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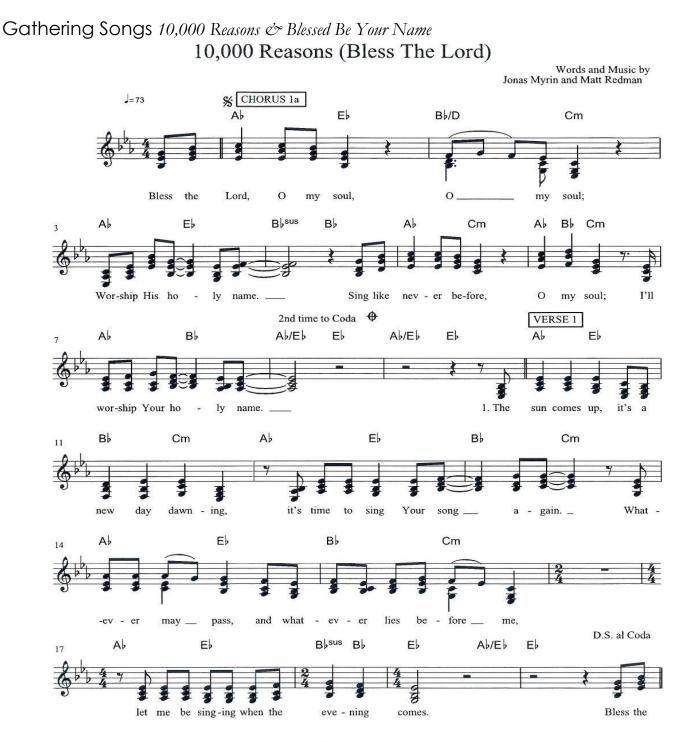
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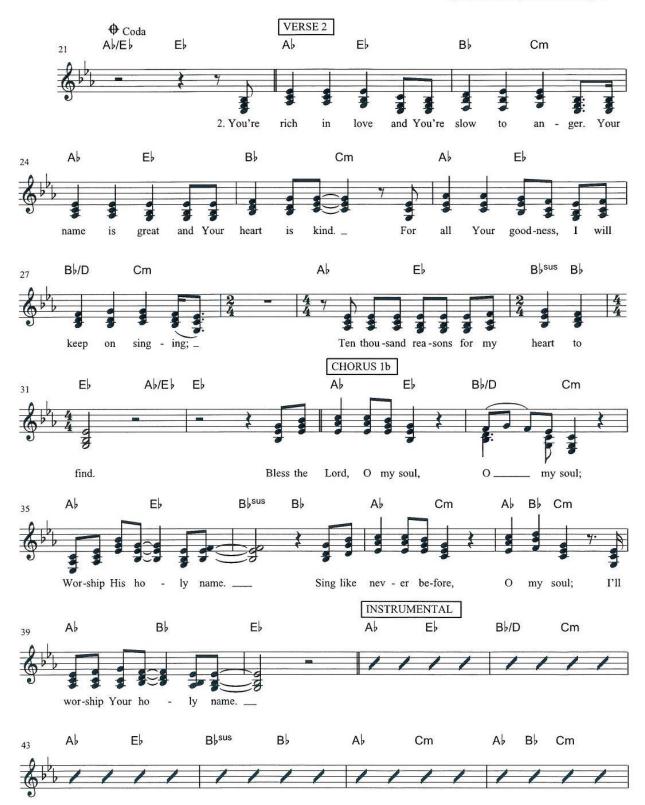
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# Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship



