Sermon

"Challenges to Giving"

Hymn of Response #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Offering \*Doxology

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they too are created in your image.

Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song #379

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

\*Benediction

May the Lamb upon the throne be your shepherd, guiding you to the water of life, and wiping away every tear.

Amen!

Postlude

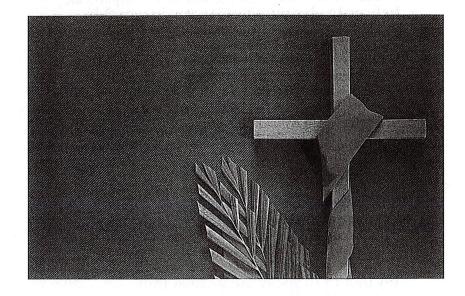
"Voluntary in D Major" by Marc Antoine Charpentier, arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-Liturgist: Heather McAdoo
AV: Bill Martz
Greeter & Fellowship Hour: Barb Cromwell

### **Winter Office Hours**

Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm office@victorpres.org Pastor Nick: Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm pastor@victorpres.org

### Pirst Presbyterian Presbyterian



First Presbyterian Church 70 East Main Street Victor, NY 14564 585-924-2289 www.victorpres.org Pastor Nick Dorland Organist Ayn Patrowicz Order of Worship 3rd Sunday of Lent \*Please stand if you are able. March 20, 2022, 10am

Prelude

"Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" by J.S. Bach

### **Welcome & Announcements**

\*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand; open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus.
You are more loving than our hearts can respond to; help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be.
You are wiser than we can know; still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.
Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak.
We worship and adore you.

\*Opening Hymn GTG #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Amen.

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you— only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Return to the Lord your God, for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. **In Christ, we are forgiven!** 

Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift! **Amen!** 

Gloria Patri #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

### Moment for All Ages

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination:**

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Scripture

Matthew 22:15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### Mark 12:41-44

### The Widow's Offering

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

### Church Calendar

Sunday, March 20th

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Fellowship Hour & Lent Book Study

