Article 18.

387. The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended

The beautiful contrast in this song is that while our day is ending and we soon rest in sleep, the church of Christ continues through each time zone, with no stopping for rest. And so the voice of prayer and praise continues. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 54 teaches that the holy catholic church is found among the entire human race, "dispersed throughout the entire world" (Belgic Confession, Article 27).

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IN DIFFICULT TIMES

The songs in this section are sung prayers which rise to the surface in times of pain, stress, uncertainty and anguish. In all of them, to one degree or another, we find the presence of pain, a cry to God for help, and a spirit of trust.

The following are confessional linkages to nearly all of these sung prayers (#406-454).



Difficult times occur in the lives and communities of God's people because this is a fallen world. The confessions demonstrate this perspective:

- Belgic Confession, Article 15 teaches that "...by the disobedience of Adam original sin has been spread through the whole human race...a corruption of the whole human nature..." As a result, God's people are "guilty and subject to physical and spiritual death, having become wicked, perverse, and corrupt in all [our] ways" (Article 14). In addition, "The devils and evil spirits are so corrupt that they are enemies of God and of everything good. They lie in wait for the church and every member of it like thieves, with all their power, to destroy and spoil everything by their deceptions" (Article 12).
- *Our World Belongs to God* continues to affirm that "God has not abandoned the work of his hands," nevertheless "our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness..." (paragraph 4). And now "all spheres of life—family and friendship, work and worship school and state, play and art—bear the wounds of our rebellion" (paragraph 16).

Yet, in a fallen world, God's providential care is the source of great assurance, comfort and strength. Through these thoughts, our trust in God is inspired.

- Belgic Confession, Article 13 is a reminder that God's providence reassures us that God leads and governs all in this world "according to his holy will...nothing happens in this world without his orderly arrangement." Further, this Confession identifies that this "gives us unspeakable comfort since it teaches us that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father, who watches over us with fatherly care...in this thought we rest."
- Belgic Confession, Article 13, is a reminder that much is beyond human understanding and so "we do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what God does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend."

- In Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Question and Answer 26 we testify that we "trust God so much that [we] do not doubt that he will provide whatever [we] need for body and soul and will turn to [our] good whatever adversity he sends upon [us] in this sad world."
- In Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10, Question and Answer 28, we are assured that through our trust in the providence of God we can have "good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love."
- When we pray the Lord's Prayer we ask not to be brought into the time of trial but rescued from evil. In doing so we ask that the Lord will "uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle..." (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52, Question and Answer 127)

Belgic Confession, Article 26 speaks about the intercession of Christ as the ascended Lord. "We have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor, Jesus Christ the Righteous." We, therefore, do not offer our prayers as though saints could be our intercessor, nor do we offer them on the "basis of our own dignity but only on the basis of the excellence and dignity of Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours by faith." Because Jesus Christ is our sympathetic High Priest, we approach the throne "in full assurance of faith."

No greater assurance can be found than that expressed in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1: "I am not my own by I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."

In all difficult times, we eagerly await the final day when God "will set all things right, judge evil, and condemn the wicked" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 57).

434. Affirmation: My Only Comfort

No statement of faith brings greater hope and peace to the Christian than these precious and familiar words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1.

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IN DEATH AND DYING

All the songs in this section are related to the experience of death and dying. Some are sung prayers through which we express our faith when we come to realize the fragility of life; some are prayers expressing our comfort and hope to be sung while we are dying; and some are prayers we may sing vicariously on behalf of others who are dying and unable to sing at the time.



No hope is stronger than that expressed in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1: we "...belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ...because I belong to him, Christ by His Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life..."

The basic perspective of hope is expressed in Belgic Confession, Article 37 "...the Lord will make them (us) possess a glory such as the human heart could never imagine. So we look forward to that day (of Christ's return) with longing in order to enjoy fully the promises of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15, Question and Answer 42 clarifies what may be misunderstood when it says that even though Christ died for us, we still have to die, but "our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life." Additionally, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 17, Question and Answer 45 explains that Christ's resurrection "is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Questions and Answers 57 and 58 speak reassurances about the actual event of dying: "Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but also my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ, reunited with my soul, and made like Christ's glorious body," and "even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Question and Answer 58).

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 56 summarizes our hope by testifying, "We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come."

463. Affirmation: The Resurrection of the Body

These words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Questions and Answers 57 and 58 expand on the statements of the Apostles' Creed by asking what comfort we receive from the profession concerning the "resurrection of the body" and the "life everlasting."

Hope for Things to Come

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

All the songs in this section express the hope and expectation of the promised return of Jesus Christ. While each has its own style and manner, all have a few central themes from the confessions within them: Christ as King, the anticipation of the believer, and the comfort and hope for the believer.



Theme: Christ as King

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 31 is a reminder that Christ promised to return and will do so as King. He has ascended to heaven "to show there that he is the head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things." He was anointed as "our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us."

Songs that follow this theme:

474. Sing to the King

475. When the King Shall Come Again

476. The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Theme: Anticipation of the Believer

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19, Question and Answer 52 professes that "in all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven."

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 57 describes what believers can expect to experience:

"...We will see our Savior face to face...he will set all things right...we face that day without fear for the Judge is our Savior whose shed blood declares us righteous. We live confidently, anticipating his coming..."

Songs that follow this theme:

470. View the Present Through the Promise

472. O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun

473. Come, You Thankful People, Come

477. Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

478. Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

480. Wait for the Lord

482. Soon and Very Soon

Theme: Comfort and Hope for the Believer

Belgic Confession, Article 37, perhaps more than any, spells out what believers anticipate and how this fills us with hope and comfort:

“All human creatures will appear in person before the great judge...summoned there ‘with the archangel’s call and the sound of God’s trumpet’.”

“And as for those who are still alive, they will not die like the others but will be changed ‘in the twinkling of an eye’ from perishable to imperishable.”

“Therefore, with good reason the thought of this judgment is horrible and dreadful to wicked and evil people. But it is very pleasant and a great comfort to the righteous and elect, since their total redemption will then be accomplished...”

“The faithful and elect will be crowned with glory and honor. And as a gracious reward the Lord will make them possess a glory such as the human heart could never imagine.”

“So we look forward to that great day with longing in order to enjoy fully the promises of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”

Songs that follow this theme:

471. Jesus Christ Is the Way

479. Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

481. My Lord, What a Morning

Hope for Things to Come

THE NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH

484. Affirmation: Come, Lord Jesus

In this affirmation, the cry from Revelation 22 shapes the spirit of a powerful affirmation from *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraphs 56-58.

As in the previous section, the songs here eagerly give expression to the hopes that believers have for the new heaven and earth which Christ will bring. There are three themes found in the links to this entire section: our glimpse of the new heaven and new earth, the gathered church, and expressions of joy and praise.



Theme: Our Glimpse of the New Heaven and Earth

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Questions and Answers 57 and 58 say that believers' resurrected bodies will be "raised by the power of Christ, reunited with my soul, [will be] made like Christ's glorious body." And then "I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined; a blessedness in which to praise God forever."

Additionally, "Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19, Question and Answer 52).

Our Song of Hope, stanza 21 expresses it this way: "God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands, and perfect their fellowship in divine love. Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more. There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and all creation will be filled with God's glory."

"We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation..." (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 56)

Songs that follow this theme:

485. In the Day of the Lord

486. A New Heaven and Earth

487. O Day of Peace

488. Jerusalem the Golden

Theme: The Gathered Church

Finally, believers will experience the church of all peoples gathered before God. When singing “Here from all nations, all tongues and all peoples, countless the crowd, but their voices are one,” consider the words of *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 30: “The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe and nation into the unity of the body of Christ.” This diversified unity will become obvious when he brings the new heaven and earth.

Songs that follow this theme:

490. Here From All Nations

Theme: Expressions of Joy and Praise

“With the whole creation we join the song: ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!’” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 58)

Songs that follow this theme:

483. Come, We that Love the Lord

489. By the Sea of Crystal

491. Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory

Opening of Worship

CALLED AND GATHERED

The songs which call and gather us for worship are similar in nature and content, with a few basic themes woven through them. It will be helpful for worship planning and leading to identify those themes and recognize the links in the confessions of the church. And then each theme will be accompanied by a listing of the songs in which the theme is found, some directly and some indirectly.



Theme: We Gather to Worship by God's Action.

Our coming together is not first of all an action of our own initiative, but is of God's initiative. He does the gathering. The Confessions are careful to use terminology that identifies God's gathering action. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 54 says, "The Son of God through his Spirit and Word...gathers..." *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 30 testifies "The Spirit gathers people...into the unity of the body of Christ." The *Belhar Confession*, Section 1 refers to the Trinity. "...The triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit...gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit."

Songs that follow this theme:

508. I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

525. For Your Gift of God the Spirit

529. Gather Us In

531. God, You Call Us to This Place

Theme: We Gather to Worship God as Trinity

God's children are called to and gathered to give worship to all three members of the Trinity. Some songs include a clear reference to all three; in others it is more indirect. Therefore, we are well-served when we have a clear recognition of the Confessions' teachings on the Trinity. Belgic Confession, Article 8, gives the clearest explanation of the three persons of the Trinity, including not only their identity, but also their nature and tasks: "The Father is the cause, origin, and source of all things, visible and invisible. The Son is the Word, the Wisdom, and the image of the Father. The Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 8, Questions and Answers 24 and 25 does so in much briefer form. As does the *Belhar Confession*, Section 1: "We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and

Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.”

Songs that follow this theme:

- 492. Come, Thou Almighty King**
- 496. Uyai mose/Come, All You People**
- 520. Jesu, tawa pano/Jesus, We Are Here**
- 523. Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid**
- 524. Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now**
- 535. The Lord Be with You**
- 538. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

Theme: We Gather to Worship God as Our Redeemer

We celebrate with joy that Christ has come to rescue us from sin and evil through the work of his son, Jesus Christ. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 35 identifies the church as “the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord...the bride of Christ...”

Belgic Confession, Article 21 professes how Jesus Christ is a high priest forever and provided for the cleansing of our sins; Article 10 proclaims him as the “true eternal God, the Almighty, whom we invoke, worship and serve.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 1, Question and Answer 2 calls us to “live and die in the joy of this comfort” and “to thank God for such deliverance.”

Songs that follow this theme:

- 493. Cantai ao Senhor/O Sing to the Lord**
- 502. O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise**
- 508. I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say**
- 509. Come, Worship God**
- 510. Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down**
- 512. Now with Joyful Exultation**
- 515. Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise**
- 516. Bless the Lord, O My Soul**
- 519. God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises**
- 521. Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
- 525. For Your Gift of God the Spirit**
- 526. Come, Now Is the Time to Worship**
- 527. Come Away from Rush and Hurry**
- 528. Come and Fill Our Hearts**
- 531. God, You Call Us to This Place**
- 532. Be Still, for the Presence**
- 533. I Come with Joy**
- 536. The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing**
- 537. Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Theme: We Gather to Worship God as the Creator

God's creative power, on display all around us, both obligates us and motivates us to give him worship. His work of creating all, and his constant care for all of it, stirs us in thanksgiving.

Belgic Confession, Articles 12 and 13 spell these truths out beautifully: "We believe that the Father, when it seemed good to him, created heaven and earth and all other creatures from nothing, by the Word—that is to say, by the Son..."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9 and 10, Questions and Answers 26-28 do the same: "...the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth..."

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 1 identifies the exclamation that gives us joy: "Our World Belongs to God!" and then in paragraph 8 testifies that "In the beginning, God—Father, Word, Spirit—called this world into being out of nothing, and gave it shape and order."

Songs that follow this theme:

499. The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein

500. LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

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Theme: We come to Worship God as our Protector

In a world with many threats and enemies, we find hope and security in his fatherly care. Both Belgic Confession and Heidelberg Catechism put significant focus on the Providence of God and the care God provides for us. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Question and Answer 26 professes that he "will provide whatever I need for body and soul" and that we are "completely in his hand." In Belgic Confession, Article 13 professes that he "watches over us with fatherly care."

Songs that follow this theme:

495. Come, All You People, Praise Our God

498. Our Help Is in the Name of God the LORD

503. As the Deer

504. Como el ciervo/Like a Deer

506. Better Is One Day

507. How Lovely Is Your Dwelling

509. Come, Worship God

511. Amid the Thronging Worshipers

512. Now with Joyful Exultation

515. Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise

518. Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah

525. For Your Gift of God the Spirit

Theme: The Church which Gathers to Worship is a Diverse Body

God calls his children from many sources, languages, nations, and from a variety of social standings and personal needs. The Confessions are very clear on this. Belgic Confession teaches in Article 27, “This holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain people.” *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 30 reminds us, “The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe and nation...” and in paragraph 34 teaches that “all are welcome...the homeless...the broken...the sinner...the despised...the least...and the last...”

Songs that follow this theme:

505. Out of Need and Out of Custom

511. Amid the Thronging Worshipers

522. Dios está aquí/God Is Here Today

529. Gather Us In

530. Welcome Into this Place

531. God, You Call Us to This Place

534. All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Opening of Worship

PRAISE AND ADORATION

The songs in this section are designed to express praise and adoration at the opening of worship; they contain several major themes. Though they all focus on praise and adoration, there are a variety of reasons behind such expressions. There are four main themes woven throughout.



569. Affirmation: The Benefits of Christ's Death and Resurrection

This affirmation, from Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 16 and 17, Questions and Answers 43 and 45 sets the basic foundation for all our praise and adoration at the opening of worship.