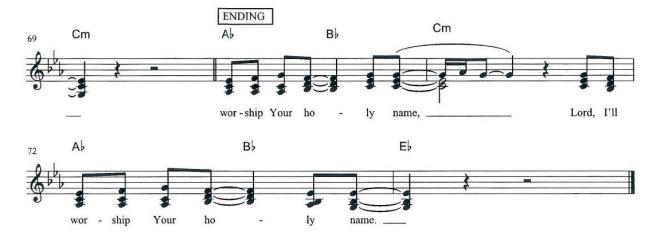
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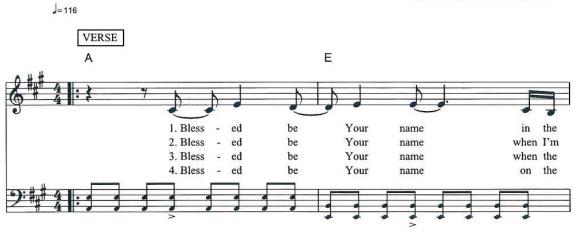
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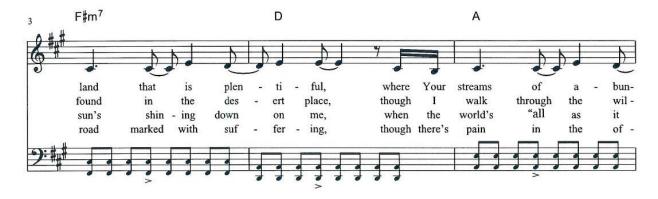


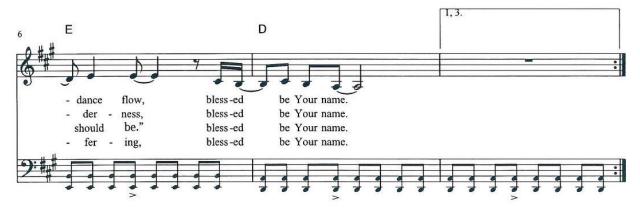


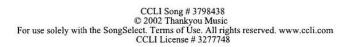
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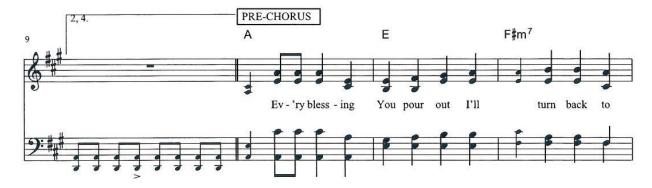
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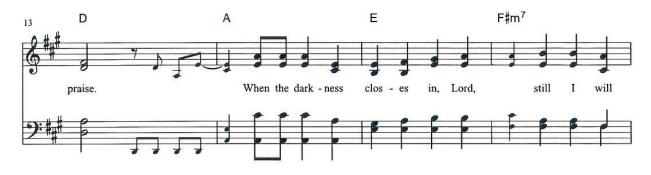


