


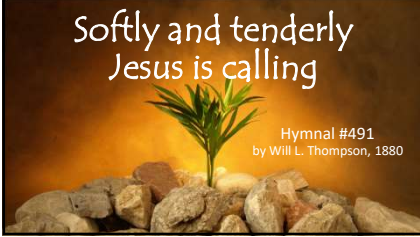
Gathered together
to worship God

March 26, 2017

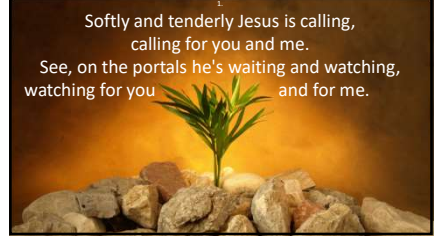


Softly and tenderly
Jesus is calling


Hymnal #491
by Will L. Thompson, 1880



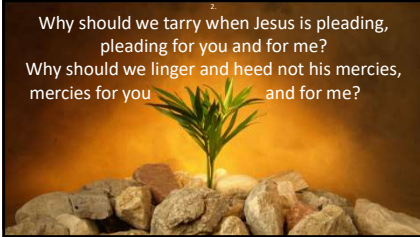
Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.



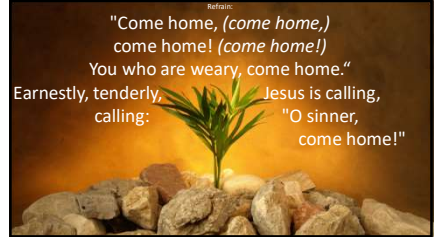
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You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling: "O sinner,
come home!"



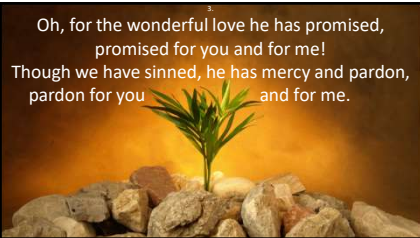
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Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?



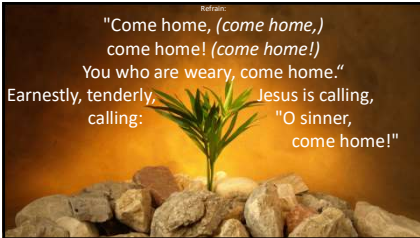
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Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

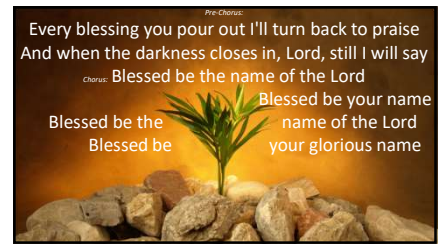
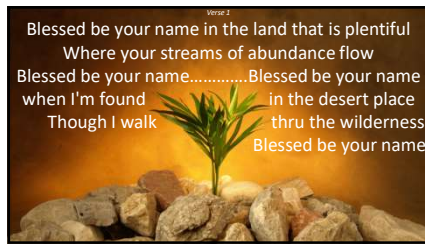
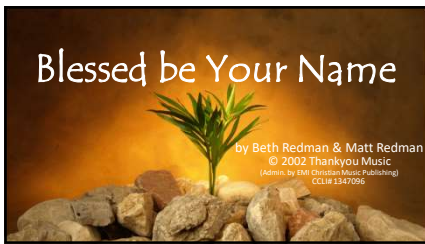
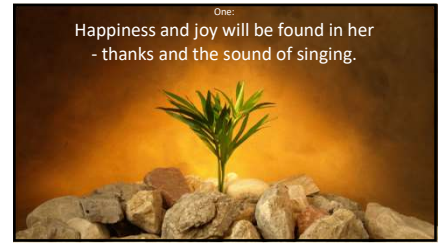
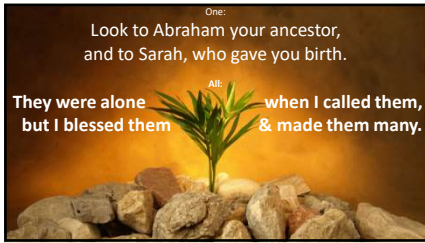
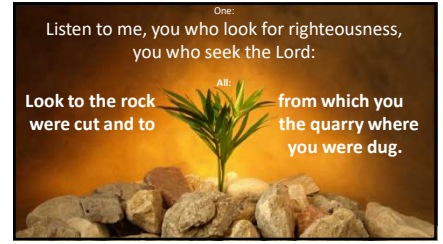
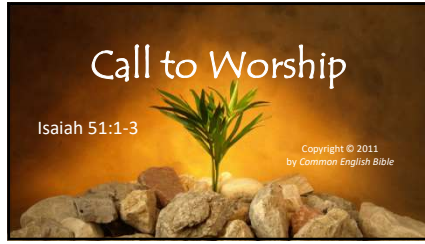