Theme: Acclamations of Praise

Sometimes the soul of the Christian needs to cry out exuberantly with joy, thanks, and adoration, even without identifying the reasons for such praise and adoration. Moreover, Christians who gather corporately find it fitting to do so as the grateful body of Christ. The Confessions of the church recognize this natural expression. Belgic Confession, Article 1 sees God as the "overflowing source of all good," and such a realization deserves an "Alleluia!" Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 2 is a reminder that living in the joy of our comfort involves a spirit of thanks for his deliverance. In the same spirit, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 2 exclaims, "God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!" and then as a natural response cries: "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!"

Songs that follow this theme:

552. Alleluia

563. Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah

564. Alleluia, Alleluia

565. God Himself Is with Us

566. Give Praise to Our God

570. From All That Dwell Below the Skies

576. Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord

584. Je louerai l'Eternel/Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

587. Praise Him! Jesus, Blessed Savior

588. Bān-bîn ah/Let All Nations Praise the Lord

591. Laudate Dominum/Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord

592. Laudate omnes gentes/Sing Praises, All You Peoples

593. Lord Most High
599. Come, Christians, Join to Sing
600. Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us
603. Shout to the Lord
605. Digno es Jesús/Worthy is Christ
606. In the Sanctuary
609. Shukuru, Yesu/Thanking You, Jesus

Theme: Praise and Adoration to God for Who He Is

What we know as the attributes of God reveal his character and being. For these, he is worthy of praise and adoration. Even before he says or does anything, he is praise-worthy. The opening words of Belgic Confession, Article 1 declare that God is “eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.”

The Lord’s Prayer ends with a doxology, and Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 52, Question and Answer 128 extrapolates: “Your holy name...should receive all the praise, forever.” After expressing our trust in the total care of God for all things, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9, Question and Answer 26 declares, “God is able to do this because he is Almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.” And so we express our praise and adoration to God for who he is.

Songs that follow this theme:

540. Holy God, We Praise Your Name
546. Robed in Majesty
561. I Will Extol You, O My God
573. Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven
574. How Great Is Our God
577. You Are Good
578. Forever
579. Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
580. Our God
581. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
582. You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
589. Psalm 117
595. Santo, santo, santo mi corazón/Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
596. Santo, santo, santo/Holy, Holy, Holy
597. Holy Is the Lord
598. You are Holy
602. Jesus Is Our King
607. Beautiful One

Theme: Praise and Adoration for God's Work of Redemption

The best-loved expressions of praise for God's care-taking work of his children comes from the familiar words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1: "My only comfort in life and death [is] that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil...Because I belong to him, Christ by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him."

This great truth is explained more completely by Belgic Confession, Article 20. God has given his Son to die for us "...by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him, we might have immortality and eternal life." And in Article 21, "...He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins." For this redemptive work we give praise and adoration.

Songs that follow this theme:

541. We Praise You, O God (Te Deum)

542. All Glory Be to God on High

547. Sing, Sing a New Song to the LORD God

548. My God, How Wonderful You Are

553. How Great Thou Art

557. O God Beyond All Praising

560. We Praise You, O God

567. Here I Am to Worship

568. I Will Sing of My Redeemer

571. Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

583. O Love of God, How Strong and True

586. I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

590. Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

601. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

604. To God Be the Glory

608. Salvation Belongs to Our God

610. Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

611. Mighty to Save

Theme: Praise and Adoration for God's Work in Lives and in History

The God who was active in providing his Son for our redemption, has also been active in the course of history and in the lives of his people. His activity in the course of history began when he created all things. Belgic Confession, Article 12 teaches that God, "when it seemed good to him, created heaven and earth and all other creatures from nothing, by the Word—that is to say, by the Son." In addition, "God created human beings from the dust of the earth and made and formed them in his image and likeness."

His activity also includes his constant care for all he has created. "...He watches over us with fatherly care, sustaining all creatures under his lordship" (Belgic Confession, Article 13). Additionally, God reveals himself by this "creation, preservation and government of the universe, since that universe is before our eyes like a beautiful book..." (Belgic Confession, Article 2).

We also believe that God's mighty acts are revealed "in the unfolding of covenant history...witnessing to the news that *Our World Belongs to God* and he loves it deeply" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 33). Primary among these actions in the unfolding of covenant history is "the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom" (paragraph 18). As God's people observe his work in their lives and in history they respond with praise and adoration.

Songs that follow this theme:

- 539. A Call to Worship and Greeting**
- 543. Now Thank We All Our God**
- 544. Cantemos al Señor/O Sing unto the Lord**
- 545. Praise Is Your Right, O God, in Zion**
- 549. O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good**
- 550. Nyanyikanlah/Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator**
- 551. All Creatures of Our God and King**
- 554. We Gather in Your Presence**
- 555. Let All Creation's Wonders**
- 556. A Song of Creation (Benedicite)**
- 558. O Praise God's Name Together**
- 562. We Will Extol You, God and King**
- 572. Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**
- 575. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**
- 585. With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring**
- 594. The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear**

Called to be Holy

This section of *Lift Up Your Hearts* has four sub-sections: Confession and Lament, Forgiveness and Grace, God's Gift of the Law, and Dedication to Holy Living. For all of these, there are certain key confessional foundations that need to be spelled out. After that we can identify a number of song themes that occur in each sub-section.



Confessional Foundations

A Corrupted Creation: Though God created all things perfect, including humans, everything has fallen into sin and lost the perfection in which God created it all. Belgic Confession, Article 14 teaches that human beings “subjected themselves willingly to sin and consequently to death and the curse...having become wicked, perverse, and corrupt in all their ways.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 2, Question and Answer 5 claims that we now “have a natural tendency to hate God and our neighbor.”

Our World Belongs to God, paragraphs 16 and 17 testify that “all spheres of life...bear the wounds of our rebellion...In all our striving to excuse or save ourselves, we stand condemned before the God of truth.”

And the Canons of Dort V, 1 teaches what our own experience confirms, that even those who are regenerate are not entirely free “from the flesh and from the body of sin as long as they are in this life.” Furthermore, Canons of Dort V, 4 teaches that “those who are converted are not always so activated and motivated by God that in certain specific actions they cannot by their own fault depart from the leading of grace, be led astray by the desires of the flesh, and give in to them.”

God’s Gracious Provision: But, “while justly angry, God did not turn away from a world bent on destruction but turned to face it in love. With patience and tender care the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 18).

And so God has provided his son as mediator to satisfy his justice, provide his mercy, and through his crucifixion to “shoulder the curse which lay on me” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 15, Question and Answer 39). Christ, as an atonement, “endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins” (Belgic Confession, Article 21) and God, “by a most perfect love [raised] him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life” (Belgic Confession, Article 20).

The Need for Repentance and Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 23, Question and Answer 60 says that sinners can become righteous and can become heirs to everlasting life "only by a true faith in Jesus Christ." The good news is that "God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 26).

But to bring our "need for mercy," says Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question and Answer 88, means to come in genuine repentance which involves "...the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new."

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question and Answer 89 then explains that the dying-away of the old self is "to be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate it and run away from it." Belgic Confession explains further that "the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him...When those benefits are made ours, they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins." These acts of repentance and turning-away engage us in what we call "confession of our sin."

The Renewing Power of Mercy and Grace: Though God is just, our confessions remind us that his mercy and grace move him to provide redemption. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 18 says: "With patience and tender care the Lord set out on the long road of redemption to reclaim the lost as his people and the world as his kingdom." Then in paragraph 26, it powerfully reminds us, "God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing but their need for mercy."

The Canons of Dort II-IV, 15 is a reminder that "God does not owe this grace to anyone. For what could God owe to those who have nothing to give that can be paid back? Indeed, what could God owe to those who have nothing of their own to give but sin and falsehood? Therefore, those who receive this grace owe and give eternal thanks to God alone..." All his benefits are, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7, Question and Answer 21 says, "...gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merits."

We Are Called to Grateful Living: Those who, though sinful, are made righteous through faith in Jesus Christ are called to live in a manner that portrays thankfulness in holy living. Their assurance of perseverance, says the Canons of Dort V, 12 "...so far from making true believers proud and carnally self-assured, is rather the true root of humility, of childlike respect, of genuine godliness, of endurance in every conflict, of fervent prayer, of steadfastness in crossbearing and confessing the truth, and of well-founded joy in God." Belgic Confession, Article 24 claims, "...It is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being." So it can be expected that those who are renewed in Christ are moved to holy living.

First, it is our calling from God. “We are set right with God, given new life, and called to walk with him in freedom from sin’s dominion” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 25).

Second, it is the work and passion of the Holy Spirit, who is “our Sanctifier by living in our hearts” (Belgic Confession, Article 9) and “by the work of the Holy Spirit [God] regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin” (Belgic Confession, Article 24). The Holy Spirit restores us into God’s image “so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us...” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 32, Question and Answer 86).

And, third, our own spirit, understanding the great debt we owe to God for his grace involves living and dying in the joy of this comfort, is also learning “how I am to thank God for such deliverance” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 1, Question and Answer 2).

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CONFESSION AND LAMENT

Theme: Hearing and Proclaiming the Call of the Gospel

The gospel calls sinners to forsake their sin and turn to Jesus Christ in repentance that they may be forgiven. *Our Song of Hope*, stanza 16 says, “The Holy Spirit sends the church to call sinners to repentance, to proclaim the good news that Jesus is personal Savior and Lord.” The Canons of Dort, III-IV, 8 assures: “All who are called by the gospel are called earnestly. For urgently and most genuinely God makes known in the Word what is pleasuring to him: that those who are called should come to God.”



Songs that follow this theme:

612. Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House

613. Come to the Savior Now

614. Come, You Disconsolate

615. Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

655. Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High

Theme: Expressing Our Pain and Lament

Our songs and prayers include honesty before God in which we express the pain we experience over our own sins and failures, the difficulties in both our lives and others' lives, and our laments at the suffering and brokenness that marks our world and our lives. We have assurance, says Belgic Confession, Article 26, that Christ, our intercessor, will hear us, “since he suffered, being tempted, he is also able to help those who are tempted.”

We are encouraged to approach the throne with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Belgic Confession, Article 26, based on Hebrews 4). “We grieve that the church...has become a broken communion in a broken world” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 40).

We also “lament that our abuse of creation has brought lasting damage to the world we have been given...” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 51). And we cry to God for those who suffer in our world, knowing “that God...is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged...” (*Belhar Confession*, Section 4).

Songs that follow this theme:

626. Cast Down, O God, the Idols

- 642. Perdón, Señor/Forgive Us, Lord
- 643. Plaintive Is the Song I Sing
- 644. Lying Lips
- 645. Litany for the Slandered
- 647. Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart
- 648. Why Stand So Far Away, My God
- 649. I Call to You, My Rock
- 650. O When Will We See Justice Done
- 651. By the Babylonian Rivers
- 654. Do Not Keep Silent, O God
- 657. Hear My Cry and Supplication
- 658. Bring Peace to Earth Again
- 660. Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer
- 662. In An Age of Twisted Values
- 663. Pelas dores deste mundo/For the Troubles
- 664. I Need Your Help, O LORD My God

Theme: Pleading for God's Mercy

God's children are not called to come before God's throne with a list of accomplishments, or merits or goodness; they are called, says *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 26, to come with the humility that "...offers nothing but our need for mercy." Such a cry for mercy comes from our "dying-away of the old self" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question and Answer 88) which expresses that we are "genuinely sorry for our sin and more and more...hate and run away from it" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question and Answer 89).

The gifts of renewal and pardon come only "through true faith" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7, Question and Answer 20) and are "gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merits" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7, Question and Answer 21). The very act of faith is to plead for his mercy.

Songs that follow this theme:

- 616. As a Deer in Want of Water
- 619. Tama ngakau marie/Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace
- 620. Good to Me
- 621. Give Me a Clean Heart
- 622. God, Be Merciful to Me
- 623. God, Be Merciful to Me
- 624. Not What My Hands Have Done
- 625. LORD, to You My Soul Is Lifted
- 627. Just As I Am, Without One Plea
- 628. Give Us Clean Hands
- 629. Ishworo/Father in Heaven, Have Mercy
- 630. O Christ, the Lamb of God

631. Holy God
632. Remember Not, O God
633. Kyrie/Lord, Have Mercy
634. A Prayer for God's Mercy (Trisagion)
635. Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
636. A Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
637. Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
638. Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
639. Lord, Have Mercy
640. A Prayer of Confession
652. I Lift My Eyes
653. A Prayer: Confession of Idolatry
656. Deliver Me from Evil

Theme: Pleading for the Holy Spirit's Continued Renewing Work

Since it is uniquely the work and passion of the Holy Spirit, who is "our Sanctifier by living in our hearts" (Belgic Confession, Article 9) and "by the work of the Holy Spirit [God] regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin" (Belgic Confession, Article 24), we plead for his power to continue this work. The Holy Spirit restores us into God's image "so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us..." (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86). We come to know, therefore, that our growth in holy living will not occur without the Holy Spirit's ministry.

Songs that follow this theme:

612. Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House
617. Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer
618. Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart
641. Eternal Spirit, God of Truth
646. O God, My Faithful God
659. Nearer, Still Nearer
661. Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Called to be Holy

FORGIVENESS AND GRACE

678. Affirmation: The Forgiveness of Sins

This affirmation, from Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 56, expresses the theme of this entire section of the hymnal: "By grace, God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment."



697. Affirmation: Righteous Before God

Grace is a gift from God, that we, according to Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 23, Question and Answer 60, are called to accept.

705. Washed with Christ's Blood and Spirit

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Questions and Answers 69 and 70 speak to what it means that God's children are washed with Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit.

Theme: Expressions of Rest and Pardon

When we receive God's pardon, we find ourselves at peace with him and at rest again. When the benefits of Christ are made ours, "They are more than enough to absolve us of our sins" and we need no longer look "for anything apart from him" (Belgic Confession, Article 22). We have "freedom from sin's dominion" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 25) and we understand that we are "set free from all [our] sins and misery..." (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 2). We are "righteous before God and heir to everlasting life" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 23, Question and Answer 59).

