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1st Sunday After Pentecost
May 27, 2018
Sunday Worship at 10:30am

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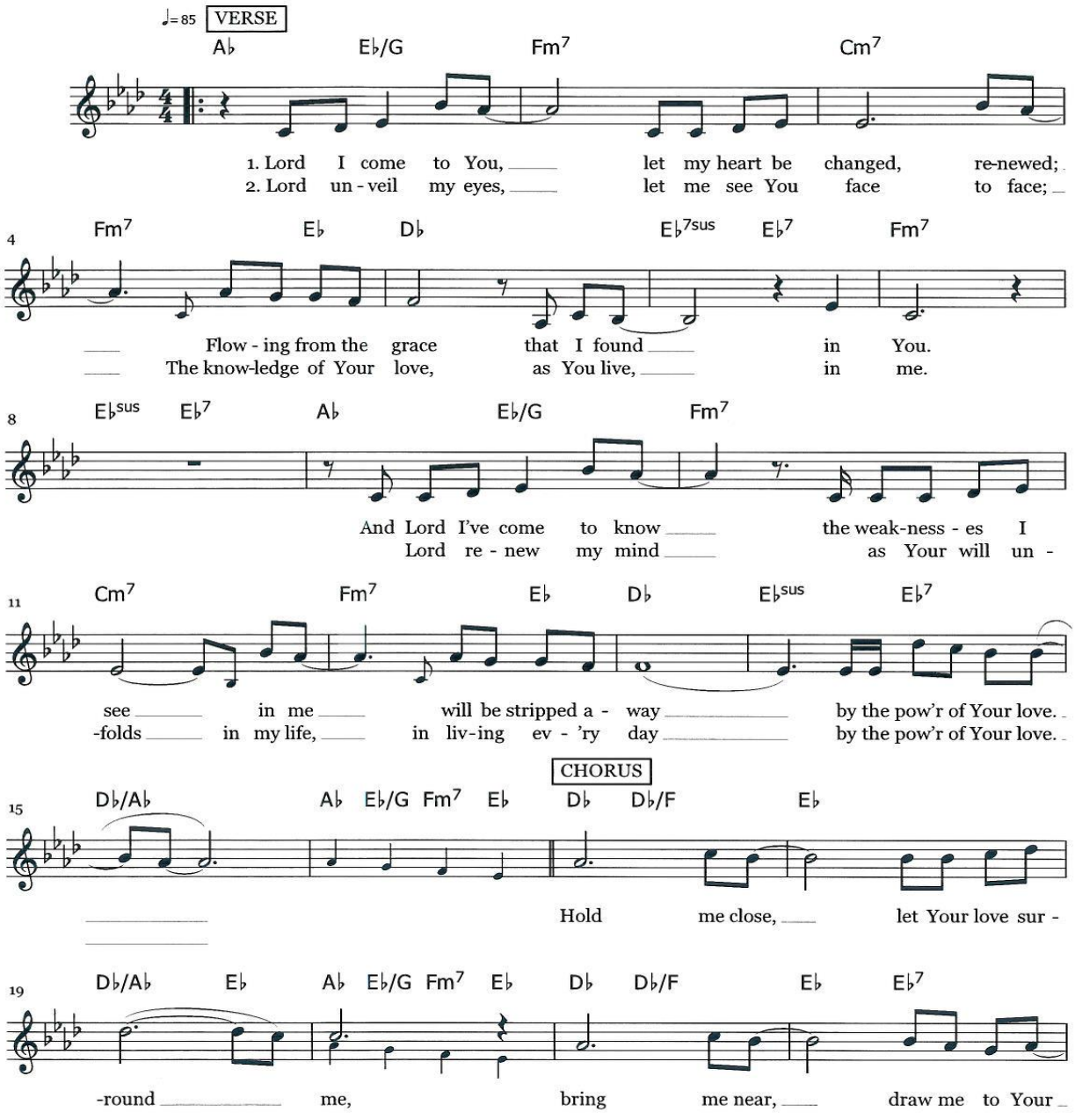
GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs “The Power of Your Love” & “Love Come Down”