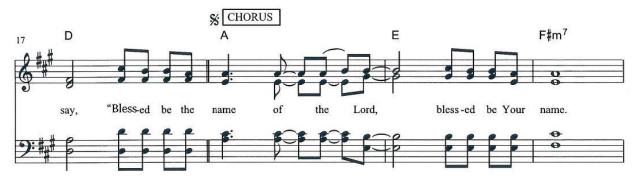


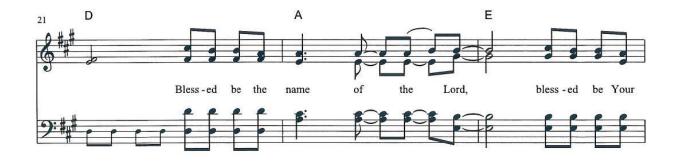






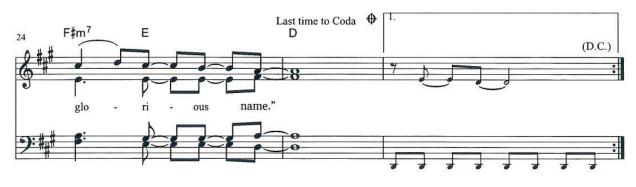


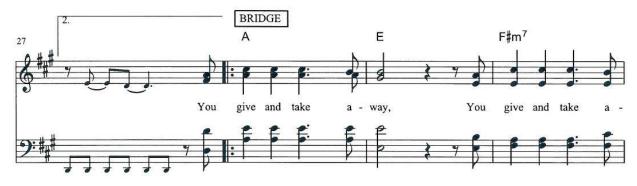


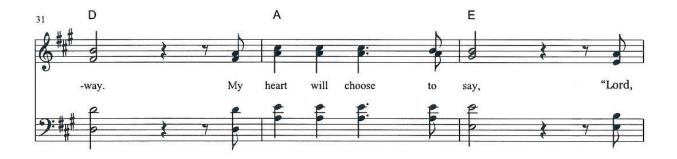


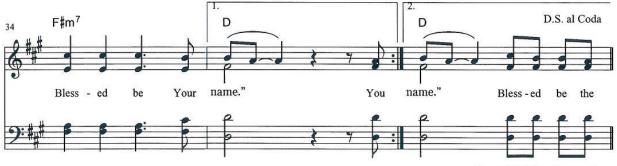
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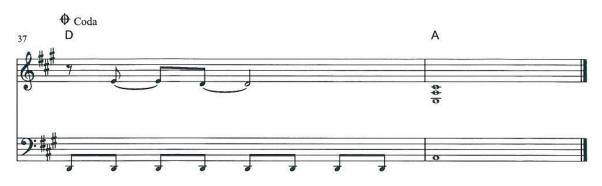








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### Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

Blessing of Bibles

Children + Youth Help Introduce the Day

#### No Longer Strangers Prayer

Creator God, You created all of creation in your image. Help us to see you in everyone we meet: the stranger the enemy, so that we may learn to love in new ways. Amen.

#### Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. 'Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. You're new to me.'' OR 'Can I introduce myself to you?'' are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise Blessed Be Your Name

Confession In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

God of all mercy and consolation,

Help us. Turn us toward you, remind us that you created us and all of creation. Give us the power to confess and open our arms to receive your Good News. Amen.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection. Generous, Re-creating God, Help us. We turn inward, we forget to love, we decide not to love, we keep who you created us to be pent up, reigned in. Forgive us. Forgive us for the things we don't do and the things we do. Forgive us for portioning off our hearts instead of loving with the whole thing. Forgive us for not acting like the Children of God you created us to be.

Hear this Good News: God does not define you by your mistakes. God calls you and claims you as a Child of God. You are forgiven. You are, once and for all, a Child of God. **Thank you, God!** 

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all **And also with you.** 

#### KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)





#### Prayer of the Day

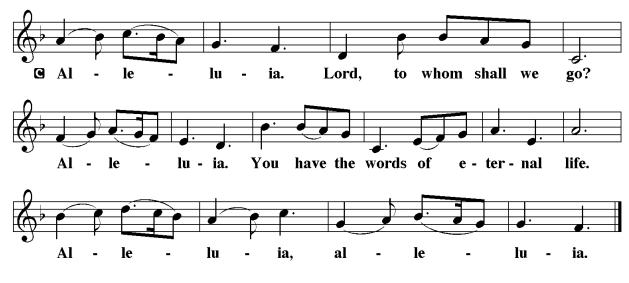
Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Loving God, you have offered us the richness of your blessings. Come to us in our dreams and show us how to bless the world because of you. Amen.

# The Story

**READER**: Today, our story and God's story is found in the book of Genesis chapter 27, verses 1 through 4 and 15 through 23, and chapter 28, verses 10 through 17.



Pronunciation Guide: Beer-sheba: BEE-er-SHEE-buh

Haran: HAY-ruhn

Reader, Side 1, Side 2, LORD

READER: When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." He said,

ISAAC (Side 1): "See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die."

READER: Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob; and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food, and the bread that she had prepared, to her son Jacob. So he went in to his father, and said,

JACOB (Side 2): "My father";

READER: And he said,

ISAAC (Side 1): "Here I am; who are you, my son?"