7:30 pm A.A. & Al Anon

### Monday, March 21st

6:30 pm Mom Core

7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

### Tuesday, March 22th

10:00 am Free Panera

### Thursday, March 24th

6:30 pm

Lent Book Study

### Friday, March 25th

7:00 pm

A.A. Meeting

### Saturday, March 26th

5-6:30 pm

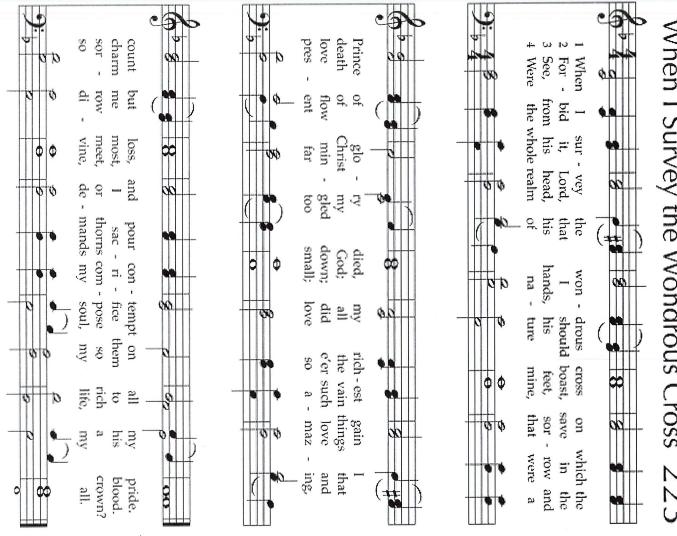
Community Dinner

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### PER CAPITA 2022

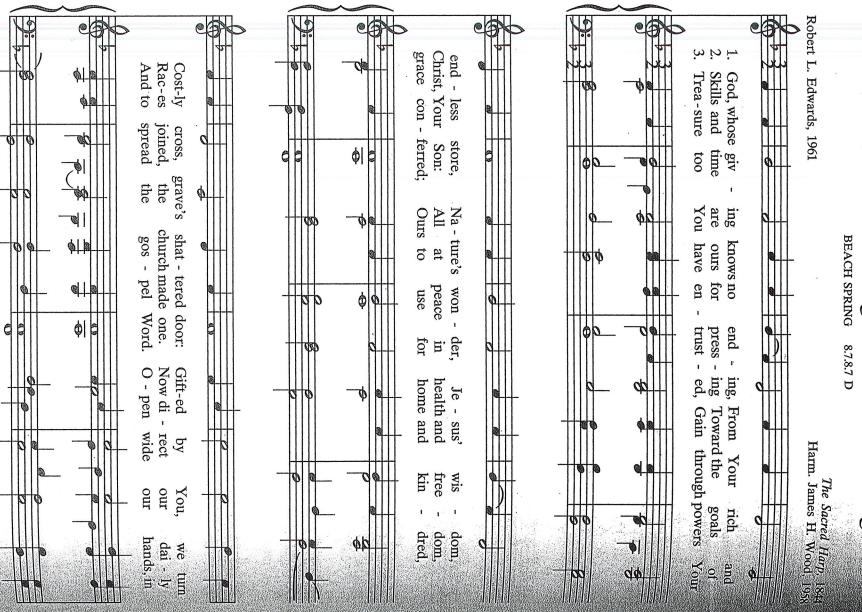
Per capita for 2022 is \$35.58 per member. Per capita is a fixed annual expense of our church to support the work of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. If possible, we ask you to please make a contribution to support these important works. Member support for this cost is greatly appreciated any time in 2022.

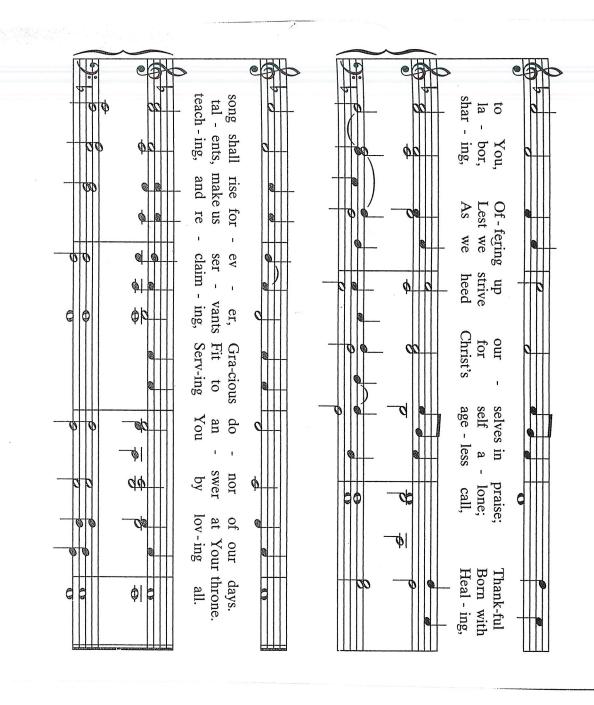
## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



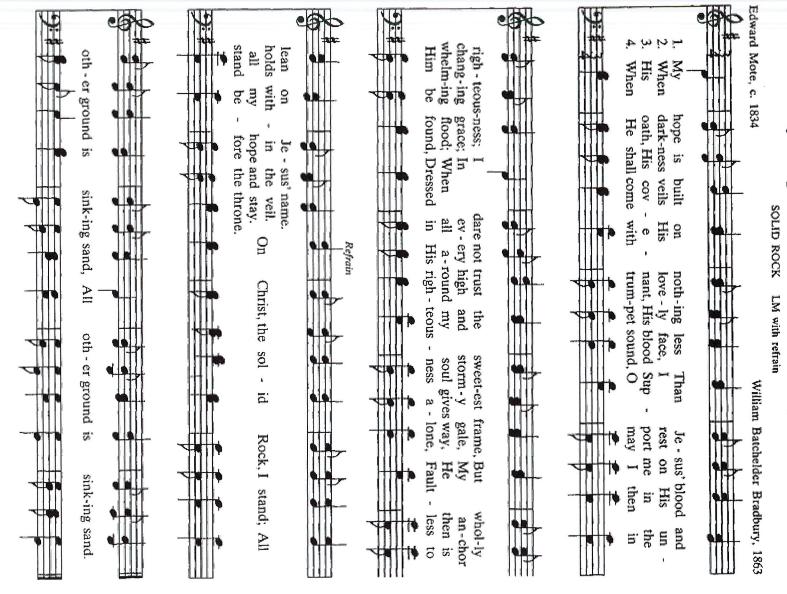
This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

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### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Alternate tune: MELITA, 562