



JULY HYMN OF THE MONTH

All Praise to God for Song God Gives

This hymn was written in 1986 as a collaboration between Carlton C. Buck, author, and Dale Wood, composer. Both are contemporary American Hymn writers. The words praise God for the gift of music.

"All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives;
God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound.
God gave us music, gave us voice; sing alleluia and rejoice!
We lift in faith secure and strong the sacred word through sacred song."

Carlton Buck, who wrote these words, was born in 1907 in Salina, Kansas, but lived the majority of his adult life on the west coast. He served as pastor of various Christian Churches in Southern California before moving to Eugene, Oregon, where he served as Pastor of the First Christian Church until 1960.

He is the author of three books, and of numerous sacred songs; and was a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers. He is the author of the Hymn Society's "O Master Teacher, Teach us Now" in *Fifteen New Christian Education Hymns*, and "Bless Thou Our Christian Homes, O Lord" in *Marriage and Family Life Hymns*.

The beautiful melody of this hymn was composed by Dale Wood who has been called one of the most prominent composers of church music in the 20th century.

His career began at the age of 13 when he won a national hymn writing competition for the American Lutheran Church. Over eight million copies of his published works have since been sold throughout the world, and performances have been noted in 59 foreign countries in recent years.

His hymns and canticles are found in the Lutheran Book of Worship, Worship II, Seventh Day Adventist Hymnal, The Presbyterian Hymnal, The United Methodist Hymnal, the Moravian Book of Worship, the Chalice Hymnal, and several hymnal supplements.

The conductor of the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra, Earl Bernard Murray, paid tribute to the music of Dale Wood by saying, "No conductor in the world could have had more beautiful music to premiere. His pen has been a fountain of joyful song. His music won't let go of us."

woodworks.mcn.org/Pages/bio.htm; www.choristersguild.org/document//325; hymnary.org/text

Intergenerational Wednesday Night Fellowship
May 24 to August 16 (Wednesdays)
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm EVERY Wednesday

******EVERYONE IS WELCOME******



5:00 pm Meal
5:25 pm Devotion
Games, Gym time, Conversation until 7:00 pm
******EVERYONE IS WELCOME******

I ♥
MY
CHURCH