Songs that follow this theme:

665. I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

666. I Will Give You Rest

669. How Blest Are They Whose Trespass

679. For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free

681. A Great High Priest

703. Assurance: Surely He Took Up Our Pain

704. The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me

706. There Is a Balm in Gilead

707. Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

710. Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

Theme: Testimonies of Thanks

The Catechism says that those who know Christ's forgiveness are "to thank God for such deliverance" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 2). As a result, "With our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, and that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86).

Songs that follow this theme:

- 667. Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**
- 670. I Waited Patiently for God**
- 671. The Lord Is Compassionate and Gracious**
- 677. For the Glories of God's Grace**
- 682. Before the Throne of God Above**
- 685. I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew**
- 688. How Vast the Benefits Divine**
- 690. I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace**
- 692. Amazing Grace Chant**
- 702. Depth of Mercy**
- 703. Assurance: Surely He Took Up Our Pain**
- 708. Kwake Yesu nasimama/Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand**
- 709. Jesus Loves Me**

Theme: Praise to God for His Gracious Benefits

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86 instructs us that the Holy Spirit's desire is that God "may be praised through us." This goal is consistent with Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 2, which is a reminder that to live and die in the joy of our comfort we must know "how I am to thank God for such deliverance."

The church, therefore, is "the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord...the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him: delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—silent before the mystery of his love" (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 35).

Songs that follow this theme:

- 668. I Worship You, O LORD**
- 672. O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God**
- 673. How Precious Is Your Unfailing Love**
- 674. As Moses Raised the Serpent Up**
- 675. By Grace We Have Been Saved**
- 676. Oh, How I Love Jesus**
- 680. O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne**
- 683. How Great Is the Love of the Father**
- 684. There in God's Garden**

- 686. A Prayer of Praise
- 687. Father, Long Before Creation
- 689. There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
- 691. Amazing Grace
- 693. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
- 695. And Can It Be
- 696. Marvelous Grace
- 698. Your Grace Is Enough
- 699. Like a River Glorious
- 700. Your Mercy Flows
- 701. Assurance: Who Is a God Like You

Called to be Holy

GOD'S GIFT OF THE LAW

It is vitally important that worshipers understand the role of God's law among us. God gives his law to us, not so that we can earn his favor by full obedience, for even those converted to God cannot obey this law perfectly. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 44, Question and Answer 114 says, "In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience." Instead, says Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 2, Question and Answer 3, through this law "we come to know [our] misery."



Yet in their new life of gratitude, God's children "with all seriousness of purpose, do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God's commandments" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 44, Question and Answer 114). They measure their good works of gratitude as "those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for God's glory" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question and Answer 91).

In other words, though Christ has fulfilled the law for us, "The truth and substance of these things remain for us in Jesus Christ...[and] we continue to use the witnesses drawn from the law and prophets to confirm us in the gospel and to regulate our lives with full integrity for the glory of God according to the will of God" (Belgic Confession, Article 25). Therefore, the Ten Commandments with explanation are included in the third section, "gratitude," (Lord's Days 34-44) of Heidelberg Catechism.

Songs in this section:

711. The Lord is God, the One and True God

712. Happy Is the One

713. What Does the Lord Require of You

714. The One Is Blest

716. Love God with All Your Soul and Strength

717. Sing a Psalm of Joy

719. God's Glory Fills the Heavens

720. How Shall the Young Direct Their Way

721. Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth

723. Deep Within

724. You Shall Love the Lord

725. Charge: A Living Sacrifice

726. The LORD is King, Enthroned in Might

727. Christian Hearts in Love United

728. People of the Lord

Called to be Holy

DEDICATION TO HOLY LIVING

731. Affirmation: Why We Do Good Works

An affirmation from Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86 expresses the motivation of the believer for living in obedience to God.

Theme: Dedication to Holy Living

The Canons of Dort V, 13 explain that our assurance of eternal security and perseverance cannot “produce immorality or lack of concern for godliness in those put back on their feet after a fall, but it produces a much greater concern to observe carefully the way which the Lord prepared in advance” and it is “an incentive to a serious and continuous practice of thanksgiving and good works...” (Canons of Dort V, 12) Therefore, this sub-section contains songs which express both the desire and the commitment of the believer to walk in obedience for holy living. Woven throughout these songs are expressions of fervent desire for holy living, a dedication to follow God's will, a surrender of one's will, and prayers for the Holy Spirit to continue his sanctifying work.



Songs that follow this theme:

- 729. Let This Be My Supreme Desire**
- 730. I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**
- 732. The LORD, My Shepherd, Rules My Life**
- 733. Humbly in Your Sight**
- 734. My Heart Is Firmly Fixed**
- 735. I Love You, LORD, For You Have Heard My Voice**
- 736. God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty**
- 737. Have Thine Own Way, Lord**
- 738. Jesus, All for Jesus**
- 739. I Surrender All**
- 740. Here I Am**
- 741. Take, O Take Me as I Am**
- 742. Will You Come and Follow Me**
- 743. O God, You Are My God**
- 744. In Great Thanksgiving**
- 745. Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit**
- 746. Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Hearing the Word

HEARING THE WORD

This section of songs is built on the confessional foundations which speak about the nature, authority, and role of God's word in the church.

Belgic Confession speaks more completely than other confessions, telling us that "God makes himself known to us...by his holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and for our salvation" (Belgic Confession, Article 2). Article 3 speaks of the divine origin of the Word and article 5 speaks of its authority claiming that "we believe without doubt all things contained in them [the canonical books]..." Additionally, Belgic Confession, Article 7 teaches that these scriptures are sufficient, for they contain the will of God completely and "everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it." Later, in Article 24, we are taught that true faith is "produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, (and) regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin." And one of the marks of the true church is the "pure preaching of the gospel" (Article 29).



Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 25, Question and Answer 65 shows us that the Holy Spirit produces faith in our hearts "by the preaching of the holy gospel." In Lord's Day 35, Question and Answer 98, the Catechism teaches that "God wants the Christian community instructed by the living preaching of his Word..."

Our World Belongs to God, paragraph 32 reminds us, "The Bible is the Word of God, the record and tool of his redeeming work. It is the Word of truth, breath of God, fully reliable in leading us to know God and to walk with Jesus Christ in new life."

In light of these convictions about the Word of God, the songs of this section meaningfully focus on the hearing of the word of God.

Theme: Action of the Christian

Some emphasize the action of the Christian and the church to call on God to renew our hearts through the word. These requests are based on the truths taught in Belgic Confession, Article 24: True faith is "produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, (and) regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin."

Songs that follow this theme:

- 747. Breathe on Me, Breath of God**
- 749. Spirit of the Living God**
- 755. Speak, O Lord**
- 758. Order My Steps**
- 760. O Let My Supplicating Cry**
- 764. Break Now the Bread of Life**
- 767. 御言葉をください/Send Your Word, O Lord**

Theme: The Necessity of Listening

Some songs emphasize our need to listen well, and include a call to ourselves and others to receive it as God's truth. Such prayers and exhortations implement the convictions of Belgic Confession, Article 24 and *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 32: "The Bible is the Word of God, the record and tool of his redeeming work. It is the Word of truth, breath of God, fully reliable in leading us to know God and to walk with Jesus Christ in new life."

Songs that follow this theme:

- 751. Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**
- 752. Dawk'yah towgyah/Take the Saving Word of God**
- 753. Listen, God Is Calling**
- 754. Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak**
- 756. A Prayer: Make Us Hungry for Your Word**
- 761. I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart**
- 763. Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**
- 766. Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness**

Theme: The Word is True and Powerful

And some songs express our confidence in the truth and power of the word, as taught in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 32 and Belgic Confession, 7: These scriptures are sufficient for they contain the will of God completely and "everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it."

Songs that follow this theme:

- 748. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go**
- 750. The Word Will Accomplish Its Purpose**
- 757. O Word of God Incarnate**
- 759. Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path**
- 762. Ancient Words**
- 765. God of the Word**
- 768. Halle, Halle, Halle**

Confessing Our Faith

CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS

769. Keep What You Have Believed

While this text is based on Paul's instructional testimony in II Timothy 3, it also carefully reflects Belgic Confession, Article 7, which expresses, "This Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it." *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 32 says, "It is the Word of truth, breath of God, fully reliable in leading us to know God and to walk with Jesus Christ in new life."



775. Across the Lands

This song reflects the Christology expressed in several confessional statements. Belgic Confession, Article 12 teaches, "That the Father, when it seemed good to him, created heaven and earth and all other creatures from nothing, by the Word—that is to say, by the Son."

When stanza 2 of "Across the Lands" speaks of the incarnation, we hear the words of Belgic Confession, Article 18: "The Son took the 'form of a slave' and was made in 'human form, truly assuming a real human nature' with all its weaknesses, except for sin..."

The account of Christ's resurrection, ascension, and session at God's right hand (see stanza 3) is declared in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 17-19, Questions and Answers 45-52. And now he is in the process of gathering "out of the whole human race, from the beginning of the world to its end...a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 54).

778. Affirmation: What Do You Believe About God

Here's a succinct, straightforward affirmation based on Belgic Confession, Article 1, which can meaningfully be set forth at the beginning of worship or in conjunction with a time of prayer.

781. My Only Comfort

This song leads God's people to affirm their faith through a paraphrase of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 1.

782. In God the Father I Believe

This song is a paraphrase of the Apostles' Creed for singing, leading the singer to affirm their faith in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

783. The Apostles' Creed

This creed is presented in three different formulations with the same content, but slightly revised form.

Theme: Building Lives on Christ Alone

The Christology of the song, “In Christ Alone” is carefully based on the content of the Apostles’ Creed, and the firmness of the convictions here echo the words of Belgic Confession, Article 20, that God gave “his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and [raised] him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.” “When [his] benefits are made ours, they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins...(Additionally,) the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him” (Belgic Confession, Article 22).

Songs that follow this theme:

770. In Christ Alone

772. My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

773. O LORD, You Are My Light

776. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

777. God Is So Good

Receiving the Sacraments

BAPTISM

35. You Are Our God; We Are Your People

The unity of Old Testament and New Testament covenant promises is highlighted in this song. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Question and Answer 74 also speaks to this by explaining that what "was done in the Old Testament by circumcision...was replaced in the New Testament by baptism."



The phrase "you are my people" recurs in this song to indicate our covenant tie with God, a truth that is underscored by Belgic Confession, Article 34, when it says that by baptism "...we are...set apart...that we may wholly belong to him."

531. God, You Call Us to This Place

Stanza 3 says "with the water we were born of the Spirit in the Son"; the teachings of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Question and Answer 73 tell us that the water of baptism is "the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins."

787. Affirmation: For You Jesus Christ Came

The justification for these words of affirmation to an infant is provided in Heidelberg Catechism's teaching that "infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Question and Answer 74).

790. Baptized in Water

In each stanza of "Baptized in Water," the phrase "sealed by the Spirit" is paired with "baptized in water" and reflects what Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70 says: "To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ..."

792. Through the Red Sea

Historically the passage of the Israelites through the Red Sea has been the metaphor for baptism into new life. Belgic Confession, Article 34, speaks of the Son of God "...who is our Red Sea through which we must pass to escape the tyranny of Pharaoh who is the devil..."

793. Loving Spirit

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70 explains that we are sanctified (set apart) to be members of Christ, paralleling stanzas 1 and 5 of "Loving Spirit," which speak of the Holy Spirit who has "chosen me to be."

795. We Know That Christ Is Raised

When we sing in stanza 2 "We share by water in his saving death," we find the same truth echoed in the Catechism's assurance. First, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 25, Question and Answer 66 tells us that the promise of the Gospel comes with a seal and assurance that we are "as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Question and Answer 73).

798. Todos los que han sido bautizados/All Who Have Been Baptized

The dominant thought in this refrain is that all who have been baptized have been "re clothed with our Lord Jesus Christ." Notice how Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70 points to our being "sanctified...to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives," and Belgic Confession, Article 34 speaks in Pauline terms, telling us that God is "clothing us with the *new self* and stripping off the *old self* with its practices."

799. A Prayer at Baptism

The petitions of this prayer point to the work of the Holy Spirit who has "sanctified us to be members of Christ" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70).

Theme: Children at Baptism

The inclusion of children at baptism is taught in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Question and Answer 74 when it says, "Children as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people" and Belgic Confession, Article 34 which says, "...our children ought to be baptized and sealed with the sign of the covenant..."

Songs that follow this theme:

801. O God, Great Father, Lord and King

802. Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

804. Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

805. Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer

Receiving the Sacraments

THE LORD'S SUPPER

96. What Feast of Love.

In stanza 1 of "What Feast of Love," the "food of everlasting life" is a reference to the way in which Christ "nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 75) and that "his crucified body and poured-out blood are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 76).



141. Somos pueblo que camina/We Are People on a Journey

Stanza 3 speaks not only of nourishment for the body but also of nourishment for our unity. There are similar echoes in *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 38 when it notes that the Holy Spirit not only feeds us but "binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup." In addition, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 76 professes that when God's children eat and drink "we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body."

243. One People, Here, We Gather

The reference in stanza 1 of "one people" who "break one loaf together" finds its reference in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 76 when it says, "We are united more and more to Christ's blessed body" and Question and Answer 77 when it says, "We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

529. Gather Us In

Stanza 3 of "Gather Us In" uses multiple references to the Lord's Supper, such as "the bread of new birth," "the wine of compassion," "the bread that is you," and the expectation to be nourished well. All of these references clearly reflect the teaching of Belgic Confession, Article 35 as means of sustaining the spiritual and heavenly new life we have within us through our second birth.

