

**Hymn No. 175 – “Seek Ye First”**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

3 You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!

**Hymn No. 394 – “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come, with all your loving-kindness;  
hear your people as we pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within these walls today.

3 Here bestow on all your servants  
what they seek from you to gain;  
what they gain from you, forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!

**Hymn No. 609 “Praise to God the Father”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Hymn No. 839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit washed in his blood. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

### Hymn No. 15 "All Creatures of our God and King"

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your  
gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!

### Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Send out your bread upon the waters,  
for after many days you will get it back.  
Divide your means seven ways, or even eight,  
for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.  
When clouds are full,  
they empty rain on the earth;  
whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,

in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.  
Whoever observes the wind will not sow;  
and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.  
Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know  
the work of God, who makes everything.  
In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will  
prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

## **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will  
also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under  
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in  
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.  
As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and  
increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity,  
which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the  
needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this  
ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity  
of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the  
surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!