The Power Of Your Love

Words and Music by
Geoff Bullock



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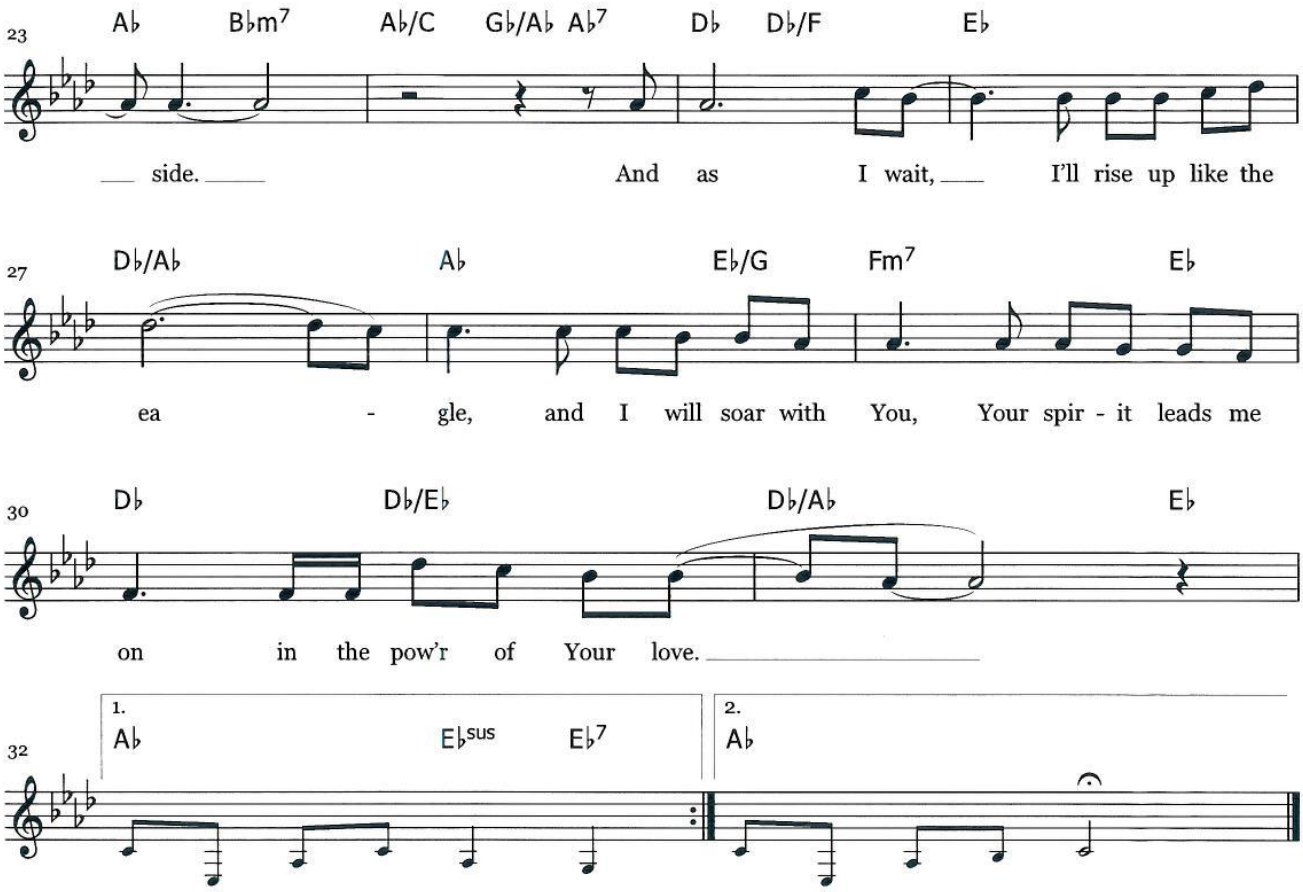
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side. And as I wait, I'll rise up like the
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D♭/A♭ A♭ E♭/G Fm7 E♭
ea - gle, and I will soar with You, Your spir - it leads me
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D♭ D♭/E♭ D♭/A♭ E♭
on in the pow'r of Your love.
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Love Come Down

Words and Music by
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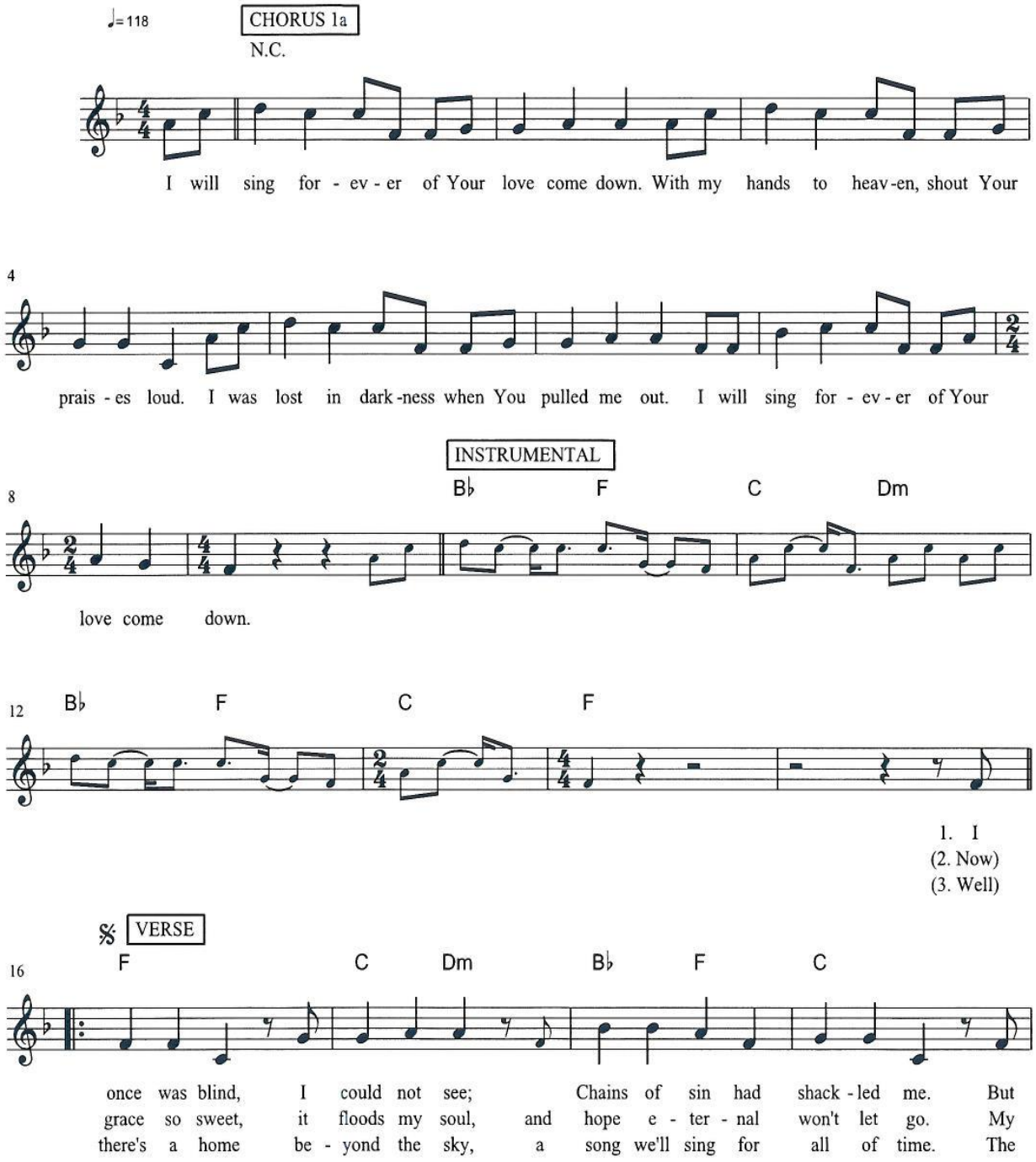