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Announcements





Verses 2

Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's "all as it should be"

Blessed be your name
on the road
Though there's

Blessed be your name
marked with suffering
pain in the offering
Blessed be your name



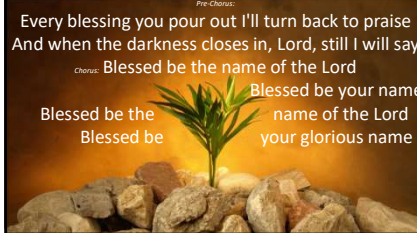
Pre-Chorus

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord

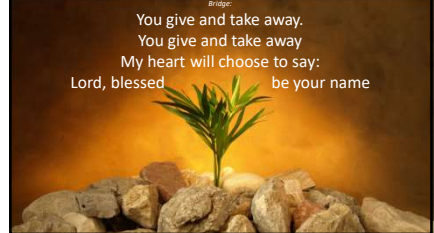
Blessed be the
Blessed be

Blessed be your name
name of the Lord
your glorious name



Bridge

You give and take away,
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessed be your name

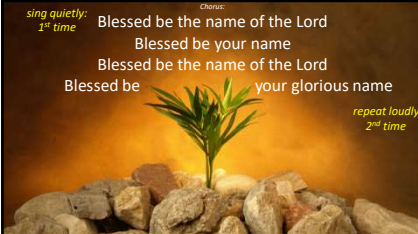


Chorus

sing quietly:
1st time

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name

repeat loudly
2nd time



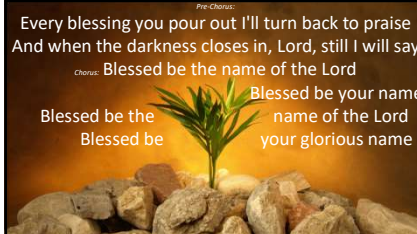
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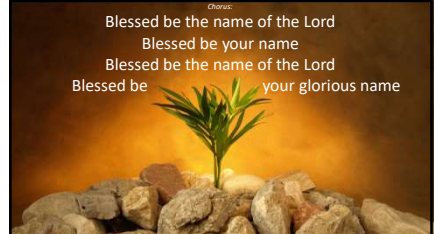
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Chorus

