



HYMN OF THE MONTH – September 2018

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

Reginald Heber was born in 1783 to a wealthy family in west England. Reginald attended Oxford and won several awards for poetry before he became rector for his father's church

He wrote hymns to improve the singing of his small congregation near Birmingham, England. “Holy, Holy, Holy,” and “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken” are among some of his creations.

He was the first to compile a hymnal ordering hymns around the church calendar. Wanting to celebrate a triune God, Heber wrote “Holy, Holy, Holy” for Trinity Sunday—a day that reaffirmed the doctrine of the Trinity and was observed eight Sundays after Easter.).

John Dyke composed the hymn tune, which he named Nicea, after the church council which established the doctrine of the Trinity in 325. John had been a church organist since he was ten-years-old and was co-founder and president of the Cambridge University Musical Society. The hymn was published in 1826.

When Rev. Heber was 40 years old, he reluctantly left England to begin service as Bishop of Calcutta, India. The scope of the job combined with the hot climate and primitive conditions, proved too much for Bishop Heber. He died at the age of 43 after serving only three years in India.

“Heber was impressed by the holiness of God. Whether in England, with the prevalence of vice, or in Calcutta, where people worshiped idols, he would often write “Only Thou art holy.” Based on the words of Revelation 4:8, he used the symbolism of three repeatedly throughout his hymn: God is “holy, merciful and mighty,” he’s “perfect in power, in love and purity,” he’s worshiped by saints, cherubim, and seraphim, and he’s praised “in earth and sky and sea.”

Through these consistent units of three, this hymn describes and worships God in three persons. Alfred Lord Tennyson felt “Holy, Holy, Holy” was the world’s greatest hymn. It truly does call us to worship our God, falling down before him with those who sing in Revelation 4:8, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

Resources: sermonwriter.com, godtube.com, elev8.hellobeautifful.com, wikipedia.com

Tuna and Mac & Cheese for LAMB House

The LAMB House Thrift Store is a great place to shop for stylish clothing and other items at very reasonable prices — many clothing items sell for just 50 cents! Everybody is welcome at **90 Morgan Street** (the street at the west end of the United Methodist Church on Highway 54.) Shopping at LAMB House is one way of supporting the service ministry of LAMB House.

LAMB House sales and cash donations from the community enable LAMB House to serve around 500 families each month — people who need help paying a utility bill, who have been evicted from their home, those who need food or clothing, or who have experienced a crisis like a house fire. These are the families you support when you shop at, or give money, used clothing, or food items to LAMB House. In Matthew 25:35-40, Jesus said when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and provide clothing to those who need it, it is as if we are giving to Jesus himself.

The food that LAMB House distributes to those in need comes from people who want to help assure that no one in this community is without food. **In general, almost any food item can be donated.** Bread, eggs, and meat are donated by local merchants. Canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese, powdered milk, jelly, and boxes of pudding and gelatin mix are especially useful.

In an effort to assure these basics are always in stock, the churches who support LAMB House divided up those basics. CCC was assigned canned tuna and boxed macaroni & cheese, as our items of special request. We have a goal of **20 cans of tuna, and 20 boxes of mac & cheese per month.** Food items for LAMB House may be left in the designated clear plastic tub in Fellowship Hall. Starting with next month's newsletter, we will provide a report (on page 4 --with other LAMB statistics) on how well we are meeting this goal.

This goal is not meant to discourage you from giving other food items. All donations are appreciated. But if you are buying food for LAMB House, it helps to know what to buy.

We are grateful for CCC's continuing support of the work of LAMB House.