READER: Jacob said to his father,

JACOB (Side 2): "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me."

READER: But Isaac said to his son,

ISAAC (Side 1): "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?"

READER: He answered,

JACOB (Side 2): "Because the Lord your God granted me success."

READER: Then Isaac said to Jacob,

# ISAAC (Side 1): "Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not."

READER: So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said,

ISAAC (Side 1): "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

READER: He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said,

LORD: "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

READER: Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said,

#### JACOB (Side 2): "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!"

READER: And he was afraid, and said,

JACOB (Side 2): "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

READER: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

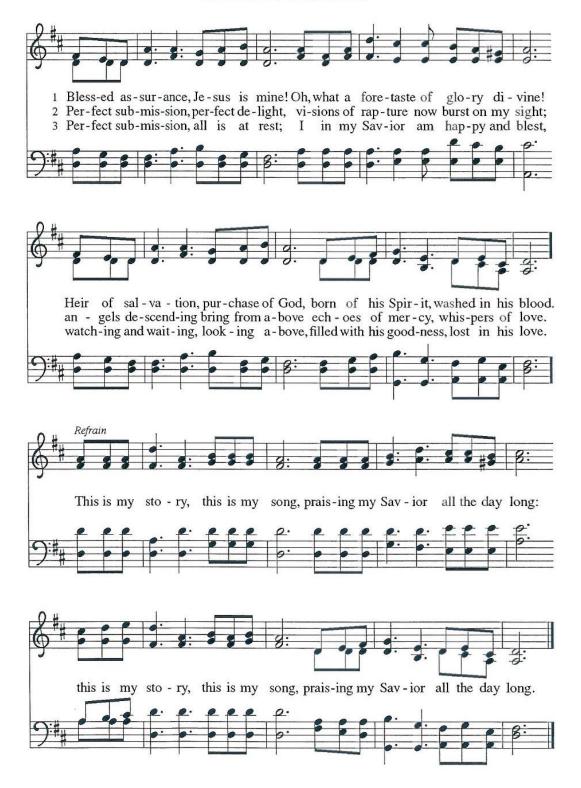
Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

#### Music After Sermon Blessed Assurance

Please write your prayer requests as we sing together. The people who will pray your prayers will pick them up from you.

**Blessed Assurance** 



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908 Prayers of the People Prayers will be written on papers or texted by the people and prayed out loud, anonymously, by two people from the congregation. After 3-4 prayers are read, the reader of the prayers will say Pray-er: God of love,

ALL: Hear our prayers.

**The Meal** 

#### Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive. The watering can is for Laundry Love. The Backpack is for pudding for Common Cup and the Backpack program.

Offering Song We Are An Offering



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### Thanksgiving for Gifts

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

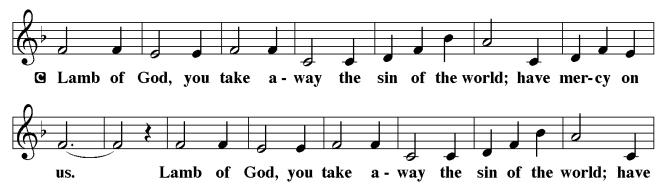
#### Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

The Lord is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Sing Lamb of God again.

#### The Lord's Prayer

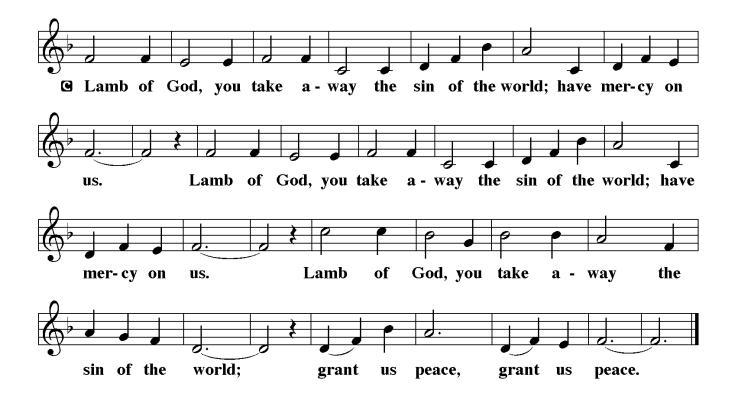
You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Communion Songs Lamb of God, Blest Are They & Blest Be the Tie that Binds