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Opening Prayer

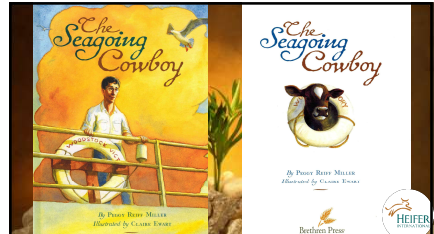
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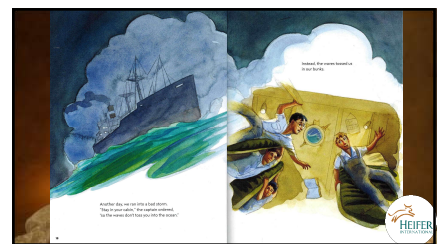
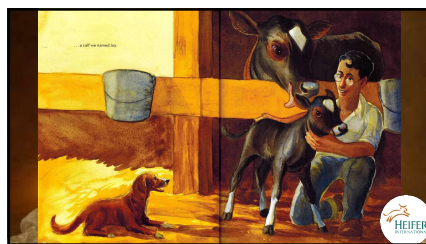
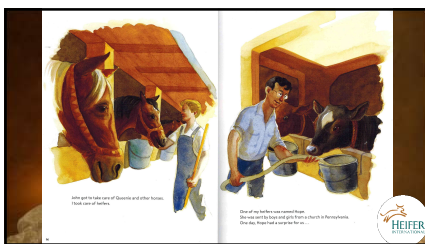
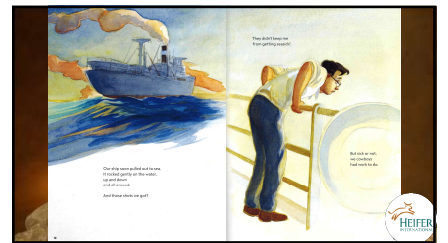
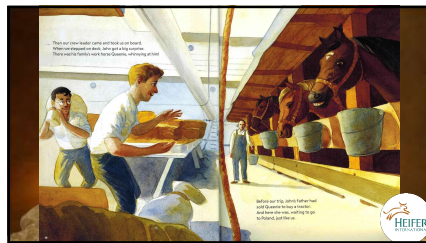
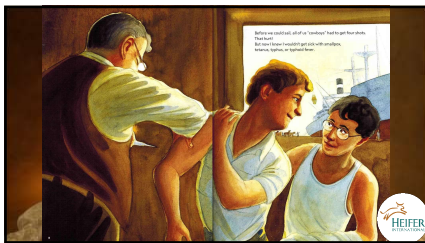
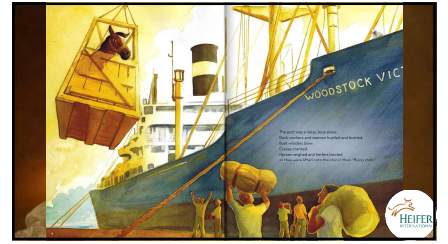
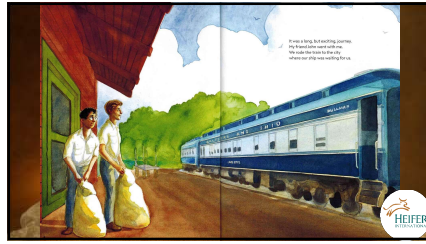
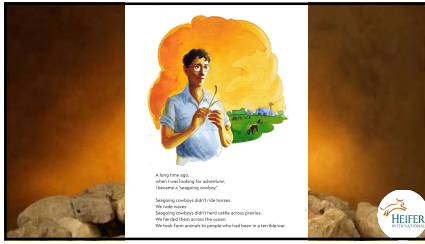
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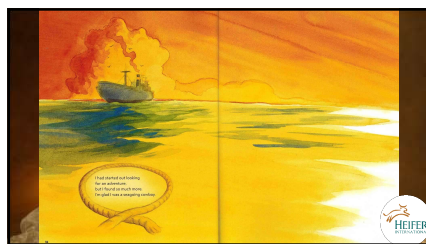
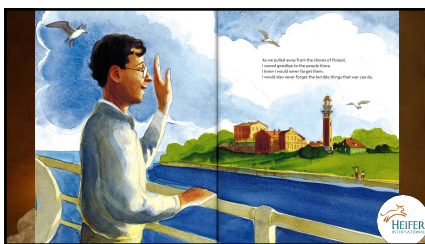
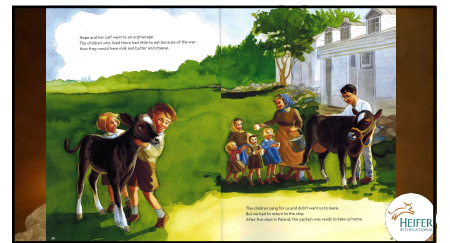
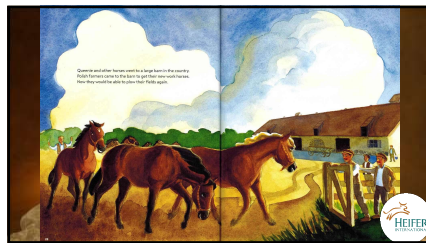
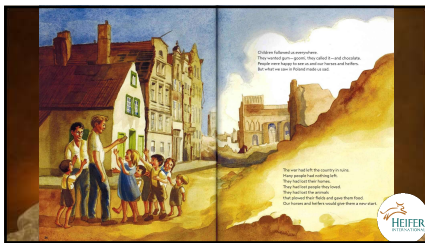
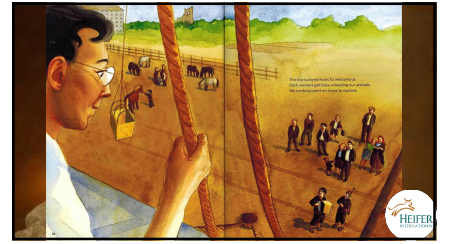
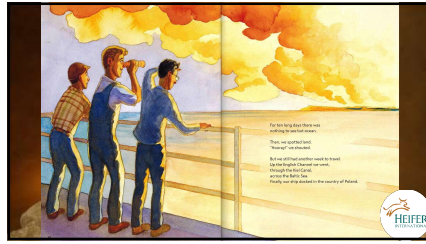
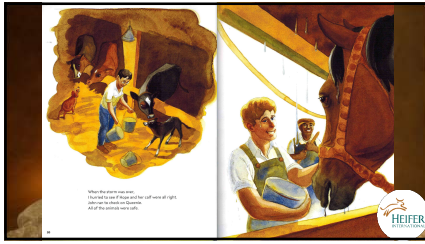