533. I Come with Joy

Stanza 3 clearly imagines us at the Lord's Table, a new community of love where divisions end and strangers become friends. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Questions and Answers 76 and 77 also reflects this greater health for the church by seeing us "united more and more to Christ's blessed body" and "because there is one bread, we who are many are one body."

534. All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

“Hunger,” “taste,” and “see” in this song point to the experience of being nourished at the table. The theme of the Lord’s Supper throughout the confessions is that of nourishment for our spirits. Belgic Confession, Article 35 speaks of the nourishment of our new “spiritual and heavenly” life within us, and Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 29, Question and Answer 79, speaks of the “true food and drink of our souls for eternal life.”

602. Jesus Is Our King

This song contains a unique phrase in stanza 3 that the Lamb “teaches us by bread and wine the mystery of his body...” referencing the Lord’s Supper. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 29, Question and Answer 79, reflects on the mystery associated with the body and blood of Christ: “...he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy Spirit’s work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.”

808. Table of Plenty

Like this song, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 30, Questions and Answers 81 and 82 make it clear that the table welcomes sinners around it; however, they are sinners who are “displeased with themselves...trust that their sins are pardoned...and desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life.”

815. Gift of Finest Wheat

The “heavenly food” referenced in stanza 2 reinforces the anticipation of being nurtured and nourished at the Lord’s Table. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 28, Question and Answer 75 is a reminder that Christ “nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life,” and Lord’s Day 29, Question and Answer 78 assures us that the bread and wine “are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life.”

818. Eat This Bread

Just like this song, Belgic Confession, Article 35 is a reassurance that the Lord’s Supper “...nourishes and maintains the spiritual life of believers when eaten—that is, when appropriated and received spiritually by faith.”

826. Affirmation: What God Says Through the Supper

This affirmation comes from Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 28, Question and Answer 75 and 80 and will be helpful in any service of the Lord’s Supper.

829. Affirmation: The Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood

From Belgic Confession, Article 35, this affirmation places strong words of faith in the mouths of all participants.

835. One Bread, One Body

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 77 quotes Paul's words from I Corinthians 10: "...We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

837. Let Us Break Bread Together

In this song, the communal nature of the sacrament ("us...we") is emphasized. While we sing it, we ought to be aware that, for the most part, the confessions of the church speak in the plural ("we"). This picture of many coming together is matched by the plural "we who are many are one body" in Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 77. In *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 38 Christ offers his body and blood to "his people" as the Holy Spirit "binds us to each other as we share one loaf and cup." Belgic Confession, Article 35, exhorts us to receive the holy sacrament "in the gathering of God's people."

840. Behold the Lamb

The slain Lamb of God "who bears our sins away" is reflected in the dominant idea of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 75: "Christ's one sacrifice on the cross" and that "...all our sins are completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ..." (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 30, Question and Answer 80).

842. I Am the Bread of Life

The Belgic Confession and Heidelberg Catechism join with the words of Christ from John 6, and point to the nourishment to eternal life. Belgic Confession, Article 35 calls this the "...living bread that came down from heaven." Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 29, Question and Answer 79 says the bread is the sure food "of our souls for eternal life."

847. This Holy Covenant Was Made

Stanza 2 speaks of the upper room where Christ and the disciples were gathered around the table. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Question and Answer 77 includes these words of institution from this occasion as the foundation for the sacrament.

Living Our Baptism

OFFERING OUR LIVES

865. Affirmation: Sharing Gifts Within the Body

Based on the words of Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Question and Answer 55, this affirmation provides a clear expression of the communion of saints created by our baptism in Christ.



Theme: Union with Christ

In baptism, our identity is established and we are “set apart from all other people and alien religions, that we may wholly belong to [Christ] whose mark and sign we bear” (Belgic Confession, Article 34). Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70 assures us that “to be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ...” We therefore are called “to join and unite with it [the church of Christ]” (Belgic Confession, Article 28). This union with Christ shapes our personal identity for all time.

Songs that follow this theme:

846. Baptized in Christ

847. This Holy Covenant Was Made

849. We Have Put on Christ

851. I Am the Holy Vine

868. That's Why We Praise Him

Theme: Receiving a Call and Vocation in Baptism

To be sure, baptism provides the assurance “that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70). But it also involves the calling that “more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70).

“Christ places baptism in the world as a seal of God's covenant people, placing them in ministry” (*Our Song of Hope*, stanza 18). Consequently, “The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission” (*Our World Belong to God*, paragraph 41). Our vocation is broad because Christ is Lord over all: “To follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are without fitting in, light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world” (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 43). Our identity thus determines our vocation.

Songs that follow this theme:

853. God of the Prophets

856. How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

864. Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

867. For Such a Time as This

870. Ahead of Us, a Race to Run

Theme: We Respond with an Act of Commitment

God's grace grants our baptism, and gives us our identity and our calling; however, it is up to us, with a renewed spirit, to respond to his call. We understand that just as "God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love," he also is "expecting our love and trust in return" (*Our World Belong to God*, paragraph 37).

"We hear the Spirit's call to love one another...to accept one another and to share at every level...and so fulfill the love of Christ" (*Song of Hope*, stanza 12). As washed and sanctified people, God's children are called to "more and more [we] become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives," (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26, Question and Answer 70) and this means "the dying away of the old-self, and the rising-to-life of the new" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Question and Answer 88). And so, as part of our baptism, God's children are called to offer their lives to Christ.

Songs that follow this theme:

850. Commit Your Way to God the Lord

852. Faith Begins by Letting Go

854. I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

857. Your Mercy and Your Justice

858. God Be in My Head

859. Be Thou My Vision

861. In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified

862. Take Us as We Are, O God

863. Take My Life and Let It Be

866. God, We Give to You Our Offerings

869. Here I Am, Lord

Living Our Baptism

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Overarching Theme

When we sing about the offering of our gifts, we quickly find several thoughts interwoven with each other. The first is the foundational thought that God's generosity in Christ has brought us salvation and all good things in life. God has "created heaven and earth and all other creatures from nothing" (Belgic Confession, Article 12) and he continues to "provide whatever I need in body and soul" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Question and Answer 26). But God's greatest act of generosity is shown in the gift of his Son "by a most perfect love" (Belgic Confession, Article 20) through whom we find the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. This generosity of God is always in the background of each song in this section.



Theme: Our Thankful Response

God's children are called to respond thankfully to God's generosity. Our gifts, therefore, take on the nature of a testimony of thankfulness to our generous God. We aim that "with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86). Indeed, all our living, including our gifts, are intended to show "how I am to thank God for such deliverance" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1, Question and Answer 2). It is natural, therefore, that our giving of offerings is accompanied with songs that express this gratitude.

Songs that follow this theme:

871. What Shall I Render to the LORD

872. Have We Any Gift Worth Giving

873. Praise and Thanksgiving

874. We Are an Offering

876. God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

878. God, We Honor You

879. Lord of All Good

882. Grant Now Your Blessing

Theme: Healthy and Compassionate Concern for Others

God's children are called to be compassionately concerned for other humans and their needs, a call which expresses our obedience in living out our baptism. The *Belhar Confession*, Section 2 points out that the unity of the people of God is manifested as we love one another, know and

share one another's burdens and suffer with one another. Later, the *Belhar Confession*, Section 4 says, "God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry...supports the downtrodden...helps widows and orphans..." among other things, and we are to follow him in these actions. *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 11 calls us to "foster the well-being of all the living," to "feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner" (paragraph 41).

Songs that follow this theme:

877. We Give Thee but Thine Own

880. Take Our Silver and Our Gold

881. Use These Gifts

Living Our Baptism

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

Theme: Praying Through Christ

Belgic Confession, Article 26 provides the foundation for all our praying: “We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor ‘Jesus Christ the righteous,’ who therefore was made human, uniting together the divine and human natures, so that we human beings might have access to the divine Majesty. Otherwise we would have no access.” We offer our prayers, therefore, “only on the basis of the excellence and dignity of Jesus Christ, whose righteousness is ours by faith.” Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 46, Question and Answer 120 verifies this privilege when it says, “Through Christ God has become our Father, and...just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.”



Songs that follow this theme:

- 888. LORD, Listen to My Righteous Plea**
- 889. LORD, My Petition Heed**
- 893. Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me**
- 895. Hear My Prayer, O God**
- 897. What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
- 898. What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
- 899. Seek Ye First**
- 900. O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath**
- 901. Lord, I Pray**
- 906. Saranam, Saranam/Jesus, Savior, Lord**

Theme: Intercession for the Needy

Our prayers will certainly include the needs of those who suffer. Since the church reflects the unity of the people of God, they “pray together” (*Belhar Confession*, Section 2). And the church, through their prayer, “supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly...and stands by any people in any form of suffering and need...” (*Belhar Confession*, Section 4).

Songs that follow this theme:

- 890. O God, Defender of the Poor**
- 894. May the Lord God Hear You Pray**

904. Lord, Make Us Servants

905. 오 소 서/Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Theme: Singing the Lord's Prayer

God's children are taught to think of the Lord's Prayer as the model for prayer. Belgic Confession, Article 26 teaches us that "we call on the heavenly Father through Christ, our only Mediator, as we are taught by the Lords' Prayer..." Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 45, Question and Answer 118 teaches that we should pray for "everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us" and then spends seven Lord's Days expounding on the petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

Songs that follow this theme:

909. Mayenziwe/Your Will Be Done

911. Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven

912. The Lord's Prayer

914. Our Father in Heaven

917. Our Father in Heaven

919. Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

Sent Out

CHARGE AND BLESSING

The concluding section of this hymnal contains song selections centering on three themes, all of which are fitting at the close of a worship service—the charge to go in service, the assurance of blessing, and doxologies.



Theme: The Charge to Go Forth in Service

According to the confessions, Christian worshipers are called to continue in service. Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Question and Answer 32 instructs us to think of ourselves as "a member of Christ...[who] share in his anointing." So we profess "I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity." We serve him with good works, "...so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ" (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32, Question and Answer 86). And so we are moved to "...embrace God's mission in [our] neighborhoods and in the world..." (*Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 41). Christians, therefore, leave worship believing that "to follow this Lord is to serve him wherever we are without fitting in, light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world" (*Our World Belongs to God* paragraph 43).

Songs that follow this theme:

922. All on Earth and All in Heaven

925. Go to the World

926. God of Grace and God of Glory

927. God, the Father of Your People

928. Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

929. See My Hands and Feet

930. This Little Light of Mine

931. Sizohamba naye/We Will Walk with God

936. Sent Forth by God's Blessing

937. Live a Life Worthy of the Calling

938. My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

945. Thuma mina/Send Me, Lord

Theme: The Assurance of God's Blessing

To leave the security of worship and enter the world for service requires firm confidence in the faithful promises of God to be with us, to care for us and bless us. Our deepest assurance comes from the comfort we have that “I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 1, Question and Answer 1). Because I belong to him, “he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father” (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 9, Question and Answer 26). We have the assurance that “our Lord speaks to us now through the inspired Scriptures. Christ is with us day by day” (*Our Song of Hope*, Stanza 1). How rich it is to carry such assurance of his blessing with us as we leave the service of worship!

Songs that follow this theme:

923. Peace Before Us

924. Come, All You Servants of the Lord

932. Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise

933. Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

934. God of Mercy, God of Grace

935. Now May Your Servant, Lord

939. May the Love of the Lord/惟愿神的爱

940. May the Lord, Mighty God

941. Canto de esperanza/Song of Hope

942. God Be with You

943. God Be with You Till We Meet Again

944. God Be with You Till We Meet Again

946. Go, My Children, with My Blessing

947. We Receive Your Blessing

948. The Lord Bless You

949. キリストの平和が/May the Peace of Christ Be with You

950. Go Now in Peace

951. Now Go in Peace

Theme: Acclamations of Doxology

How can the worshiper not conclude with such acclamations! When God is the “overflowing source of all good” (Belgic Confession, Article 1) and when he has provided all the benefits of Christ’s atonement and makes them ours so that “they are more than enough to absolve us from our sins,” (Belgic Confession, Article 22) our hearts cry out to him with praise and adoration. Therefore, Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 52, Question and Answer 128 includes the ending doxology of the Lord’s Prayer and teaches that “your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.” And so consistent with these thoughts, *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 2 exclaims, “Our World Belongs to God! God is King: Let the

earth be glad! Christ is victor: His rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: Creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!” And the *Belhar Confession*, Section 5 concludes: “Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.”