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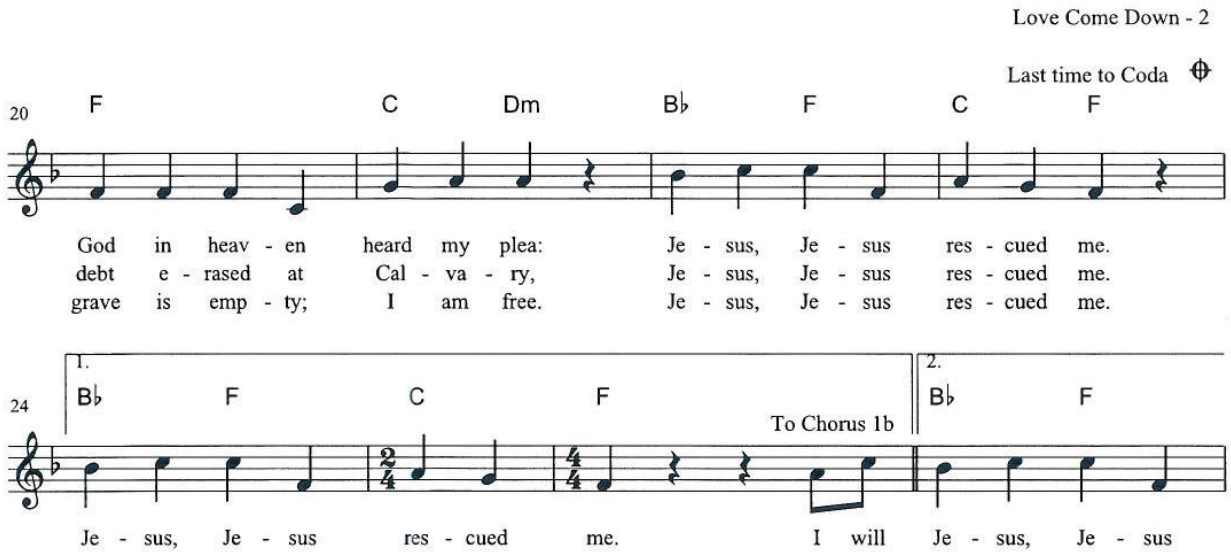


Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger,
You created human beings in your image – Children of God. Help us to claim this identity and to see it alive and well in others – in friends and strangers alike. You are everywhere. Amen.

Meet Someone New

"Love Come Down" to bring people back together.

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.

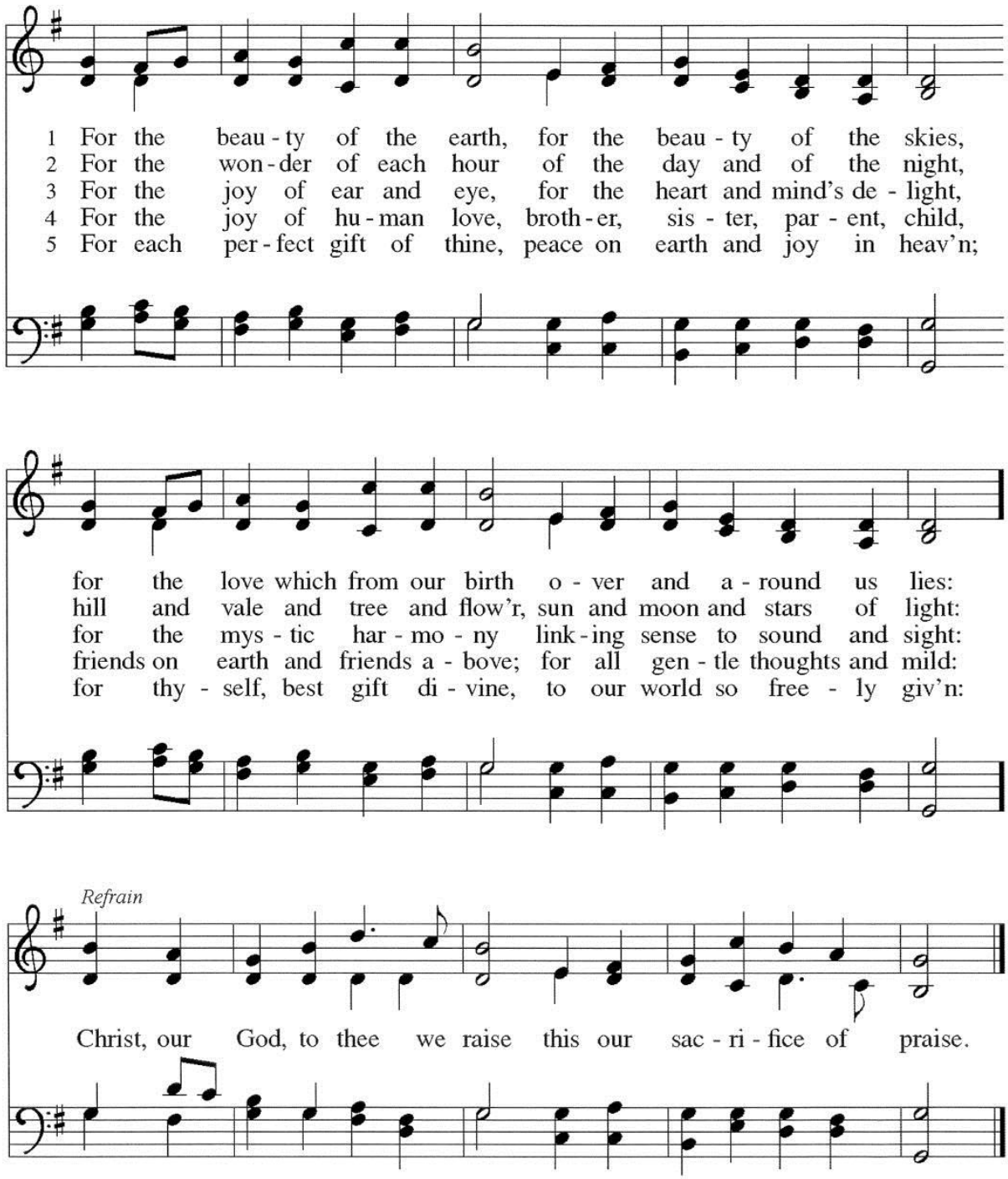
Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the Beauty of the Earth



