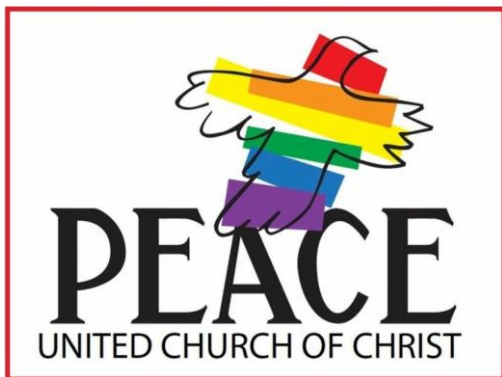




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

2 August 2026 – 10:30 AM
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE

Could It Be You
Aidan Santa Cruz • piano & vocals

Cole Porter

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love:

All: Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know:

**All: Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, seekers who yearn for fellowship in
God's beauty, truth, and peace.**

One: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

All: In you, in me, in each one of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

*HYMN 524

This Little Light

THIS JOY

*INVOCATION

One: Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts...

**All: Waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence;
Waiting to be filled through the touch of your Spirit;
Waiting to be filled by new energy for service.**

One: Come to us, we pray. Be with us and touch our lives with your loving goodness.

**All: Lead us to be your servant people, and grant us your grace to rightly worship
you here, and to act in the world in the way of Jesus Christ, Pioneer and
Perfector of our faith.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

ANTHEM

The Climb

Jessi Alexander/Jon Mabe

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Pniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

concluding with *A Prayer in the Spirit of Jesus*

One: For those who long to hear the Good News of your love,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who want for food, clothing and shelter,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For those who live with war and rumors of war,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For all who struggle for hope and meaning,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For ourselves and our loved ones,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

One: For the health of your creation,

All: Hear our prayer, O God...

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

OFFERTORY

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving

Offertory Music

Got a Penny, Benny?

Robert Sherman/Henry May

As you come forward with your offering, you are invited to gather around the table
for the Communion prayers.



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayers of Consecration

Distribution

As you partake of the sacrament, you may return to your seat

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all goodness, we thank you for the nourishment of our faith and the renewal of our lives through this Communion in Christ. So send us now into the world as instruments of your peace. Where there is hate, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. (inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1181 to October 3, 1226)

*HYMN 81

God Be with You

GOD BE WITH YOU

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Beautiful Light

Laurie Berkner

This Little Light/This Joy I Have

Matt. 5:14-16

African-American spiritual

1 This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 1 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

I am gon - na let it, let it shine,
 oh, the world did not give to me,

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 This joy . . . I have, the world did-n't give to me.

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 This . . . joy I have, the world did-n't give to me.

Hal - le-lu - jah,
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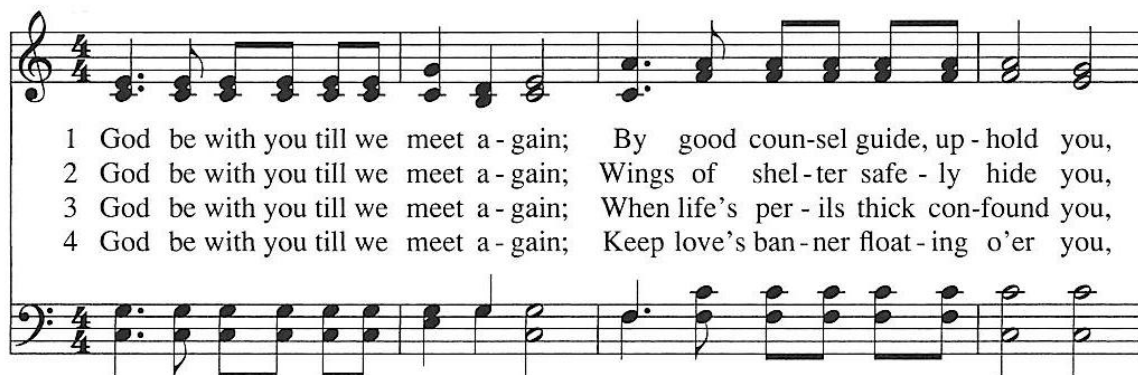
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, (oh let it shine.)
 No, the world did-n't give it, the world can't take it a - way.

The texts of these two spirituals may be used interchangeably with the tune This Joy. For an alternate version, this melody may be sung with the accompaniment of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." A more traditional setting of "This Little Light" is provided with the tune Lattimer.

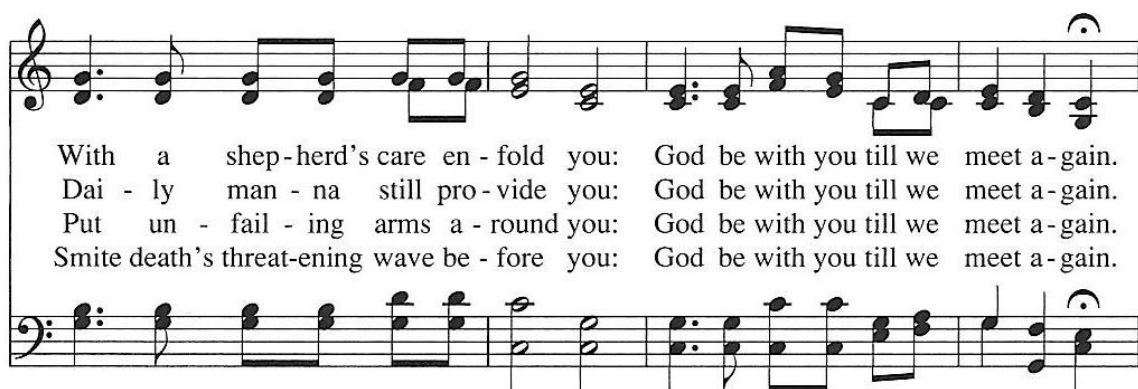
Tune: THIS JOY Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993
 See also LATTIMER

God Be with You

81

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

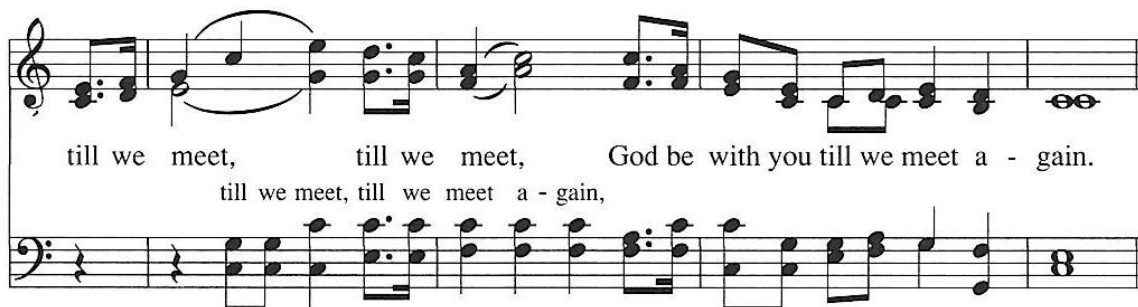


With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 Smite death's threat-en-ing wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880