Songs that follow this theme:

- 952. Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice**
- 953. Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**
- 954. Blessing: The Same Voice Speaks**
- 955. Mungu ni mwema/Know that God Is Good**
- 956. To God Be the Glory**
- 957. Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona/Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**
- 958. Alleluia, Alleluia**
- 959. Glory Be to the Father**
- 960. Alle, Alle, Alleluia**
- 961. Glory Be to the Father**
- 962. Alleluia**
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453 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
454 Beams of Heaven
456 Shepherd Me, O God
457 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
458 My Times Are in Your Hands
459 Within the Shelter of the Lord
460 Our Eyes Are Turned
462 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
464 We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
465 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
466 Abide with Me
467 O Christ, You Wept When Grief Was Raw
468 I Will Rise
469 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
541 We Praise You, O God (Te Deum)
542 All Glory Be to God on High
547 Sing, Sing a New Song to the Lord God
548 My God, How Wonderful You Are
553 How Great Thou Art
557 O God Beyond All Praising
560 We Praise You, O God
567 Here I Am to Worship
568 I Will Sing of My Redeemer
571 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
583 O Love of God, How Strong and True
586 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
590 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
601 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
604 To God Be the Glory
608 Salvation Belongs to Our God
610 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
611 Mighty to Save
781 My Only Comfort
923 Peace Before Us
924 Come, All You Servants of the Lord
932 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise
933 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
934 God of Mercy, God of Grace
935 Now May Your Servant, Lord
939 May the Love of the Lord/惟愿神的爱
940 May the Lord, Mighty God

941 Canto de esperanza/Song of Hope
 942 God Be with You
 943 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
 944 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
 946 Go, My Children, With My Blessing
 947 We Receive Your Blessing
 948 The Lord Bless You
 949 キリストの平和が
 /May the Peace of Christ Be with You
 950 Go Now in Peace
 951 Now Go in Peace

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 358 Give Thanks
 359 Give Thanks to God, Who Hears Our Cries
 362 I'm So Glad
 493 Cantai ao Senhor/O Sing to the Lord
 502 O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise
 508 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say
 509 Come, Worship God
 510 Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
 512 Now with Joyful Exultation
 515 Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise
 516 Bless the Lord, O My Soul
 519 God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises
 521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 525 For Your Gift of God the Spirit
 526 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
 527 Come Away from Rush and Hurry
 528 Come and Fill Our Hearts
 531 God, You Call Us to This Place
 532 Be Still, for the Presence
 533 I Come with Joy
 536 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
 537 Open the Eyes of My Heart
 552 Alleluia
 563 Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah
 564 Alleluia, Alleluia
 565 God Himself Is with Us
 566 Give Praise to Our God
 570 From All That Dwell Below the Skies
 576 Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord
 584 Je louerai l'Eternel/Praise, I Will Praise You Lord
 587 Praise Him! Jesus, Blessed Savior
 588 Bân-bîn ah/Let All Nations Praise the Lord
 591 Laudate Dominum/Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord
 592 Laudate omnes gentes/Sing Praises, All You People
 593 Lord Most High
 599 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
 600 Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us
 603 Shout to the Lord

605 Digno es Jesús/Worthy Is Christ
 606 In the Sanctuary
 607 Beautiful One
 665 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 666 I Will Give You Rest
 667 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
 668 I Worship You, O LORD
 669 How Blest Are They Whose Trespass
 670 I Waited Patiently for God
 671 The Lord Is Compassionate and Gracious
 672 O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God
 673 How Precious Is Your Unfailing Love
 674 As Moses Raised the Serpent Up
 675 By Grace We Have Been Saved
 676 Oh, How I Love Jesus
 677 For the Glories of God's Grace
 679 For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free
 680 O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne
 681 A Great High Priest
 682 Before the Throne of God Above
 683 How Great Is the Love of the Father
 684 There in God's Garden
 685 I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew
 686 A Prayer of Praise
 687 Father, Long Before Creation
 688 How Vast the Benefits Divine
 689 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
 690 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace
 691 Amazing Grace
 692 Amazing Grace Chant
 693 Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
 695 And Can It Be
 696 Marvelous Grace
 698 Your Grace Is Enough
 699 Like a River Glorious
 700 Your Mercy Flows
 701 Assurance: Who Is a God Like You
 702 Depth of Mercy
 703 Assurance: Surely He took Up Our Pain
 703 Assurance: Surely He took Up Our Pain
 704 The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me
 706 There Is a Balm in Gilead
 707 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
 708 Kwake Yesu nasimama
 /Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand
 709 Jesus Loves Me
 710 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah
 871 What Shall I Render to the LORD
 872 Have We Any Gift Worth Giving
 873 Praise and Thanksgiving
 874 We Are an Offering
 876 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

878 God, We Honor You
879 Lord of All Good
882 Grant Now Your Blessing

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711 The Lord Is God, the One and True God
712 Happy Is the One
713 What Does the Lord Require of You
714 The One Is Blest
716 Love God With All Your Soul and Strength
717 Sing a Psalm of Joy
719 God's Glory Fills the Heavens
720 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way
721 Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth
723 Deep Within
724 You Shall Love the Lord
725 Charge: A Living Sacrifice
726 The LORD is King, Enthroned in Might
727 Christian Hearts in Love United
728 People of the Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 3, Q&A 7

29 How Sweet Was the Garden, Fertile and Fair
30 God, Let Me Like a Spreading Tree
33 All Have Sinned
34 What Adam's Disobedience Cost

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125 Jesus the Lord Said, "I Am the Bread"
616 As a Deer in Want of Water
619 Tama ngakau marie
/Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace
620 Good to Me
621 Give Me a Clean Heart
622 God, Be Merciful to Me
623 God, Be Merciful to Me
624 Not What My Hands Have Done
625 LORD, to You My Soul Is Lifted
627 Just as I Am, Without One Plea
628 Give Us Clean Hands
629 Ishworo/Father in Heaven, Have Mercy
630 O Christ, the Lamb of God
631 Holy God
632 Remember Not, O God
633 Kyrie/Lord, Have Mercy
634 A Prayer for God's Mercy (Trisagion)
635 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
636 A Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
637 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
638 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
639 Lord, Have Mercy
640 A Prayer of Confession

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652 I Lift My Eyes Up
653 A Prayer: Confession of Idolatry
656 Deliver Me from Evil

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7, Q&A 21

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616 As a Deer in Want of Water
619 Tama ngakau marie
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620 Good to Me
621 Give Me a Clean Heart
622 God, Be Merciful to Me
623 God, Be Merciful to Me
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638 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
639 Lord, Have Mercy
640 A Prayer of Confession
652 I Lift My Eyes Up
653 A Prayer: Confession of Idolatry
656 Deliver Me from Evil

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 8, Q&A 24

111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
250 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
492 Come, Thou Almighty King
496 Uyai mose/Come, All You People
520 Jesu, tawa pano/Jesus, We Are Here
523 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid
524 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
535 The Lord Be with You
538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 8, Q&A 25

111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
250 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
492 Come, Thou Almighty King
496 Uyai mose/Come, All You People
520 Jesu, tawa pano/Jesus, We Are Here
523 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid
524 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

535 The Lord Be with You
538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 9, Q&A 26

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17 Beautiful Savior
19 For the Beauty of the Earth
20 All Things Bright and Beautiful
21 This Is My Father's World
24 Affirmation: God as Creator and Provider
25 God Moves in a Mysterious Way
26 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
379 Let the Giving of Thanks
382 You, O Lord, Are a Shield About Me
384 O LORD, Come Quickly; Hear Me Pray
388 Every Heart Its Tribute Pays
389 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
390 Night Has Fallen
391 Awit sa Dapit-Hapon/When Twilight Comes
392 O Joyous Light of Glory
393 O Gladsome Light, O Grace
394 All Praise to You, My God, This Night
395 When Evening Falls and Labors Cease
495 Come, All You People, Praise Our God
498 Our Help Is in the Name of God the LORD
499 The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein
500 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
501 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
503 As the Deer
504 Como el ciervo/Like a Deer
506 Better Is One Day
507 How Lovely Is Your Dwelling
509 Come, Worship God
511 Amid the Thronging Worshipers
512 Now with Joyful Exultation
515 Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise
518 Praise the LORD! Sing Hallelujah/惟愿神的爱
525 For Your Gift of God the Spirit
540 Holy God, We Praise Your Name
546 Robed in Majesty
561 I Will Extol You, O My God
573 Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven
574 How Great Is Our God
577 You Are Good
578 Forever
579 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
580 Our God
581 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
582 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
595 Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón
/Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart

596 Santo, santo, santo/Holy, Holy, Holy
597 Holy Is the Lord
598 You are Holy
602 Jesus Is Our King
607 Beautiful One
589 Psalm 117
871 What Shall I Render to the LORD
872 Have We Any Gift Worth Giving
873 Praise and Thanksgiving
874 We Are an Offering
876 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
877 We Give Thee but Thine Own
878 God, We Honor You
879 Lord of All Good
880 Take Our Silver and Our Gold
881 Use These Gifts
882 Grant Now Your Blessing
923 Peace Before Us
924 Come, All You Servants of the Lord
932 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise
933 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
934 God of Mercy, God of Grace
935 Now May Your Servant, Lord
939 "May the Love of the Lord
940 May the Lord, Mighty God
941 Canto de esperanza/Song of Hope
942 God Be with You
943 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
944 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
946 Go, My Children, With My Blessing
947 We Receive Your Blessing
948 The Lord Bless You
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/May the Peace of Christ Be with You
950 Go Now in Peace
951 Now Go in Peace

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406 LORD, I Bring My Songs to You
407 If You But Trust in God to Guide You
408 What a Privilege to Carry
409 LORD, Chasten Not in Anger
410 How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord
411 Protect Me, God: I Trust in You
412 You Are My Hiding Place
413 Lord, You Are My Strength
414 All Will Be Well
415 Listen to My Cry, LORD
416 In My Day of Fear
417 Dans nos obscurités/Within Our Darkest Night
418 If You Love Me
419 Come Quickly, LORD, to Rescue Me

420 Total Praise
 421 Up to You I Lift My Eyes
 422 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
 423 Give Me Jesus
 424 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
 425 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
 426 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 427 How Firm a Foundation
 428 O Lord, Be Our Refuge
 429 Don't Be Afraid
 430 You Are Mine
 431 The Lord Is My Light
 432 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
 433 In God Alone
 435 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone
 436 How I Love You, LORD, My God
 437 Day by Day
 438 Give to the Winds Your Fears
 439 I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry
 440 He Leadeth Me
 441 His Eye Is on the Sparrow
 442 Praise the Lord Who Heals
 443 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
 444 Nada te turbe/Nothing Can Trouble
 445 Stand, Oh, Stand Firm
 446 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
 449 When Memory Fades
 450 Neither Death nor Life
 451 When Peace like a River
 452 Pues si vivimos/When We Are Living
 453 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
 454 Beams of Heaven

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2 O Worship the King
 5 Let All Things Now Living
 24 Affirmation: God as Creator and Provider
 120 Look and Learn
 396 For the Fruit of All Creation
 397 Praise God for the Harvest of Orchard and Field
 398 Sing to the Lord of Harvest
 399 Bless the LORD, O Saints and Servants
 499 The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein
 500 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
 501 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

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2 O Worship the King
 5 Let All Things Now Living
 23 Children of the Heavenly Father
 25 God Moves in a Mysterious Way
 25 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

120 Look and Learn
 333 All My Life
 343 Blessed Be Your Name
 349 I Will Sing a Song of Triumph
 368 El Señor es mi pastor/My Shepherd Is the LORD
 369 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
 370 My Soul Finds Rest
 371 Tu fidelidad/I Depend upon Your Faithfulness
 499 The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein
 500 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
 501 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 11, Q&A 29

57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
 61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
 61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 125 Jesus the Lord Said, "I Am the Bread"

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Q&A 31

57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
 61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 70 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
 71 Creator of the Stars of Night
 74 Savior of the Nations, Come
 78 Of the Father's Love Begotten
 81 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
 104 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
 162 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord
 474 Sing to the King
 475 When the King Shall Come Again
 476 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12, Q&A 32

57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
 61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 113 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering
 922 All on Earth and All in Heaven
 925 Go to the World
 926 God of Grace and God of Glory
 927 God, the Father of Your People
 928 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
 929 See My Hands and Feet
 930 This Little Light of Mine
 931 Sizohamba naye/We Will Walk with God
 936 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
 937 Live a Life Worthy of the Calling
 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace
 945 Thuma mina/Send Me, Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 13, Q&A 33

- 57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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- 57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14, Q&A 35

- 14 Soplo de Dios/O Living Breath
57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
74 Savior of the Nations, Come
78 Of the Father's Love Begotten
87 Once in Royal David's City
104 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
383 My Spirit Glorifies the Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14, Q&A 36

- 87 Once in Royal David's City

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15, Q&A 37

- 111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15, Q&A 38

- 87 Once in Royal David's City
111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed

- 175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 15, Q&A 39

- 87 Once in Royal David's City
111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn

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- 87 Once in Royal David's City
111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 16, Q&A 41

- 87 Once in Royal David's City
111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

177 Oh, to See the Dawn

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87 Once in Royal David's City
111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn
456 Shepherd Me, O God
457 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
458 My Times Are in Your Hands
459 Within the Shelter of the Lord
460 Our Eyes Are Turned
462 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
464 We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
465 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
466 Abide with Me
467 O Christ, You Wept When Grief Was Raw
468 I Will Rise
469 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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87 Once in Royal David's City
111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn
569 Affirmation: The Benefits of
Christ's Death and Resurrection

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111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
163 What Grace Is This
164 What Wondrous Love
166 Were You There
167 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
168 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
170 Man of Sorrows—What a Name
171 Calvary
172 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended
173 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
174 I Stand Amazed
175 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
177 Oh, to See the Dawn

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 17, Q&A 45

87 Once in Royal David's City
110 Behold the Lamb of God
161 Go to Dark Gethsemane
179 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven
181 See, What a Morning
182 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
183 Aleluya/Alleluia
184 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
185 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
186 Low in the Grave He Lay
187 Thine Is the Glory
188 Mfurahini, haleluya/Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
190 O Sons and Daughters
191 Praise the Savior, Now and Ever
192 Oh, qué bueno es Jesús
/Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord
193 I Know that My Redeemer Lives
194 Refuge and Rock
196 Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness
197 Cristo Vive/Christ Is Risen
198 Celtic Alleluia
199 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
202 This Joyful Eastertide
203 Now the Green Blade Rises
204 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna
205 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
206 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
207 Come to Us, Beloved Stranger
361 Because He Lives
365 I Serve a Risen Savior
456 Shepherd Me, O God
457 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
458 My Times Are in Your Hands
459 Within the Shelter of the Lord
460 Our Eyes Are Turned
462 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