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The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory and we praise your power. Keep us faithful, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

THE STORY

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with readings from Isaiah 6, Psalm 29, and John 3.
ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

NARRATOR: The first reading is from Isaiah 6:1-8.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

Side 1: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

NARRATOR: The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said:

Side 2:"Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

NARRATOR: Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

Side 1:"Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

ALL: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said,

Side 2:"Here am I; send me!"

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. 11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

NARRATOR: The Gospel reading is from John 3:1-17.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

Side 1: "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

Side 2: "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

NARRATOR: Nicodemus said to him,

Side 1: "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered,

Side 2:"Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

NARRATOR: Nicodemus said to him,

Side 1:"How can these things be?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

ALL: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Praise to You O Christ.

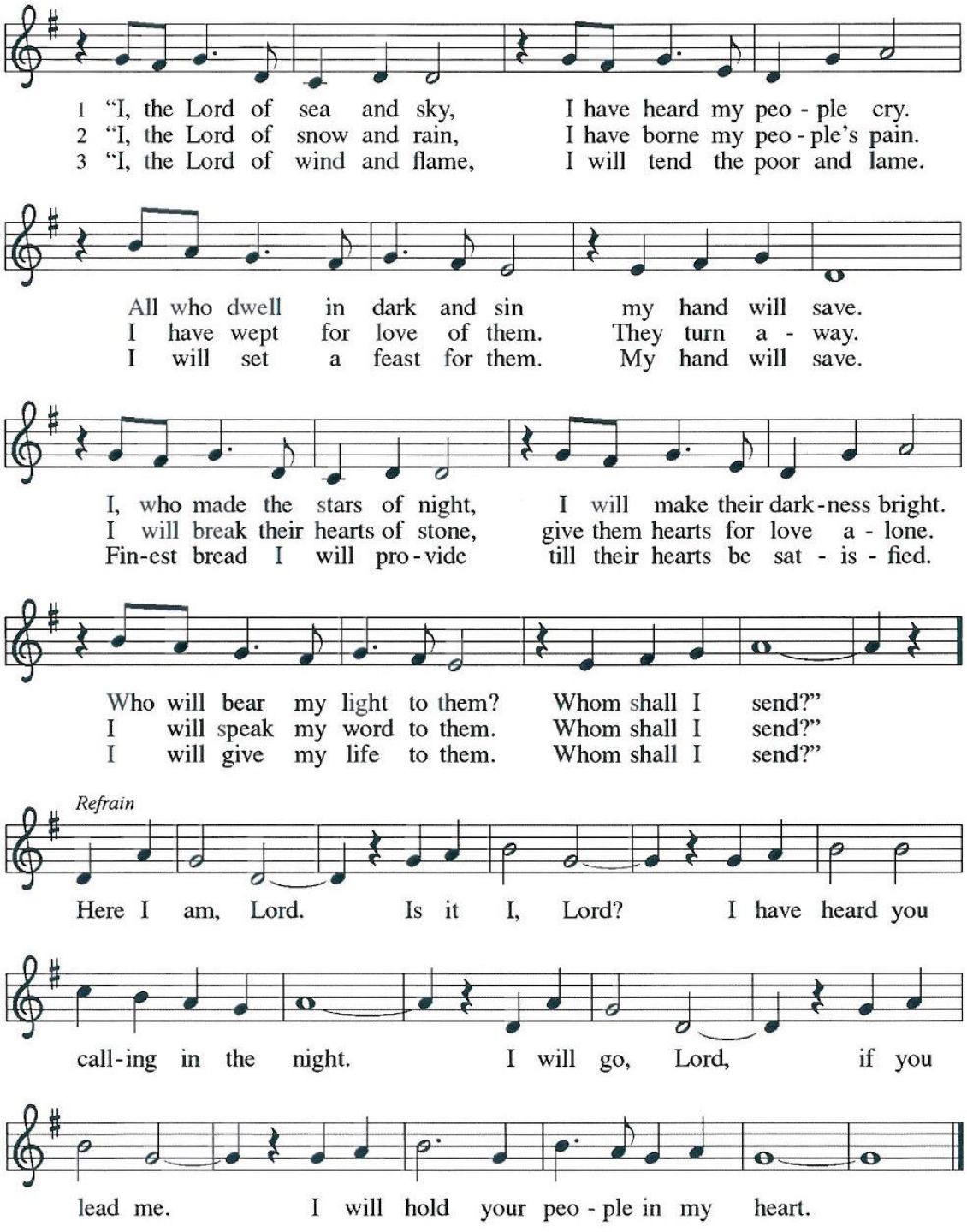
Wade in the Word

Sermon

Song "Here I Am Lord"

As we sing, write your prayers on the small piece of paper given to you. Paper prayers will be collected during the song. The prayers will then be prayed out loud, anonymously.