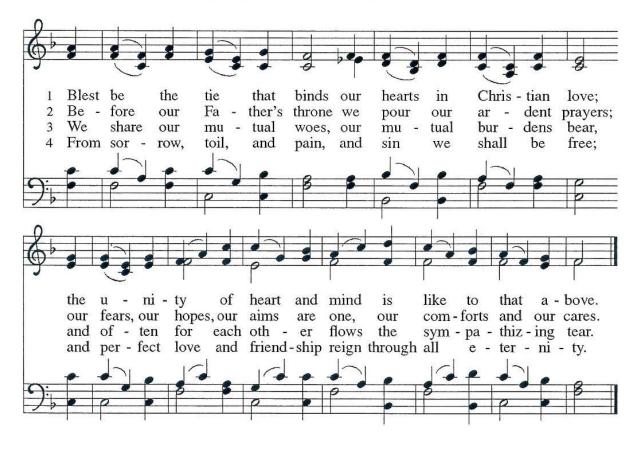
#### Blest Are They



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# Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

#### Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. Amen.

#### Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen

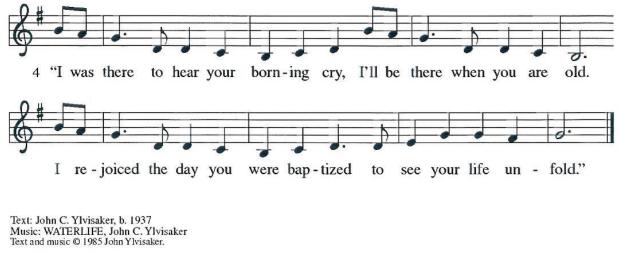
# **The Sending**

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

### Purpose Sightings

#### MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones-a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share." After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!"



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#### Blessing Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

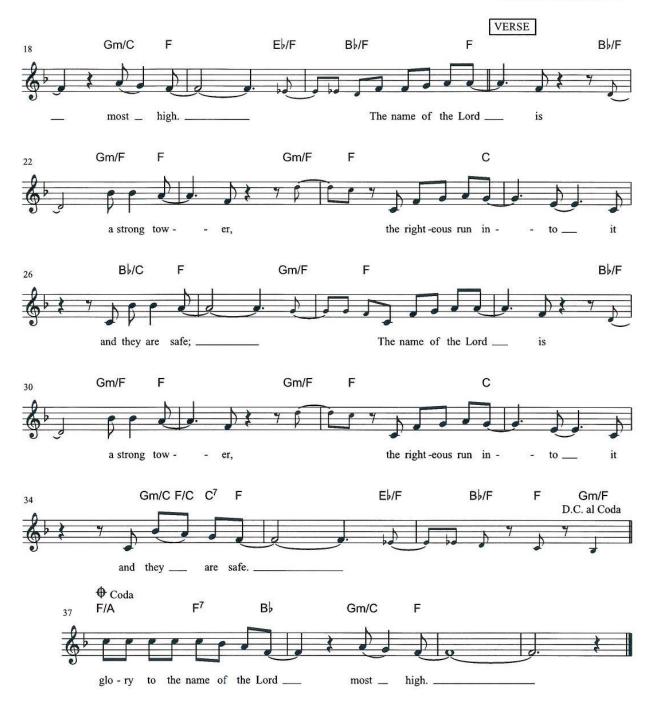
Sending Song The Name of the Lord

#### The Name Of The Lord

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Go in peace, share the hope of Jesus! Thanks be to God!

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