464 We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
 465 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 466 Abide with Me
 467 O Christ, You Wept When Grief Was Raw
 468 I Will Rise
 469 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
 569 Affirmation: The Benefits of
 Christ's Death and Resurrection
 775 Across the Lands

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87 Once in Royal David's City
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 775 Across the Lands

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18, Q&A 47

87 Once in Royal David's City
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 775 Across the Lands

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18, Q&A 48

87 Once in Royal David's City
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 775 Across the Lands

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 18, Q&A 49

87 Once in Royal David's City
 213 Affirmation: The Benefits of the Ascension
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 775 Across the Lands

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19, Q&A 50

87 Once in Royal David's City
 111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
 214 Why This Dark Conspiracy
 216 Nations, Clap Your Hands
 217 The LORD unto My Lord Has Said
 218 To Your Unequaled Strength
 219 Jesus Shall Reign
 220 At the Name of Jesus
 221 For the Honor of Our King
 222 He Is King of Kings
 223 Crown Him with Many Crowns
 224 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
 225 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
 226 Jesus Is Lord
 227 He Is Lord
 261 Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns
 264 Lift High the Cross
 268 In Christ There Is No East or West
 269 All Are Welcome

328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 474 Sing to the King
 475 When the King Shall Come Again
 476 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns
 775 Across the Lands

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87 Once in Royal David's City
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
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Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19, Q&A 52

478 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
 87 Once in Royal David's City
 136 To My Precious Lord
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 470 View the Present Through the Promise
 472 O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun
 473 Come, You Thankful People, Come
 477 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
 480 Wait for the Lord
 482 Soon and Very Soon
 485 In the Day of the Lord
 486 A New Heaven and Earth
 487 O Day of Peace
 488 Jerusalem the Golden
 775 Across the Lands

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 20, Q&A 53

228 Send Us Your Spirit
 229 Affirmation: The Holy Spirit
 230 Come, Holy Spirit
 231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
 232 Come, Holy Ghost
 233 Halleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
 234 Come Down, O Love Divine
 235 Spirit, Working in Creation
 236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
 237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
 238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
 239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
 240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
 241 Santo Espiritu, excelsa Paloma
 /Holy Spirit, from Heaven Descended
 242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Q&A 54

81 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
 100 Jesus, the Light of the World
 103 Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come
 109 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
 124 A Sower's Seed Fell on a Path

243 One People, Here, We Gather
 251 The Church's One Foundation
 255 Somos uno en Cristo/We Are One in Christ Jesus
 261 Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns
 264 Lift High the Cross
 268 In Christ There Is No East or West
 269 All Are Welcome
 387 The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended
 775 Across the Lands

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Q&A 55

248 We Are Your People
 256 They'll Know We Are Christians
 257 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
 258 Koinonia
 260 Miren qué bueno/Oh, Look and Wonder
 865 Affirmation: Sharing Gifts Within the Body

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21, Q&A 56

678 Affirmation: The Forgiveness of Sins

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22, Q&A 57

179 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven
 181 See, What a Morning
 182 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
 183 Aleluya/Alleluia
 184 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
 185 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
 186 Low in the Grave He Lay
 187 Thine Is the Glory
 188 Mfurahini, haleluya/Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
 190 O Sons and Daughters
 191 Praise the Savior, Now and Ever
 192 Oh, qué bueno es Jesús
 /Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord
 193 I Know that My Redeemer Lives
 194 Refuge and Rock
 196 Give Thanks to God for All His Goodness
 197 Cristo Vive/Christ Is Risen
 198 Celtic Alleluia
 199 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
 202 This Joyful Eastertide
 203 Now the Green Blade Rises
 204 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna
 205 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
 206 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
 207 Come to Us, Beloved Stranger
 251 The Church's One Foundation
 456 Shepherd Me, O God
 457 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
 458 My Times Are in Your Hands
 459 Within the Shelter of the Lord

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460 Our Eyes Are Turned
 462 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
 463 Affirmation: The Resurrection of the Body
 464 We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
 465 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 466 Abide with Me
 467 O Christ, You Wept When Grief Was Raw
 468 I Will Rise
 469 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
 485 In the Day of the Lord
 486 A New Heaven and Earth
 487 O Day of Peace
 488 Jerusalem the Golden

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126 Come, One and All
 128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
 179 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven
 181 See, What a Morning
 182 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
 183 Aleluya/Alleluia
 184 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
 185 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
 186 Low in the Grave He Lay
 187 Thine Is the Glory
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 366 My Jesus, I Love Thee
 367 O God, You Are My God Alone
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469 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
485 In the Day of the Lord
486 A New Heaven and Earth
487 O Day of Peace
488 Jerusalem the Golden

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665 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
666 I Will Give You Rest
669 How Blest Are They Whose Trespass
679 For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free
681 A Great High Priest
703 Assurance: Surely He took Up Our Pain
704 The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me
706 There Is a Balm in Gilead
707 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
710 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

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697 Affirmation: Righteous Before God

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 25, Q&A 66

795 We Know that Christ Is Raised

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705 Affirmation: Washed with Christ's Blood and Spirit

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705 Affirmation: Washed with Christ's Blood and Spirit
790 Baptized in Water
793 Loving Spirit
798 Todos los que han sido bautizados
/All Who Have Been Baptized
799 A Prayer at Baptism
846 Baptized in Christ
847 This Holy Covenant Was Made
849 We Have Put on Christ
850 Commit Your Way to God the Lord
851 I Am the Holy Vine
852 Faith Begins by Letting Go
853 God of the Prophets
854 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
856 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
857 Your Mercy and Your Justice
858 God Be in My Head
859 Be Thou My Vision

861 In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified
862 Take Us As We Are, O God
863 Take My Life and Let It Be
864 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
866 God, We Give to You Our Offerings
867 For Such a Time as This
868 That's Why We Praise Him
869 Here I Am, Lord
870 Ahead of Us, a Race to Run

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531 God, You Call Us to This Place
795 We Know that Christ Is Raised

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27, Q&A 74

23 Children of the Heavenly Father
35 You Are Our God; We Are Your People
787 Affirmation: For You Jesus Christ Came
801 O God, Great Father, Lord and King
802 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
804 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
805 Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Q&A 75

96 What Feast of Love
815 Gift of Finest Wheat
826 Affirmation: What God Says Through the Supper
840 Behold the Lamb
128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Q&A 76

96 What Feast of Love
128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
141 Somos pueblo que camina
/We Are People on a Journey
243 One People, Here, We Gather
533 I Come with Joy

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 28, Q&A 77

128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
243 One People, Here, We Gather
533 I Come with Joy
835 One Bread, One Body
837 Let Us Break Bread Together
847 This Holy Covenant Was Made

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 29, Q&A 78

128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
815 Gift of Finest Wheat

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 29, Q&A 79

96 What Feast of Love
128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
141 Somos pueblo que camina
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142 We Are People on a Journey
534 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
602 Jesus Is Our King
842 I Am the Bread of Life

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128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
840 Behold the Lamb

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 30, Q&A 81

128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
808 Table of Plenty

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 30, Q&A 82

128 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling
808 Table of Plenty

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323 With All My Heart I Thank You, LORD
327 When We Walk with the Lord
356 Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God
357 In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful
358 Give Thanks
359 Give Thanks to God, Who Hears Our Cries
362 I'm So Glad
612 Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House
617 Spirit Divine, Inspire Our Prayer
618 Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart
641 Eternal Spirit, God of Truth
646 O God, My Faithful God
659 Nearer, Still Nearer
661 Just a Closer Walk with Thee
667 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
668 I Worship You, O LORD
670 I Waited Patiently for God
671 The Lord Is Compassionate and Gracious
672 O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God
673 How Precious Is Your Unfailing Love
674 As Moses Raised the Serpent Up
675 By Grace We Have Been Saved
676 Oh, How I Love Jesus
677 For the Glories of God's Grace
680 O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne
682 Before the Throne of God Above
683 How Great Is the Love of the Father
684 There in God's Garden

685 I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew
686 A Prayer of Praise
687 Father, Long Before Creation
688 How Vast the Benefits Divine
689 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
690 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace
691 Amazing Grace
692 Amazing Grace Chant
693 Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
695 And Can It Be
696 Marvelous Grace
698 Your Grace Is Enough
699 Like a River Glorious
700 Your Mercy Flows
701 Assurance: Who Is a God Like You
702 Depth of Mercy
703 Assurance: Surely He took Up Our Pain
708 Kwake Yesu nasimama
/Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand
709 Jesus Loves Me
731 Affirmation: Why We Do Good Works
871 What Shall I Render to the LORD
872 Have We Any Gift Worth Giving
873 Praise and Thanksgiving
874 We Are an Offering
876 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
878 God, We Honor You
879 Lord of All Good
882 Grant Now Your Blessing
922 All on Earth and All in Heaven
925 Go to the World
926 God of Grace and God of Glory
927 God, the Father of Your People
928 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
929 See My Hands and Feet
930 This Little Light of Mine
931 Sizohamba naye/We Will Walk with God
936 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
937 Live a Life Worthy of the Calling
938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace
945 Thuma mina/Send Me, Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 33, Q&A 88

616 As a Deer in Want of Water
619 Tama ngakau marie
/Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace
620 Good to Me
621 Give Me a Clean Heart
622 God, Be Merciful to Me
623 God, Be Merciful to Me
624 Not What My Hands Have Done
625 LORD, to You My Soul Is Lifted

627 Just as I Am, Without One Plea
 628 Give Us Clean Hands
 629 Ishworo/Father in Heaven, Have Mercy
 630 O Christ, the Lamb of God
 631 Holy God
 632 Remember Not, O God
 633 Kyrie/Lord, Have Mercy
 634 A Prayer for God's Mercy (Trisagion)
 635 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
 636 A Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
 637 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
 638 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
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 640 A Prayer of Confession
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 656 Deliver Me from Evil
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 862 Take Us As We Are, O God
 863 Take My Life and Let It Be
 866 God, We Give to You Our Offerings
 869 Here I Am, Lord

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 712 Happy Is the One
 713 What Does the Lord Require of You
 714 The One Is Blest
 716 Love God With All Your Soul and Strength
 717 Sing a Psalm of Joy
 719 God's Glory Fills the Heavens
 720 How Shall the Young Direct Their Way
 721 Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth
 723 Deep Within
 724 You Shall Love the Lord
 725 Charge: A Living Sacrifice
 726 The LORD is King, Enthroned in Might
 727 Christian Hearts in Love United
 728 People of the Lord

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716 Love God With All Your Soul and Strength
 717 Sing a Psalm of Joy
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 728 People of the Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 34, Q&A 95

121 Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 44, Q&A 114

711 The Lord Is God, the One and True God
 712 Happy Is the One
 713 What Does the Lord Require of You
 714 The One Is Blest
 716 Love God With All Your Soul and Strength
 717 Sing a Psalm of Joy
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 724 You Shall Love the Lord
 725 Charge: A Living Sacrifice
 726 The LORD is King, Enthroned in Might
 727 Christian Hearts in Love United
 728 People of the Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 45, Q&A 116

888 LORD, Listen to My Righteous Plea
 889 LORD, My Petition Heed
 893 Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me
 895 Hear My Prayer, O God
 901 Lord, I Pray
 906 Saranam, Saranam/Jesus, Savior, Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Days 45-52, Q&A's 116-129

909 Mayenziwe/Your Will Be Done
 911 Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven
 912 The Lord's Prayer
 914 Our Father in Heaven
 917 Our Father in Heaven
 919 Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 45, Q&A 118

909 Mayenziwe/Your Will Be Done

911 Abana alathi fi ssama/Abana in Heaven
 912 The Lord's Prayer
 914 Our Father in Heaven
 917 Our Father in Heaven
 919 Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 46, Q&A 120

897 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 898 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
 899 Seek Ye First
 900 O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath
 906 Saranam, Saranam/Jesus, Savior, Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 47, Q&A 122

356 Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

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214 Why This Dark Conspiracy
 216 Nations, Clap Your Hands
 217 The LORD unto My Lord Has Said
 218 To Your Unequaled Strength
 219 Jesus Shall Reign
 220 At the Name of Jesus
 221 For the Honor of Our King
 222 He Is King of Kings
 223 Crown Him with Many Crowns
 224 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
 225 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
 226 Jesus Is Lord
 227 He Is Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 50, Q&A 125

396 For the Fruit of All Creation
 397 Praise God for the Harvest of Orchard and Field
 398 Sing to the Lord of Harvest
 399 Bless the LORD, O Saints and Servants

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52, Q&A 127

417 Dans nos obscurités/Within Our Darkest Night
 406 LORD, I Bring My Songs to You
 407 If You But Trust in God to Guide You
 408 What a Privilege to Carry
 409 LORD, Chasten Not in Anger
 410 How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord
 411 Protect Me, God: I Trust in You
 412 You Are My Hiding Place
 413 Lord, You Are My Strength
 414 All Will Be Well
 415 Listen to My Cry, LORD
 416 In My Day of Fear
 418 If You Love Me

419 Come Quickly, LORD, to Rescue Me
 420 Total Praise
 421 Up to You I Lift My Eyes
 422 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
 423 Give Me Jesus
 424 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
 425 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
 426 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 427 How Firm a Foundation
 428 O Lord, Be Our Refuge
 429 Don't Be Afraid
 430 You Are Mine
 431 The Lord Is My Light
 432 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
 433 In God Alone
 435 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone
 436 How I Love You, LORD, My God
 437 Day by Day
 438 Give to the Winds Your Fears
 439 I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry
 440 He Leadeth Me
 441 His Eye Is on the Sparrow
 442 Praise the Lord Who Heals
 443 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
 444 Nada te turbe/Nothing Can Trouble
 445 Stand, Oh, Stand Firm
 446 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
 449 When Memory Fades
 450 Neither Death nor Life
 451 When Peace like a River
 452 Pues si vivimos/When We Are Living
 453 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
 454 Beams of Heaven
 888 LORD, Listen to My Righteous Plea
 889 LORD, My Petition Heed
 893 Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me
 895 Hear My Prayer, O God
 901 Lord, I Pray
 906 Saranam, Saranam/Jesus, Savior, Lord