Here I Am, Lord



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Prayers of the People

Prayers will be read from the papers. Every 4-5 petitions will end with, "Lord, we are in need of your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."

Offering

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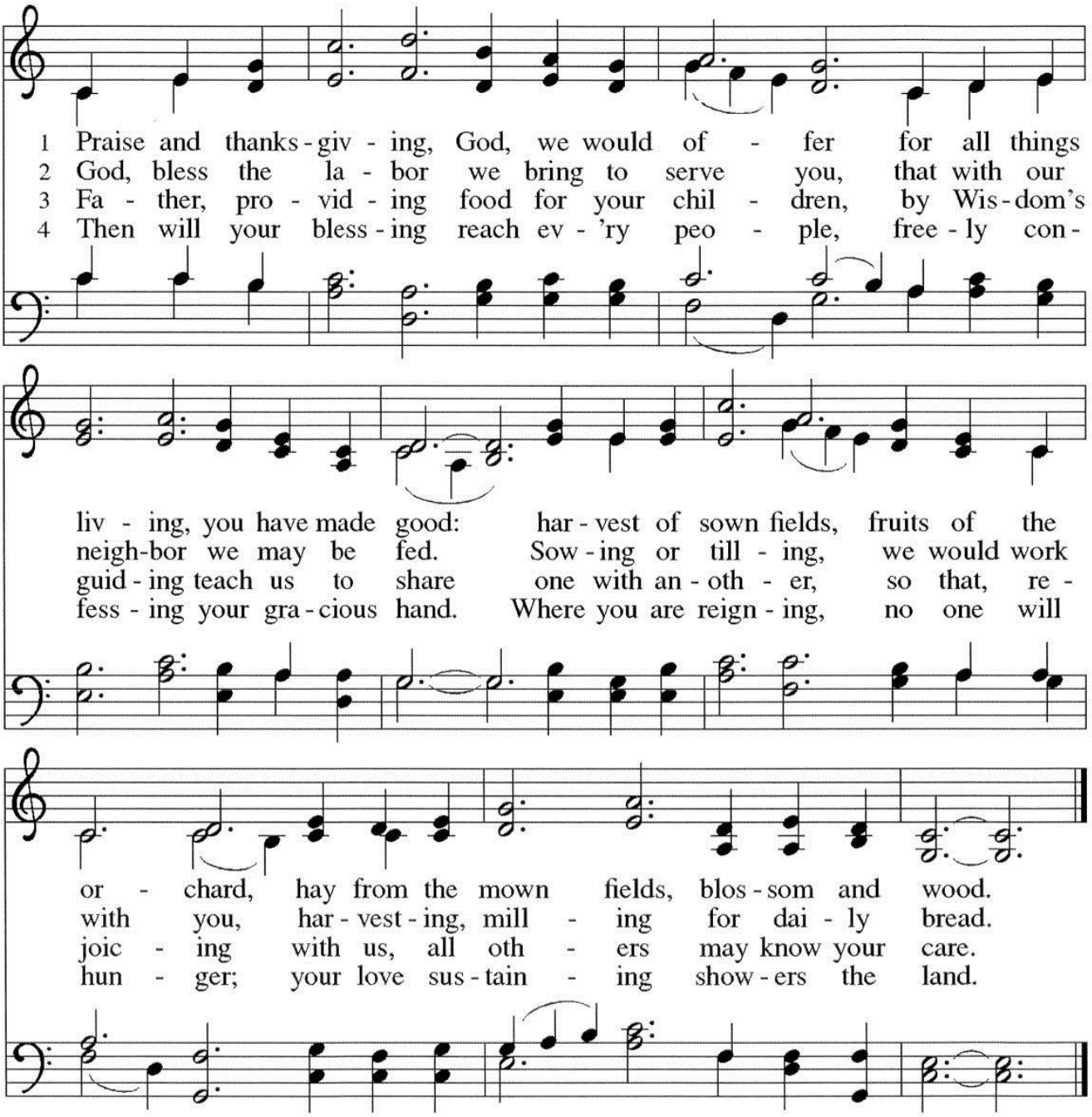
Offering Song "Praise and Thanksgiving" verse 1

Praise and Thanksgiving



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THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, 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.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.
Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.
Come to this meal of forgiveness!
Amen.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 God 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."

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.