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Affirming our faith

Hymnal #710

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We affirm that the God of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob,
Miriam, Hannah, and Mary is our God.

We affirm that God in our likeness,
of a servant has come to us
taking the form
in Jesus of Nazareth.

We believe that god, in Christ, suffered the pain
and agony of the cross to provide for our salvation.

We believe that God demonstrated
power over sin and death
by raising Jesus from the dead
and declaring that the risen Christ is Lord.

God has given us new life and freedom in the
fullness of the Holy Spirit, who is the guide and
power of the community of believers.

We believe that in the end, God's rule of peace
and justice will be fully established and that
Jesus Christ will reign forever and ever.

Greetings from
the District

Brian Bachman
2017 District Conference moderator

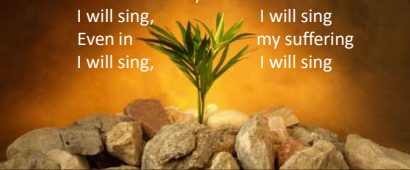
Sharing a joy,
a concern,
a word of testimony
or praise

He leadeth me

Hymnal #599
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music by William B. Bradbury, 1864

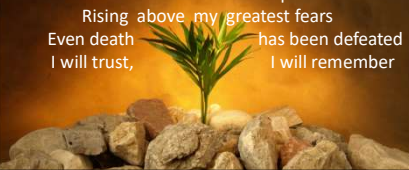
Quiet Meditation to a song

Even when my breath is weak
I will sing, I will sing
Even in my suffering
I will sing, I will sing



Quiet Meditation to a song

I need to see Your hope
Rising above my greatest fears
Even death has been defeated
I will trust, I will remember



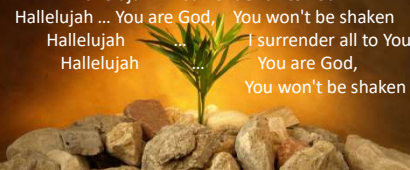
Quiet Meditation to a song

Even when the shadows fall
I will sing, I will sing
Even when the night is long
I will sing, I will sing...



Quiet Meditation to a song

Hallelujah ... I surrender all to You
Hallelujah ... You are God, You won't be shaken
Hallelujah ... I surrender all to You
Hallelujah ... You are God,
You won't be shaken



Quiet Meditation to a song

perseverance

purpose, dedication, goals, tenacity, achievement, steady, faith, success, commitment, diligence, hard work, growth, determination, focus, strength, resilience, courage, faithfulness, integrity, discipline, perseverance, purpose, dedication, goals, tenacity, achievement, steady, faith, success, commitment, diligence, hard work, growth, determination, focus, strength, resilience, courage, faithfulness, integrity, discipline, perseverance



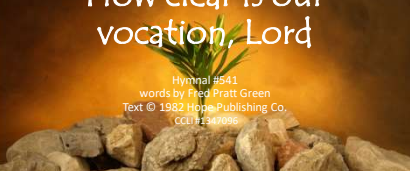
Quiet Meditation to a song

I need to see You here
I need to know You're in control
Though my heart is torn wide open
I will trust, I will remember




How clear is our vocation, Lord

Hymnal #541
words by Fred Pratt Green
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How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.



But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind,
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care,
our inward life repair.

