

William Alistair Bernard

Alistair Bernard, 30, of Leesburg, FL, formerly of Oak Park, died August 9, 2026, due to a tragic motorcycle accident. Alistair was raised in Oak Park, later moving to Wisconsin, Tennessee, and eventually central Florida.

Alistair had a keen sense of adventure and curiosity from a very young age, and possessed an extraordinary ability to put things together. At the age of 8, he replaced the water filter in his grandmother's kitchen, with no assistance. He was active in Boy Scouts and loved monthly camping trips. Much to his family's dismay, the Boys Scouts gave his fertile mind more ideas to get into mischief and blow things up. As a teenager, Alistair could be found in his clubhouse, working for hours on his motorized bicycle, fixing a lawnmower or making a potato gun. There was more than one accidental fire in that clubhouse, but always being prepared, the fire extinguisher was handy. He largely taught himself how to weld metal.

Known for his quick wit and sense of fun, Alistair lived life with enthusiasm. He was an avid gun collector, enjoying target practice, karaoke, country music, fishing, and derived great satisfaction in tinkering with anything mechanical, especially cars and motorcycles. His remarkable ability to diagnose and fix complex mechanical problems was admired by many.

Alistair attended both Oak Park and River Forest High School, and East Leyden High School, graduating in 2014. A natural at working with his hands, he embarked on a welding career for ten years. More recently, he used his skills and passion for craftsmanship towards kitchen remodeling.

Beyond his professional life, Alistair had a deep Christian faith, sparked by Young Life in High School. He was active in Absolution Anglican Church of Leesburg, Florida, where he found a community sharing his beliefs and values.

Survivors include his parents, Thomas (Krys) Bernard of Tennessee, Amy (Michael) Hasegawa of Oak Park; siblings R. Spencer Bernard, J. Clayton (Jaime) Bernard, and Clara Bernard; grandparents George and Shelly Uslenghi, Frances Spencer of Hawaii; as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial gifts may be made to:

*Young Life Oak Park-River Forest and
Absolution Anglican Church of Leesburg, Florida*

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Memorial Service

William Alistair Bernard

May 22, 1996–August 9, 2026



First Presbyterian Church of River Forest
Saturday, October 24, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Order of Service

October 24, 2026

Gathering Music

Mike Moore, bagpipes

Prelude

Jane Holstein, organ

***Processional Hymn** Lord of All Hopefulness

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Donna Marsh

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
you see us as we are,
and you know our innermost thoughts.
We forget that all life comes from you
and to you all life returns.
We have not always sought or done your will.
Forgive us, we pray, and
renew our hearts and spirits
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:8–12

***Hymn** Be Still, My Soul John Mohan, trumpet

Scripture Readings Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 R. Spencer Bernard
 Psalm 23 Clara Bernard
 John 14:1–3 J. Clayton Bernard

Homily

Rev. Christian Dove

***Hymn** He Leadeth Me

Communion

Rev. Marsh

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Words of Institution

Distribution Music The Lord Is My Shepherd *Goodall*
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Dove

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Doxology** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Benediction

Rev. Dove

Postlude

Amazing Grace!

Mike Moore, bagpipes

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical score for 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow'. The score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.'

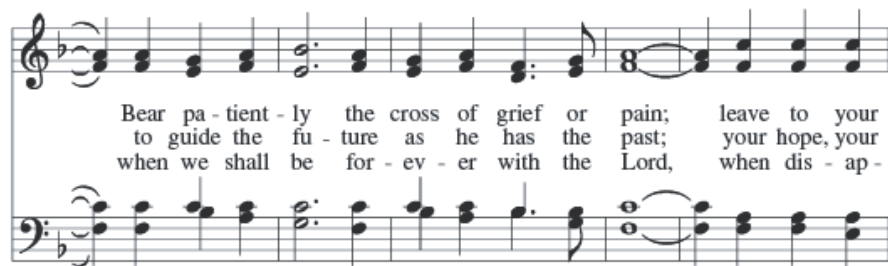
Lord of All Hopefulness

Musical score for 'Lord of All Hopefulness'. The score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: '1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,
whose trust, ev - er child - like no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,
be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, your
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, your
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, your
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, your
bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.'

Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!
 2 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



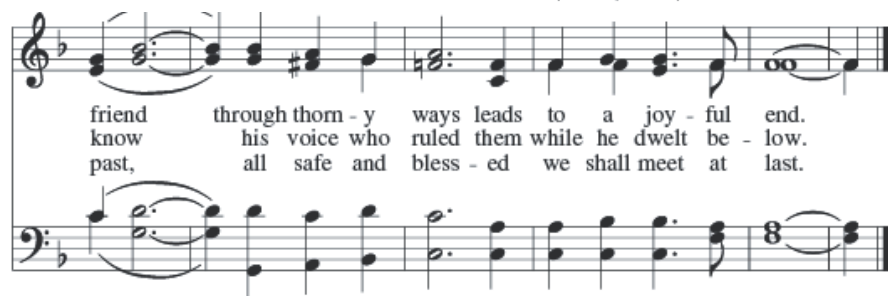
Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -



God to or - der and pro - vide— in ev - ery change he
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake— all now mys - te - rious
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

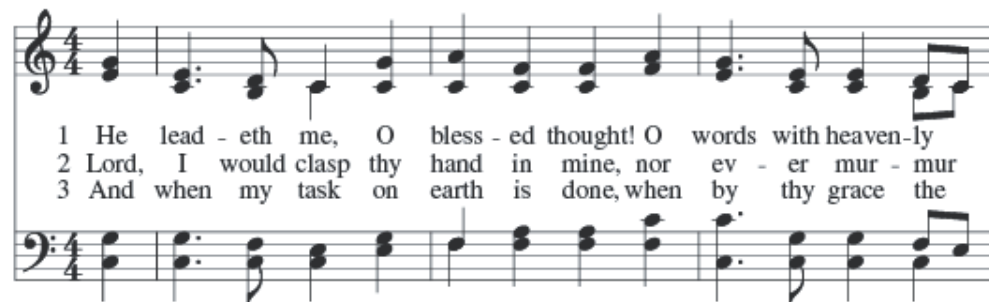


faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

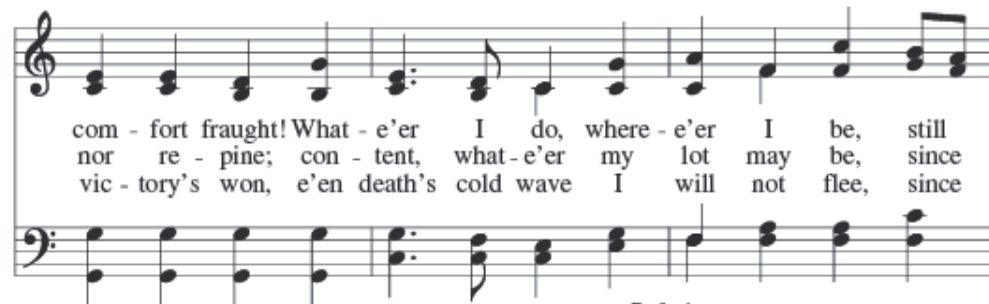


friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

He Leadeth Me



1 He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought! O words with heaven - ly
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur
 3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the



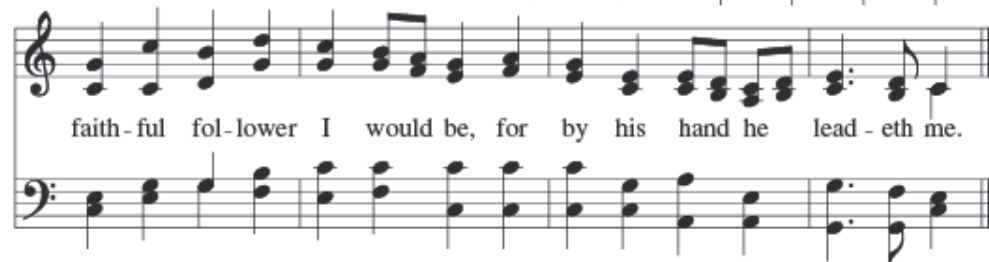
com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still
 nor re - pine; con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since
 vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since



Refrain
 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 'tis my God who lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he
 God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his



faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.