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My Prayer For Hope

Hello Friends,

Music has been a big part of my life. I miss singing in church very much! It's not the same on Zoom because I cannot hear all your beautiful voices blend together. Today, I decided to turn to our hymn books and look for hope. This is what I found by just randomly opening up the pages. A number of these hymns are new to me and the tune is not familiar, but I like to read the words slowly and let them sink in.

God, like a bakerwoman, you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. (VU 587)

Stay with us through the night. Stay with us through the pain. Stay with us, blessed stranger till the morning breaks again. (VU182)

Our help comes from God the maker of heaven and earth. (VU Psalm 124)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! (VU 664)

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him – give my heart. (VU 55)

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing, for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing. (MV 143)

Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire; strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire. Burn away the structures and consume the sham of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name! (MV 23)

We will take what you offer, we will live by your word; we will love one another and be fed by you, Lord. (MV196)

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand" (VU Psalm 91)

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (VU 974)

Grace and peace to you,
Roger Hyatt

*"Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life."*