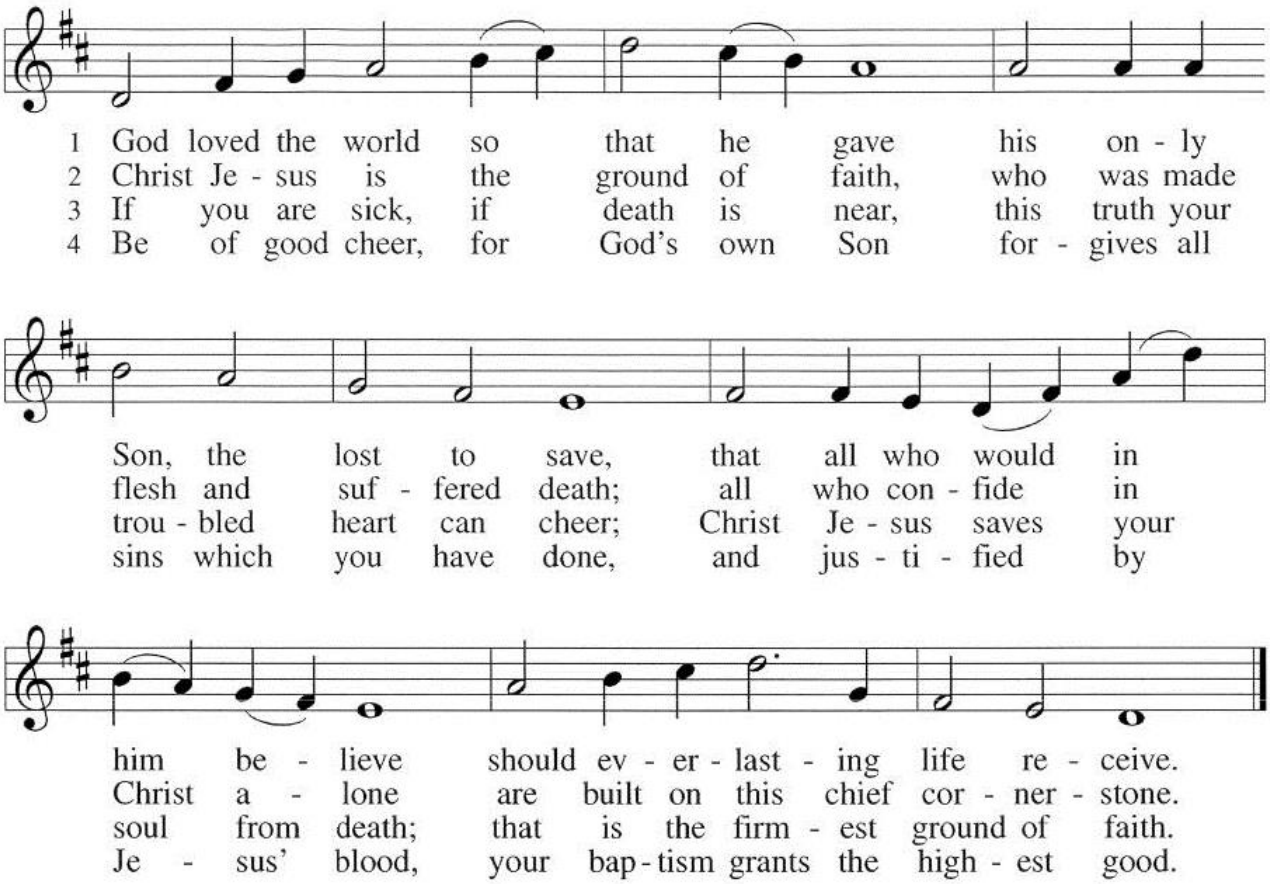
Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns "God Loved the World" & "What Wondrous Love Is This"

God Loved the World



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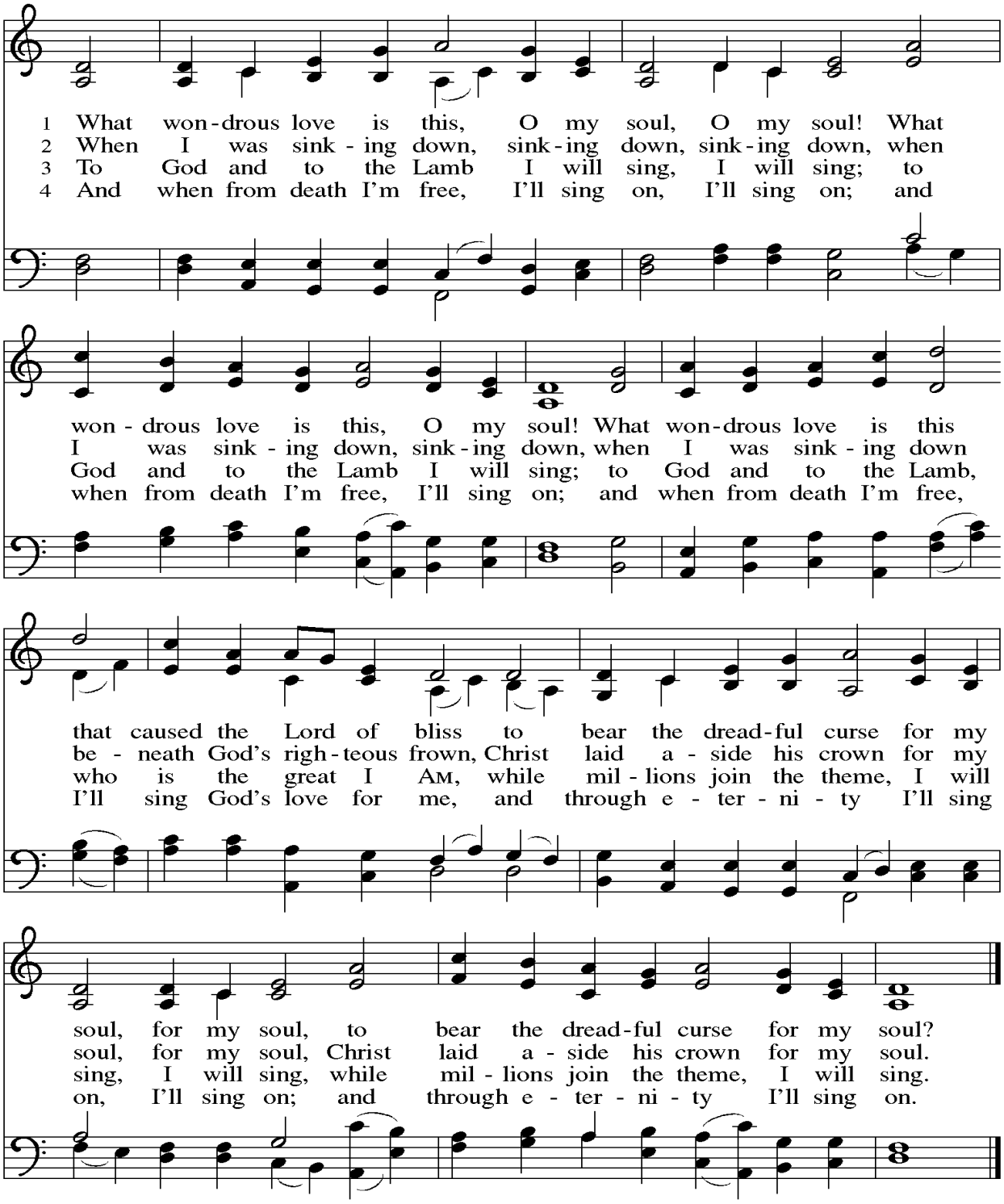
What Wondrous Love Is This