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52, Q&A 128

540 Holy God, We Praise Your Name
 546 Robed in Majesty
 561 I Will Extol You, O My God
 573 Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven
 574 How Great Is Our God
 577 You Are Good
 578 Forever
 579 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
 580 Our God
 581 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
 582 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

595 Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón
/Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
596 Santo, santo, santo/Holy, Holy, Holy
597 Holy Is the Lord
598 You are Holy
602 Jesus Is Our King
607 Beautiful One
589 Psalm 117
952 Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice
953 Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God
954 Blessing: The Same Voice Speaks
955 Mungu ni mwema/Know that God Is Good
956 To God Be the Glory

957 Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona
/Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
958 Alleluia, Alleluia
959 Glory Be to the Father
960 Alle, Alle, Alleluia
961 Glory Be to the Father
962 Alleluia
963 Heleluyan/Hallelujah, We Are Singing
964 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
965 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Our Song of Hope, Stanza 1

63 My Soul in Stillness Waits
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices
923 Peace Before Us
924 Come, All You Servants of the Lord
932 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise
933 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
934 God of Mercy, God of Grace
935 Now May Your Servant, Lord
939 May the Love of the Lord/惟愿神的爱
940 May the Lord, Mighty God
941 Canto de esperanza/Song of Hope
942 God Be with You
943 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
944 God Be with You Till We Meet Again
946 Go, My Children, With My Blessing
947 We Receive Your Blessing
948 The Lord Bless You
949 キリストの平和が
/May the Peace of Christ Be with You
950 Go Now in Peace
951 Now Go in Peace

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 2

18 Touch the Earth Lightly
63 My Soul in Stillness Waits
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 3

63 My Soul in Stillness Waits
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 4

63 My Soul in Stillness Waits
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices
201 Affirmation: Jesus, Our Hope

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 5

63 My Soul in Stillness Waits
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices
130 Jesus on the Mountain Peak
179 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven
181 See, What a Morning
182 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
183 Aleluya/Alleluia
184 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
185 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
186 Low in the Grave He Lay

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203 Now the Green Blade Rises
204 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna
205 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
206 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
207 Come to Us, Beloved Stranger

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 6

228 Send Us Your Spirit
230 Come, Holy Spirit
231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
232 Come, Holy Ghost
233 Haleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
234 Come Down, O Love Divine
235 Spirit, Working in Creation
236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
241 Santo Espíritu, excelsa Paloma
/Holy Spirit, from Heaven Descended
242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 7

228 Send Us Your Spirit
230 Come, Holy Spirit
231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
232 Come, Holy Ghost
233 Haleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
234 Come Down, O Love Divine
235 Spirit, Working in Creation
236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
241 Santo Espíritu, excelsa Paloma
/Holy Spirit, from Heaven Descended
242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 9

400 Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year
401 Hours and Days and Years and Ages
402 Lord, Show Me How to Count My Days
403 Wildflowers Bloom and Fade
404 God of Our Life
405 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 10

278 The City Is Alive, O God
282 O God of Every Nation
283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
285 Blest Be God
288 Shalom/Bring Peace
289 For the Healing of the Nations
290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
292 There Where the Judges Gather
293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
294 When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor
295 Let Justice Flow
296 We Are Called
297 Open Our Eyes
298 Salaam/Peace
299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
303 Healer of Our Every Ill
325 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 12

850 Commit Your Way to God the Lord
852 Faith Begins by Letting Go
854 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
857 Your Mercy and Your Justice
858 God Be in My Head
859 Be Thou My Vision
861 In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified
862 Take Us As We Are, O God
863 Take My Life and Let It Be
866 God, We Give to You Our Offerings
869 Here I Am, Lord

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 13

311 Unless the LORD Builds the House
312 In Our Households, Heavenly Father
313 Whoever Fears the Lord

314 Tell Your Children
315 Where Love Is, God Abides
316 When Love Is Found
317 God, Who Created Hearts to Love
318 Help Us Accept Each Other

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 16

228 Send Us Your Spirit
230 Come, Holy Spirit
231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
232 Come, Holy Ghost
233 Haleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
234 Come Down, O Love Divine
235 Spirit, Working in Creation
236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
241 Santo Espíritu, excelsa Paloma
/Holy Spirit, from Heaven Descended
242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away
248 We Are Your People
612 Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House
613 Come to the Savior Now
614 Come, You Disconsolate
615 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling
655 Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 17

228 Send Us Your Spirit
230 Come, Holy Spirit
231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
232 Come, Holy Ghost
233 Haleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
234 Come Down, O Love Divine
235 Spirit, Working in Creation
236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
241 Santo Espíritu, excelsa Paloma
/Holy Spirit, from Heaven Descended
242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away
255 Somos uno en Cristo/We Are One in Christ Jesus

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 18

853 God of the Prophets
856 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
864 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
867 For Such a Time as This

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 20

23 Children of the Heavenly Father
228 Send Us Your Spirit
230 Come, Holy Spirit
231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
232 Come, Holy Ghost
233 Halleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
234 Come Down, O Love Divine
235 Spirit, Working in Creation
236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
241 Santo Espíritu, excelsa Paloma
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242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away
251 The Church's One Foundation

Our Song of Hope, Stanza 21

109 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
251 The Church's One Foundation
485 In the Day of the Lord
486 A New Heaven and Earth
487 O Day of Peace
488 Jerusalem the Golden

Our World Belongs to God

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 1

26 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
 400 Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year
 401 Hours and Days and Years and Ages
 402 Lord, Show Me How to Count My Days
 403 Wildflowers Bloom and Fade
 404 God of Our Life
 405 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
 499 The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein
 500 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
 501 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 2

17 Beautiful Savior
 35 You Are Our God; We Are Your People
 36 Litany of Praise: Our Covenanting God
 37 Te exaltaré/I Will Exalt
 111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
 552 Alleluia
 563 Praise Ye the Lord, Hallelujah
 564 Alleluia, Alleluia
 565 God Himself Is with Us
 566 Give Praise to Our God
 570 From All That Dwell Below the Skies
 576 Bless the Lord, Bless the Lord
 584 Je louerai l'Éternel/Praise, I Will Praise You
 Lord
 587 Praise Him! Jesus, Blessed Savior
 588 Bân-bîn ah/Let All Nations Praise the Lord
 591 Laudate Dominum/Sing, Praise, and Bless
 the Lord
 592 Laudate omnes gentes/Sing Praises, All You
 People
 593 Lord Most High
 599 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
 600 Yesu azali awa/Jesus Christ Is with Us
 603 Shout to the Lord
 605 Digno es Jesús/Worthy Is Christ
 606 In the Sanctuary
 609 Shukuru, Yesu/Thanking You, Jesus
 952 Praise God! Earth and Heaven Rejoice
 953 Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God
 954 Blessing: The Same Voice Speaks
 955 Mungu ni mwema/Know that God Is Good
 956 To God Be the Glory
 957 Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona
 /Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
 958 Alleluia, Alleluia
 959 Glory Be to the Father

960 Alle, Alle, Alleluia
 961 Glory Be to the Father
 962 Alleluia
 963 Heleluyan/Hallelujah, We Are Singing
 964 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 4

406 LORD, I Bring My Songs to You
 407 If You But Trust in God to Guide You
 408 What a Privilege to Carry
 409 LORD, Chasten Not in Anger
 410 How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord
 411 Protect Me, God: I Trust in You
 412 You Are My Hiding Place
 413 Lord, You Are My Strength
 414 All Will Be Well
 415 Listen to My Cry, LORD
 416 In My Day of Fear
 417 Dans nos obscurités/Within Our Darkest
 Night
 418 If You Love Me
 419 Come Quickly, LORD, to Rescue Me
 420 Total Praise
 421 Up to You I Lift My Eyes
 422 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
 423 Give Me Jesus
 424 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
 425 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
 426 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
 427 How Firm a Foundation
 428 O Lord, Be Our Refuge
 429 Don't Be Afraid
 430 You Are Mine
 431 The Lord Is My Light
 432 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
 433 In God Alone
 435 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone
 436 How I Love You, LORD, My God
 437 Day by Day
 438 Give to the Winds Your Fears
 439 I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry
 440 He Leadeth Me
 441 His Eye Is on the Sparrow
 442 Praise the Lord Who Heals
 443 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
 444 Nada te turbe/Nothing Can Trouble
 445 Stand, Oh, Stand Firm
 446 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

449 When Memory Fades
450 Neither Death nor Life
451 When Peace like a River
452 Pues si vivimos/When We Are Living
453 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
454 Beams of Heaven

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 5

41 When Israel Fled from Egypt Land
42 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
65 LORD, You Have Lavished on Your Land
67 Blessed Be the God of Israel
75 Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor
78 Of the Father's Love Begotten
101 How Bright Appears the Morning Star
122 Far from Home We Run, Rebellious

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 6

357 In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful
358 Give Thanks
359 Give Thanks to God, Who Hears Our Cries
362 I'm So Glad

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraphs 7-12

19 For the Beauty of the Earth
20 All Things Bright and Beautiful
21 This Is My Father's World

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 8

1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
14 Soplo de Dios/O Living Breath
27 Many and Great
28 God Marked a Line and Told the Sea
499 The Earth, with All That Dwell Therein
500 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
501 LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 9

5 Let All Things Now Living

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 10

337 LORD, You Have Searched Me
377 Lord, as the Day Begins
378 Lord of All Hopefulness

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 11

23 Children of the Heavenly Father
877 We Give Thee but Thine Own

880 Take Our Silver and Our Gold
881 Use These Gifts

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 14

29 How Sweet Was the Garden, Fertile and Fair
30 God, Let Me Like a Spreading Tree
33 All Have Sinned
34 What Adam's Disobedience Cost

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 16

18 Touch the Earth Lightly
406 LORD, I Bring My Songs to You
407 If You But Trust in God to Guide You
408 What a Privilege to Carry
409 LORD, Chasten Not in Anger
410 How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord
411 Protect Me, God: I Trust in You
412 You Are My Hiding Place
413 Lord, You Are My Strength
414 All Will Be Well
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 445 Stand, Oh, Stand Firm
 446 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
 449 When Memory Fades
 450 Neither Death nor Life
 451 When Peace like a River
 452 Pues si vivimos/When We Are Living
 453 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
 454 Beams of Heaven

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 18

43 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
 44 Lift Every Voice and Sing
 52 We Give Thanks unto You
 92 Joy to the World
 97 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace
 539 A Call to Worship and Greeting
 543 Now Thank We All Our God
 544 Cantemos al Señor/O Sing unto the Lord
 545 Praise Is Your Right, O God, in Zion
 549 O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good
 550 Nyanyikanlah/Hallelujah! Sing Praise to
 Your Creator
 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
 554 We Gather in Your Presence
 555 Let All Creation's Wonders
 556 A Song of Creation (Benedicite)
 558 O Praise God's Name Together
 562 We Will Extol You, God and King
 572 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
 575 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 585 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring
 594 The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 21

35 You Are Our God; We Are Your People
 36 Litany of Praise: Our Covenanting God
 39 The God of Abraham Praise
 40 I Will Be Your God
 41 When Israel Fled from Egypt Land
 42 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land
 81 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
 100 Jesus, the Light of the World
 103 Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come
 130 Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 22

47 O God, We Have Heard

48 It Is Good to Give Thanks to You, Lord
 51 When the Lord Restored Our Blessing
 54 Wisdom Calls
 55 When God First Brought Us Back

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 23

56 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
 60 Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes
 57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting
 61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 67 Blessed Be the God of Israel
 74 Savior of the Nations, Come
 95 What Child Is This

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 24

111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
 115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert
 118 The Kingdom of Our God Is Like
 127 Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 25

111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
 113 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering
 361 Because He Lives
 365 I Serve a Risen Savior
 665 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 666 I Will Give You Rest
 669 How Blest Are They Whose Trespass
 679 For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free
 681 A Great High Priest
 703 Assurance: Surely He took Up Our Pain
 704 The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me
 706 There Is a Balm in Gilead
 707 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
 710 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 26

616 As a Deer in Want of Water
 619 Tama ngakau marie
 /Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace
 620 Good to Me
 621 Give Me a Clean Heart
 622 God, Be Merciful to Me
 623 God, Be Merciful to Me
 624 Not What My Hands Have Done
 625 LORD, to You My Soul Is Lifted
 627 Just as I Am, Without One Plea
 628 Give Us Clean Hands

629 Ishworo/Father in Heaven, Have Mercy
 630 O Christ, the Lamb of God
 631 Holy God
 632 Remember Not, O God
 633 Kyrie/Lord, Have Mercy
 634 A Prayer for God's Mercy (Trisagion)
 635 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
 636 A Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
 637 Kyrie Eleison/Lord, Have Mercy
 638 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
 639 Lord, Have Mercy
 640 A Prayer of Confession
 652 I Lift My Eyes Up
 653 A Prayer: Confession of Idolatry
 656 Deliver Me from Evil

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 27

92 Joy to the World
 328 Lead On, O King Eternal
 214 Why This Dark Conspiracy
 216 Nations, Clap Your Hands
 217 The LORD unto My Lord Has Said
 218 To Your Unequaled Strength
 219 Jesus Shall Reign
 220 At the Name of Jesus
 221 For the Honor of Our King
 222 He Is King of Kings
 223 Crown Him with Many Crowns
 224 Rejoice, the Lord Is King
 225 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
 226 Jesus Is Lord
 227 He Is Lord

