

# UUFH Hymns

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## Hymn #143: "Not in Vain the Distance Beacons"

Words: Alfred Lord Tennyson, Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Not in vain the distance beacons. Forward, forward let us range.  
Let the great world spin forever down the ringing grooves of change;  
through the shadow of the globe we sweep ahead to heights sublime,  
we, the heirs of all the ages, in the foremost files of time.

Oh, we see the crescent promise of that spirit has not set;  
ancient founts of inspiration well through all our fancies yet;  
and we doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs,  
and the thoughts of all are widened with the process of the suns.

Yea, we dip into the future, far as human eye can see,  
see the vision of the world, and all the wonder that shall be,  
hear the wardrum throb no longer, see the battle flags all furled,  
in the parliament of freedom, federation of the world.



## Hymn #1002: "Comfort Me" by Mimi Bornstein-Doble

Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul (2x)  
Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul (2x)



## Hymn #1028: "The Fire of Commitment"

By Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

*Chorus:* When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty. *Chorus*

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice. *Chorus*



## Hymn #402: "From You I Receive" by Joseph & Nathan Segal

From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live. (2x)