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THE SENDING

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

Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

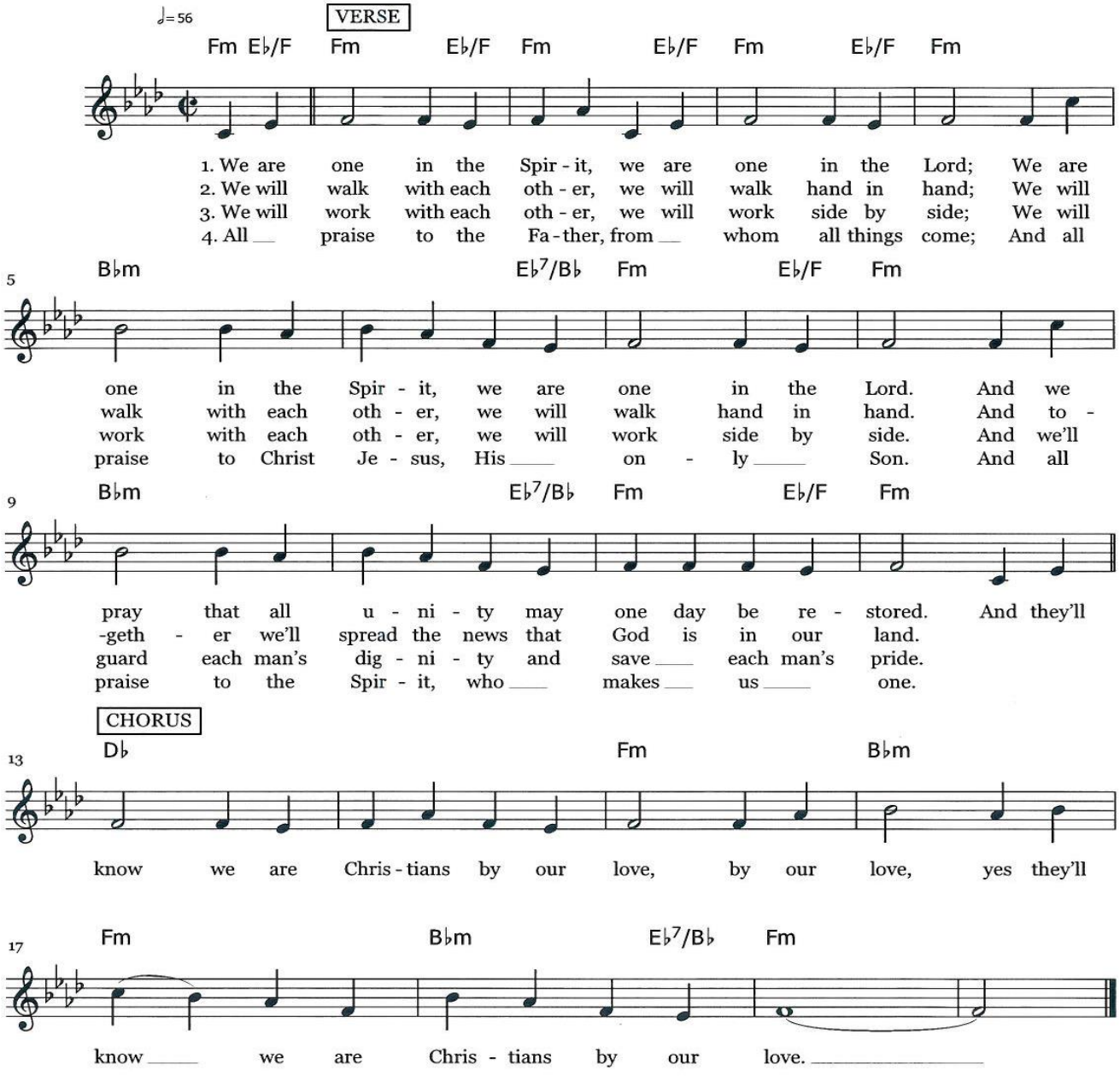
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes



