

Take off your sandals -
the ground where you are standing is holy.



Gathered together to worship God

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Holy Ground

(medley)

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We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that
there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
we are standing in His presence on holy ground.


(repeat)




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1.
This is holy ground;
we're standing on holy ground,
for the Lord is present and where He is is holy
This is holy ground; we're standing on holy ground,
for the Lord is present
and where He is is holy.



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2.
These are holy hands;
He's given us holy hands,
He works through these hands
and so these hands are holy.
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Announcements



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Prelude



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Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-6
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Christ is our cornerstone


Hymnal #43
words are anonymous, 6th-7th century
translated by John Chandler, 1837, alt.
music by John Darwall, 1770




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Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build.
With his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.




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Oh, then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring.
Our voices we will raise,
the Three-in-One to sing,
and thus proclaim in joyful song
both loud and long that glorious name.




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Here, gracious God, do thou
forevermore draw nigh.
Accept each faithful prayer,
and mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower on all who pray
each holy day thy blessings pour!



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Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore,
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blessed
to endless rest are called away!




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Opening Prayer




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Matthew 16:21-28

A Gospel Story

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Returning our Tithes and Offerings



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Offertory Video

Children's Disaster Services



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A prayer following a flood

by Jean Sack




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Romans 12:9-21

(a responsive reading)

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Leader:
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil,
hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honor.

People:
**Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit,
serve the Lord.**




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Leader:
Rejoice in hope,
be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.

People:
**Contribute to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers.**




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Leader:
Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.

People:
**Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.**




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Leader:
Live in harmony with one another;
do not be haughty,
but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are.

People:
**Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble
in the sight of all.**




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Leader:
If it is possible,
so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

People:
**Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave room for the wrath of God;
for it is written, "Vengeance is mine,
I will repay, says the Lord."**




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Leader:
No, "if your enemies are hungry,
feed them; if they are thirsty,
give them something to drink;
for by doing this you will
heap burning coals on their heads."

All:
**Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.**




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



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God sent his Son


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God sent his Son,
they called him Jesus,
he came to love,
heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.




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Because he lives
I can face tomorrow,
because he lives
all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.




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Pastoral Prayer

by Steve Garmaas-Holmes,
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Exodus 3:1-15

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today's message:

"Take off your sandals"



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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah


Hymnal #582
words by William Williams (1717-1791)
music by John Hughes (1873-1932)




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1
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.




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2
Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing waters flow.
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.




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3
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death & hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.



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Benediction



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Postlude



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