



SUMMER WORSHIP
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

June 15, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Anderson Auditorium

GATHERING

*Opening Sentences

Psalms 124 and 46

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The Most High is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Hymn 647 Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

*Confession and Pardon

choir *all*

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord.

The musical notation is for a hymn in 4/4 time. The top staff is for the choir and the bottom staff is for the all. The lyrics are: 'We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord.' The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final cadence.

God of compassion,
you have been our help, our hope,
our shelter, our guard, our eternal home.
You alone know how often we have sinned,
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your promises.

silent prayers

choir *all*

We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord.

This is a duplicate of the musical notation block above, featuring the same 4/4 time signature, choir and all staves, and lyrics: 'We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord.'

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Welcome to Summer
Worship in Montreat.

Asterisks * invite us to
rise in spirit or body.

Words in **bold** are for
all to say or sing.

Congregational songs
are found in the pew
hymnal, *Glory to God*, or
in the order of worship.

Two songs undergird
our praise and
confession. The first, by
Henry Smith, is a
vibrant hymn of
thanksgiving; the other
is part of the chorus to a
beloved gospel hymn
by Albert A. Goodson.

This invitation to centering and listening comes from the many Celtic prayer texts by John Philip Newell. The quietly powerful music was composed last year by North Carolinian Sally Ann Morris.

Together we confess that God unites us in faith.
Together we come to know the height,
and the breadth,
and the depth of the love of Christ.
Together we are built up to the full stature of Christ.
Together we know and bear one another's burdens.
We admonish one another.
We comfort one another.
We suffer with one another.
We need one another.
We build up one another.
Together we pray.
Together we serve God in this world.
Together we fight against all
which may threaten or hinder this unity.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

"...silence may be kept..."

Dan Locklair, composer

In your compassion and love,
be present, O Christ.

*Hymn 36 For the Fruit of All Creation

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Offerings

*Hymn We've Come This Far by Faith
 all singing refrain

WE'VE COME THIS FAR

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing in His ho-ly word, He's nev-er failed me yet. Oh can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith." The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and dynamic markings. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

Don't be discouraged when trouble's in your life.
He'll bear your burdens and move all misery and strife. R

From the suite *Rubrics*, this short movement rests in stillness, inviting our prayers. Those prayers begin with a quote from Paul Claudel, French poet and playwright (1868-1955) and conclude with a hymn.

This full refrain is also found, in different form, at Hymn 656 in *Glory to God*.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

SENDING

*Hymn 747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado soy de Dios

*Benediction and Charge

*Voluntary Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob, composer

Assisting in Worship:

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Summer Singers

This hymn's energy reflects the boldness of its words, which are an expansion of the Lord's Prayer phrase (in translation) with which it ends: "Help us, O Lord, we pray to do your will today."

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