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Blessing

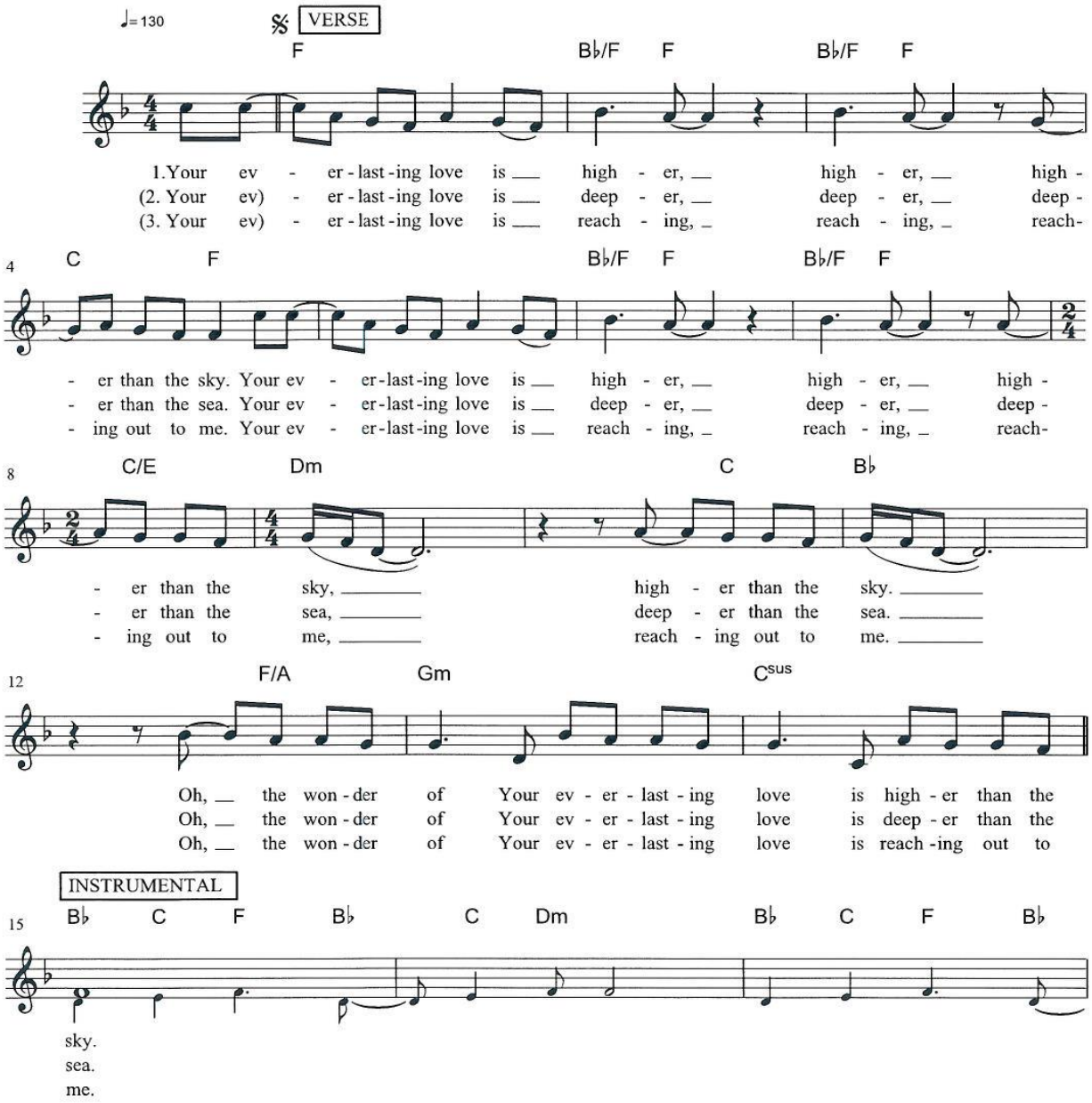
May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song "Your Everlasting Love"

(Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

Your Everlasting Love

Words and Music by
Bill Batstone



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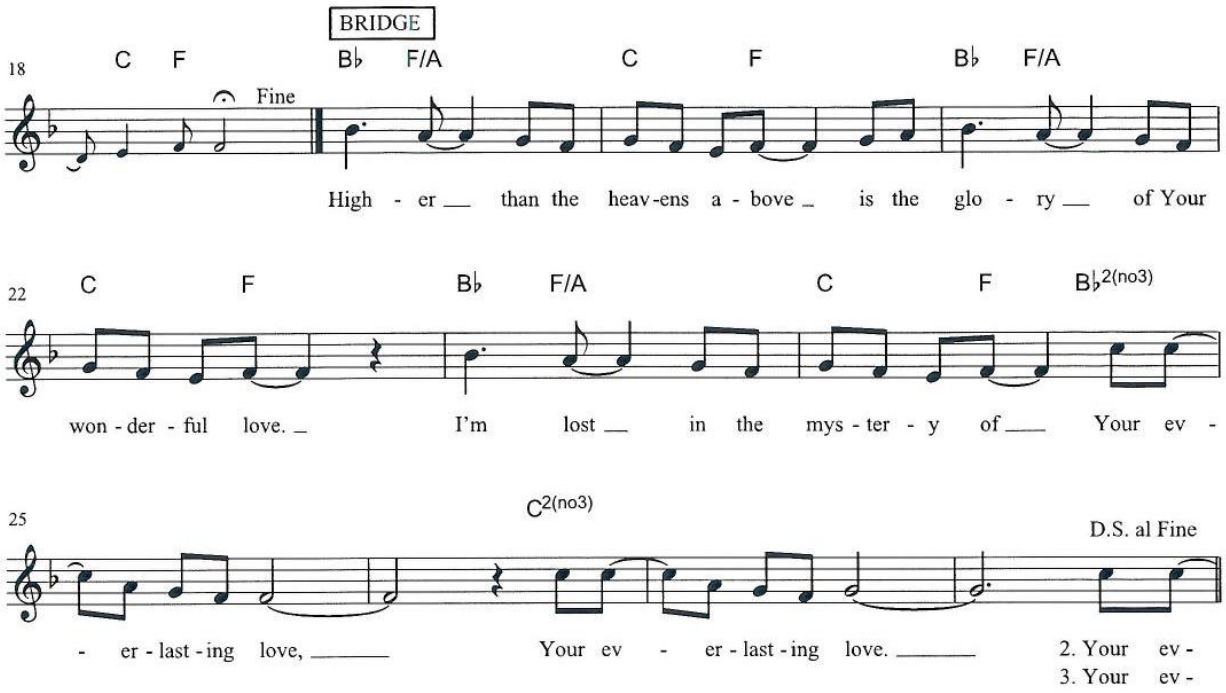

Go in peace – serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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