

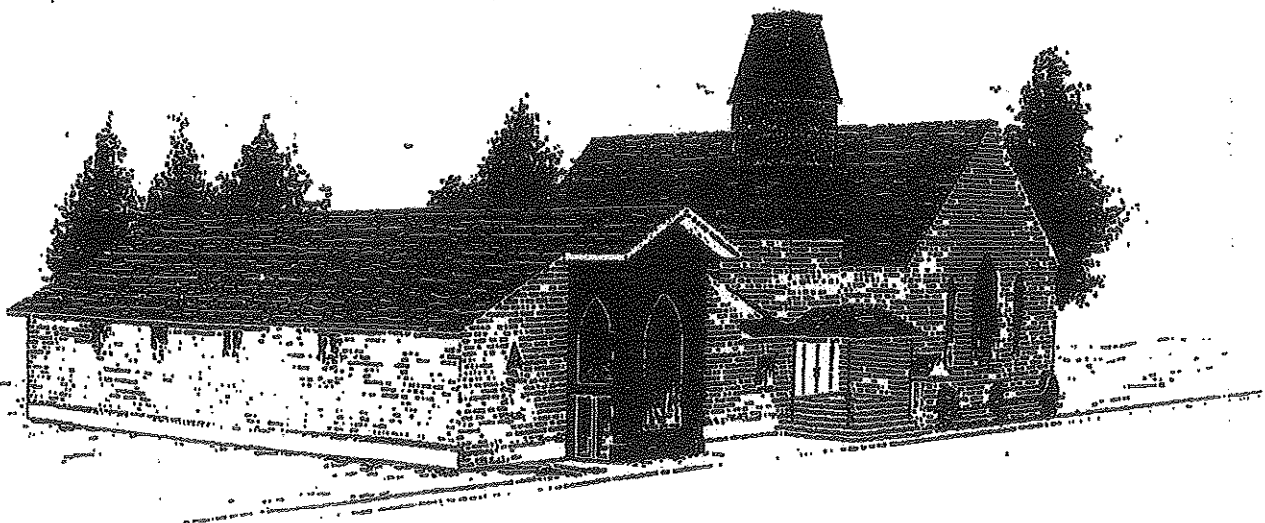
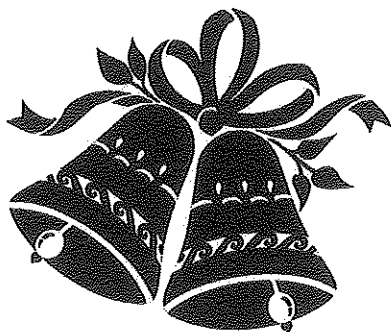
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## Story behind the song: 'Here I Am to Worship'

Tim Hughes is an extraordinary individual. God has blessed his submissive spirit and carried him to great heights as a worship leader, teacher, singer and author. His song, spoken about in this article, has become one of the top 20 songs being sung in churches across America today.

Hughes was born into a pastor's home in High Wycombe, a small town just outside of London. His parents, John and Annie Hughes, made sure that Tim and his two younger brothers had opportunities to learn music.

Tim, in an interview said, "It was also during my 16th year that the worship pastor at my dad's church asked me to get involved in the music ministry, playing guitar and singing background vocals. As I grew older, I began to lead worship occasionally in the church services. Then the worship pastor moved to another location, and I took over the leading of a large portion of the worship in church."

I asked Tim to tell me about the writing of his famous song, "Here I Am to Worship."

Following is his story:

"I began to read several scriptures but seemed to concentrate on Philippians, chapter 2 - about Christ's humility and how he took upon himself the attitude of a servant and how he humbled himself and became obedient unto death on a cross. I was challenged with the wonder of who God really is and his sacrifice for us."

"I sat down in my room and began worshipping him as a response to those thoughts. It was then that the initial inspiration of the song came. I began, 'Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness ...' and on and on until I had two verses finished. I then put them aside."

"About six months later, I thought of the verses again and said to myself, 'I really do need to finish that song.' I began flipping through ideas of melodies and lyrics that I had written. I came across a melody that I had saved, which sounded quite simple, and yet the feeling I sensed as I played it seemed to

compliment my verses perfectly. I wanted the chorus to be a response to our Lord's amazing sacrifice."

"I began to ask, 'How are we going to respond to that great happening? Do we bow down? Do we scream out? How do we say, 'You are altogether lovely. You are worthy?' As I finished the song, I finally felt as if the pieces had all come together and it all was complete."

"Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you

Hope of a life spent with you

"So here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that you're my God

"And you're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Here I am to worship."

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name, which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." -

Philippians 2:9-11

Taken from the St. Augustine Record  
May 13, 2016

## Announcements

**DIACONATE:** TBA.

**TRUSTEE'S:** Will meet on August 23, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Rose Room

**REMINDER:** All contributions for the CHIMES newsletter are due to the Office by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month.

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

	January-June
General Fund	Income \$32,773.11
	Expense \$ 39,334.70

### Monthly Budget \$7,026.50

June
4,909.00
5,744.70

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### BIRTHDAYS

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8- Bev Hilton  
15- Jackie Cunningham  
16- Tim Hilton,  
17- Tari Woods  
18- Lily Jean Ernst  
25- Pam Keast, Cora Sue Hirschuber  
31- Austin Kendell

15- Scott & Peggy Whitney  
21- Ron & Alice Craven

Seward Congregational Church  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 21,2023

**Meeting** was called to order by Peggy Whitney at 6:34 pm.

**Present** were Peggy Whitney, Brenda Van Hauen, Effie Hoppe, Dick Remer, and Pastor Joel Hicke. Absent were Maury Daubs and Matt Cowman.

**Opening Prayer** was offered by Pastor Joel.

**Minutes** from the May 2023 meeting were read. Effie made a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Brenda, and the motion carried.

**Finance** reports were given by Effie and Brenda. Dick made a motion to accept these reports, Peggy seconded, and the motion carried.

**Pastor** report. Pastor Joel asked if the church would pay for Cathy to attend the Annual Gathering—in the amount of \$315. Effie made a motion to do so, Peggy seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Pastor Joel also requested the 9<sup>th</sup> of July off as a vacation day, then they will be gone from July 10<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Gathering, returning home in the evening of July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Old business**

Information regarding placing the church on the historical registry, the Winnebago County Fair and the People Mover, and information about the Lions Club were all tabled until the July meeting. Matt came and fixed a couple boards on the deck at the parsonage that were loose. At the end of the meeting, the trustees came over to the parsonage to look at the deck so that we could decide what would be the best avenue for repairing the deck would be.

**New business**

The north door on the church was locked and the keys would not work for a couple of days. We had Spinello's replace the door handle and make sure that the existing keys would still work in the new one. That was a cost of \$209. Dick introduced a discussion regarding purchasing a defibrillator to put in the church in case of emergency. **There was discussion about having people trained to use it.** We are to check on prices. There was a suggestion that some of the memorial money could maybe be used for the purchase. There was a discussion about the new electric service provider for Seward township. Brenda made a motion to opt out, Dick seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Dick, seconded by Brenda, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**The next** meeting will be July 19, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hicke

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26
27 Communion	28	29	30	31		