



Confession(from BCW) **God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen

(Blue Hymnal No. 579)



“I Then Shall Live” (to tune of Red 334)
Gaither

I then shall live as one who’s been forgiven;

I’ll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I’ll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who’s learned compassion;
I’ve been so loved that I’ll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another’s point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I’ll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
Your pow’r and glory, let them shine thru me.
Your Hallowed Name O may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world thru me.

“More Precious Than Silver” P1-61 DeShazo

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with you.

Lord, you gave your life as a ransom.
Lord, you came to serve, not be served.
Lord, you paid the price for our freedom
And nothing is more precious, Lord, than you.



Scripture 1 Isaiah 43:1-7 (p.1035)
Scripture 2 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p. 1462)

Faith and Engagement



“Be Thou My Vision” **No. 339**
(Blue Hymnal)

Prayers of the Pastor and the People with Praise and Thanksgiving

share briefly names & situations to lift to God in prayer – we know God is more than able to hold all we offer & God knows the details! Lord in Your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

Blessing



**“Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah (X3)
Hallelujah, Hal-le-lu-jah!”**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African-American Spiritual

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me any time and anywhere.

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me any time and anywhere.

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me any time and anywhere.
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"Be Thou My Vision" Eleanor H. Hull

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