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 28

111 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
 228 Send Us Your Spirit
 230 Come, Holy Spirit
 231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
 232 Come, Holy Ghost
 233 Halleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
 234 Come Down, O Love Divine
 235 Spirit, Working in Creation
 236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
 237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
 238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
 239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
 240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

241 Santo Espiritu, excelsa Paloma
 /Holy Spirit, from Heaven
 Descended
 242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 29

320 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading
 321 We Need the Power of the Holy Spirit
 329 Lead Me, Guide Me
 330 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
 331 To the Hills I lift My Eyes
 332 As the Deer Pants for the Water
 341 We've Come This Far by Faith
 228 Send Us Your Spirit
 230 Come, Holy Spirit
 231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
 232 Come, Holy Ghost
 233 Halleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
 234 Come Down, O Love Divine
 235 Spirit, Working in Creation
 236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
 237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
 238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
 239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
 240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
 241 Santo Espiritu, excelsa Paloma
 /Holy Spirit, from Heaven
 Descended
 242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 30

228 Send Us Your Spirit
 230 Come, Holy Spirit
 231 Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire
 232 Come, Holy Ghost
 233 Halleluya, Puji Tuhan/Alleluia, Praise the Lord
 234 Come Down, O Love Divine
 235 Spirit, Working in Creation
 236 Praise the Spirit in Creation
 237 Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth
 238 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
 239 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
 240 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad
 241 Santo Espiritu, excelsa Paloma
 /Holy Spirit, from Heaven
 Descended
 242 When Our Savior, Yesu, Went Away

243 One People, Here, We Gather
 490 Here from All Nations
 364 Tell Out, My Soul
 508 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say
 525 For Your Gift of God the Spirit
 529 Gather Us In
 531 God, You Call Us to This Place
 505 Out of Need and Out of Custom
 511 Amid the Thronging Worshipers
 522 Dios está aquí/God Is Here Today
 529 Gather Us In
 530 Welcome into this Place
 531 God, You Call Us to This Place
 534 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 32

751 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
 752 Dawk'yah towgyah/Take the Saving Word of
 God
 753 Listen, God Is Calling
 754 Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak
 756 A Prayer: Make Us Hungry for Your Word
 761 I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart
 763 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
 766 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness
 748 Lord, to Whom Shall We Go
 750 The Word Will Accomplish Its Purpose
 757 O Word of God Incarnate
 759 Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path
 762 Ancient Words
 765 God of the Word
 768 Halle, Halle, Halle
 769 Keep What You Have Believed

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 33

43 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
 44 Lift Every Voice and Sing
 52 We Give Thanks unto You
 53 Song of the Prophets
 539 A Call to Worship and Greeting
 543 Now Thank We All Our God
 544 Cantemos al Señor/O Sing unto the Lord
 545 Praise Is Your Right, O God, in Zion
 549 O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good
 550 Nyanyikanlah/Hallelujah! Sing Praise to
 Your Creator
 551 All Creatures of Our God and King
 554 We Gather in Your Presence
 555 Let All Creation's Wonders

556 A Song of Creation (Benedicite)
 558 O Praise God's Name Together
 562 We Will Extol You, God and King
 572 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
 575 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 585 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring
 594 The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 34

505 Out of Need and Out of Custom
 511 Amid the Thronging Worshipers
 522 Dios está aquí/God Is Here Today
 529 Gather Us In
 530 Welcome into this Place
 531 God, You Call Us to This Place
 534 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 35

334 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior
 335 Like a Child Rests
 493 Cantai ao Senhor/O Sing to the Lord
 502 O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise
 508 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say
 509 Come, Worship God
 510 Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
 512 Now with Joyful Exultation
 515 Sing to the LORD, Sing His Praise
 516 Bless the Lord, O My Soul
 519 God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises
 521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
 525 For Your Gift of God the Spirit
 526 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
 527 Come Away from Rush and Hurry
 528 Come and Fill Our Hearts
 531 God, You Call Us to This Place
 532 Be Still, for the Presence
 533 I Come with Joy
 536 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing
 537 Open the Eyes of My Heart
 668 I Worship You, O LORD
 672 O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God
 673 How Precious Is Your Unfailing Love
 674 As Moses Raised the Serpent Up
 675 By Grace We Have Been Saved
 676 Oh, How I Love Jesus
 680 O God, We Kneel Before Your Throne
 683 How Great Is the Love of the Father
 684 There in God's Garden
 686 A Prayer of Praise

687 Father, Long Before Creation
 689 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
 691 Amazing Grace
 693 Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
 695 And Can It Be
 696 Marvelous Grace
 698 Your Grace Is Enough
 699 Like a River Glorious
 700 Your Mercy Flows
 701 Assurance: Who Is a God Like You

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 36

366 My Jesus, I Love Thee
 367 O God, You Are My God Alone

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 37

850 Commit Your Way to God the Lord
 852 Faith Begins by Letting Go
 854 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
 857 Your Mercy and Your Justice
 858 God Be in My Head
 859 Be Thou My Vision
 861 In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified
 862 Take Us As We Are, O God
 863 Take My Life and Let It Be
 866 God, We Give to You Our Offerings
 869 Here I Am, Lord

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 38

141 Somos pueblo que camina
 /We Are People on a Journey
 837 Let Us Break Bread Together

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 40

626 Cast Down, O God, the Idols
 642 Perdón, Señor/Forgive Us, Lord
 643 Plaintive Is the Song I Sing
 644 Lying Lips
 645 Litany for the Slandered
 647 Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart
 648 Why Stand So Far Away, My God
 649 I Call to You, My Rock
 650 O When Will We See Justice Done
 651 By the Babylonian Rivers
 654 Do Not Keep Silent, O God
 657 Hear My Cry and Supplication
 658 Bring Peace to Earth Again
 660 Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

662 In an Age of Twisted Values
 663 Pelas dores deste mundo/For the Troubles
 664 I Need Your Help, O LORD My God

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 41

129 Somlandela/We Will Follow
 131 Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain
 133 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
 248 We Are Your People
 252 Church of God, Elect and Glorious
 263 Affirmation: Joining the Mission of God
 278 The City Is Alive, O God
 282 O God of Every Nation
 283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
 285 Blest Be God
 288 Shalom/Bring Peace
 289 For the Healing of the Nations
 290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
 291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
 292 There Where the Judges Gather
 293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
 294 When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor
 295 Let Justice Flow
 296 We Are Called
 297 Open Our Eyes
 298 Salaam/Peace
 299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
 301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
 303 Healer of Our Every Ill
 853 God of the Prophets
 856 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
 864 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
 867 For Such a Time as This
 870 Ahead of Us, a Race to Run
 877 We Give Thee but Thine Own
 880 Take Our Silver and Our Gold
 881 Use These Gifts
 922 All on Earth and All in Heaven
 925 Go to the World
 926 God of Grace and God of Glory
 927 God, the Father of Your People
 928 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
 929 See My Hands and Feet
 930 This Little Light of Mine
 931 Sizohamba naye/We Will Walk with God
 936 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
 937 Live a Life Worthy of the Calling
 938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace
 945 Thuma mina/Send Me, Lord

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 42

129 Somlandela/We Will Follow
263 Affirmation: Joining the Mission of God
278 The City Is Alive, O God
282 O God of Every Nation
283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
285 Blest Be God
288 Shalom/Bring Peace
289 For the Healing of the Nations
290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
292 There Where the Judges Gather
293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
294 When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor
295 Let Justice Flow
296 We Are Called
297 Open Our Eyes
298 Salaam/Peace
299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
303 Healer of Our Every Ill

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 43

26 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
129 Somlandela/We Will Follow
278 The City Is Alive, O God
282 O God of Every Nation
283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
285 Blest Be God
288 Shalom/Bring Peace
289 For the Healing of the Nations
290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
292 There Where the Judges Gather
293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
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295 Let Justice Flow
296 We Are Called
297 Open Our Eyes
298 Salaam/Peace
299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
303 Healer of Our Every Ill
376 Hear, O LORD, My Urgent Prayer
853 God of the Prophets
856 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
864 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine
867 For Such a Time as This

870 Ahead of Us, a Race to Run
922 All on Earth and All in Heaven
925 Go to the World
926 God of Grace and God of Glory
927 God, the Father of Your People
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936 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
937 Live a Life Worthy of the Calling
938 My Friends, May You Grow in Grace
945 Thuma mina/Send Me, Lord

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 44

109 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
337 LORD, You Have Searched Me
379 Let the Giving of Thanks
382 You, O Lord, Are a Shield About Me
384 O LORD, Come Quickly; Hear Me Pray
388 Every Heart Its Tribute Pays
389 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
390 Night Has Fallen
391 Awit sa Dapit-Hapon/When Twilight Comes
392 O Joyous Light of Glory
393 O Gladsome Light, O Grace

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 46

311 Unless the LORD Builds the House
312 In Our Households, Heavenly Father
313 Whoever Feels the Lord
314 Tell Your Children
315 Where Love Is, God Abides
316 When Love Is Found
317 God, Who Created Hearts to Love
318 Help Us Accept Each Other

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 47

274 O God, Who Gives to Humankind
334 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 51

18 Touch the Earth Lightly
626 Cast Down, O God, the Idols
642 Perdón, Señor/Forgive Us, Lord
643 Plaintive Is the Song I Sing
644 Lying Lips
645 Litany for the Slandered

647 Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart
 648 Why Stand So Far Away, My God
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 658 Bring Peace to Earth Again
 660 Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer
 662 In an Age of Twisted Values
 663 Pelas dores deste mundo/For the Troubles
 664 I Need Your Help, O LORD My God

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 52

278 The City Is Alive, O God
 282 O God of Every Nation
 283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
 285 Blest Be God
 288 Shalom/Bring Peace
 289 For the Healing of the Nations
 290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
 291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
 292 There Where the Judges Gather
 293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
 294 When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor
 295 Let Justice Flow
 296 We Are Called
 297 Open Our Eyes
 298 Salaam/Peace
 299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
 301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
 303 Healer of Our Every Ill

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 53

278 The City Is Alive, O God
 282 O God of Every Nation
 283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
 285 Blest Be God
 288 Shalom/Bring Peace
 289 For the Healing of the Nations
 290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
 291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
 292 There Where the Judges Gather
 293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
 294 When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor
 295 Let Justice Flow
 296 We Are Called
 297 Open Our Eyes
 298 Salaam/Peace

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299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
 301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
 303 Healer of Our Every Ill

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 54

100 Jesus, the Light of the World
 103 Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come
 278 The City Is Alive, O God
 282 O God of Every Nation
 283 O God of Love, Forever Blest
 285 Blest Be God
 288 Shalom/Bring Peace
 289 For the Healing of the Nations
 290 Hear Us, O Lord, As We Voice Our Laments
 291 How Long, O Lord, How Long
 292 There Where the Judges Gather
 293 O Great God and Lord of the Earth
 294 When Asked, Who Is My Neighbor
 295 Let Justice Flow
 296 We Are Called
 297 Open Our Eyes
 298 Salaam/Peace
 299 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
 301 How Blest Are Those Who Fear the LORD
 303 Healer of Our Every Ill

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 55

109 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
 251 The Church's One Foundation

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 56

132 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
 134 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights
 251 The Church's One Foundation
 254 For All the Saints
 351 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
 456 Shepherd Me, O God
 457 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
 458 My Times Are in Your Hands
 459 Within the Shelter of the Lord
 460 Our Eyes Are Turned
 462 O Lord, Hear My Prayer
 464 We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace
 465 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 466 Abide with Me
 467 O Christ, You Wept When Grief Was Raw
 468 I Will Rise
 469 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

484 Affirmation: Come, Lord Jesus
485 In the Day of the Lord
486 A New Heaven and Earth
487 O Day of Peace
488 Jerusalem the Golden

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 57

119 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
132 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
134 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights
251 The Church's One Foundation
254 For All the Saints
406 LORD, I Bring My Songs to You
407 If You But Trust in God to Guide You
408 What a Privilege to Carry
409 LORD, Chasten Not in Anger
410 How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord
411 Protect Me, God: I Trust in You
412 You Are My Hiding Place
413 Lord, You Are My Strength
414 All Will Be Well
415 Listen to My Cry, LORD
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418 If You Love Me
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421 Up to You I Lift My Eyes
422 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior
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424 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
425 Jesus, Priceless Treasure
426 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
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428 O Lord, Be Our Refuge
429 Don't Be Afraid
430 You Are Mine
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436 How I Love You, LORD, My God
437 Day by Day
438 Give to the Winds Your Fears
439 I Love the Lord; He Heard My Cry
440 He Leadeth Me
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442 Praise the Lord Who Heals
443 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
444 Nada te turbe/Nothing Can Trouble
445 Stand, Oh, Stand Firm
446 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
449 When Memory Fades
450 Neither Death nor Life
451 When Peace like a River
452 Pues si vivimos/When We Are Living
453 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
454 Beams of Heaven
470 View the Present Through the Promise
472 O Morning Star, O Radiant Sun
473 Come, You Thankful People, Come
477 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
478 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
480 Wait for the Lord
482 Soon and Very Soon
484 Affirmation: Come, Lord Jesus

Our World Belongs to God, Paragraph 58

132 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
134 Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights
251 The Church's One Foundation
254 For All the Saints
483 Come, We that Love the Lord
484 Affirmation: Come, Lord Jesus
489 By the Sea of Crystal
491 Hallelujah, Salvation, and Glory