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Gathering

Gathering Songs – Come, Now is the Time for Worship & Bread of Life

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

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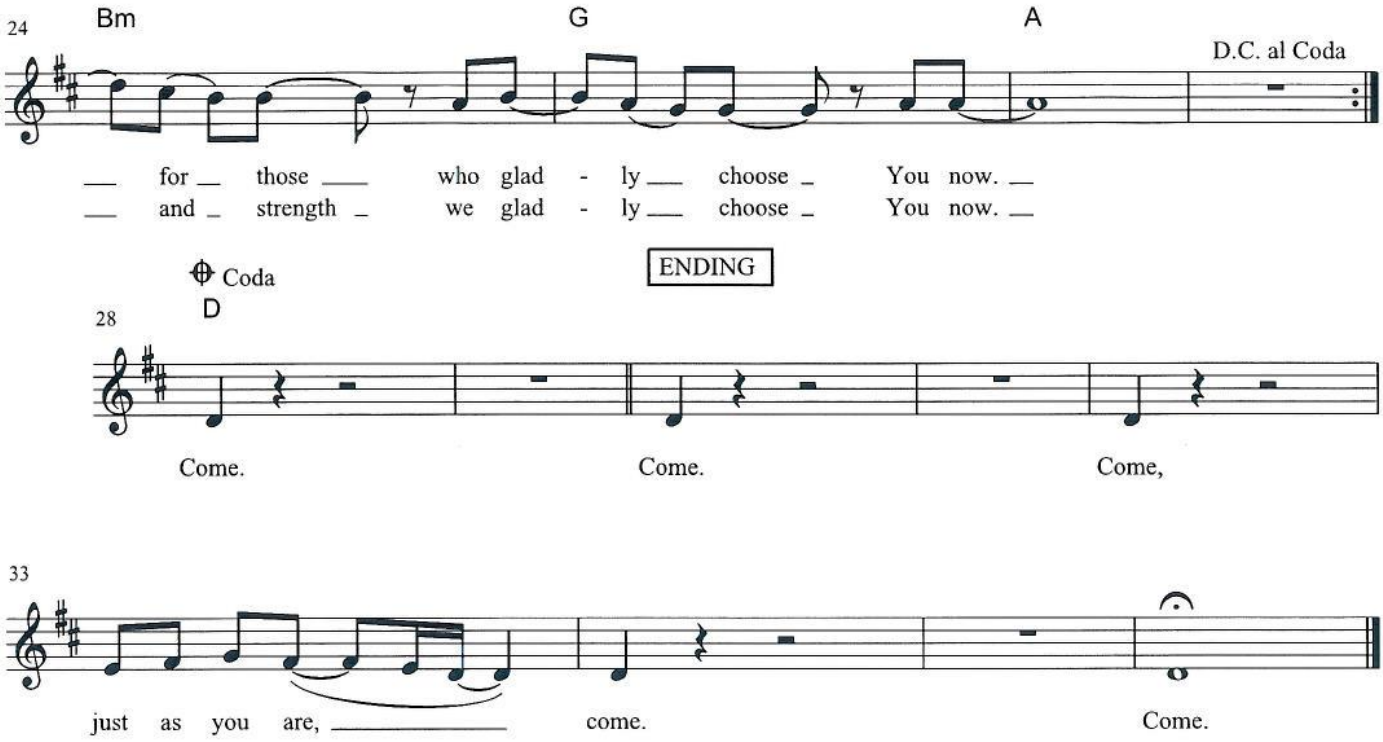
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and strength we glad - ly choose You now.
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Come.
Come,
33
just as you are,
come.
Come.

BREAD OF LIFE

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Karol Baer

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Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith,
we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Let us pray: **Gracious God, help us to see your image revealed in all of creation, especially in those whom we call stranger. Guide us as we seek to join you in journeying alongside all in need. Amen.**

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together

Time with Kids

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess that God is God and we are not.
Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Risen Lord,
C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

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.**

MERCY ON THIS FALLEN WORLD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

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Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

ALLELUIA

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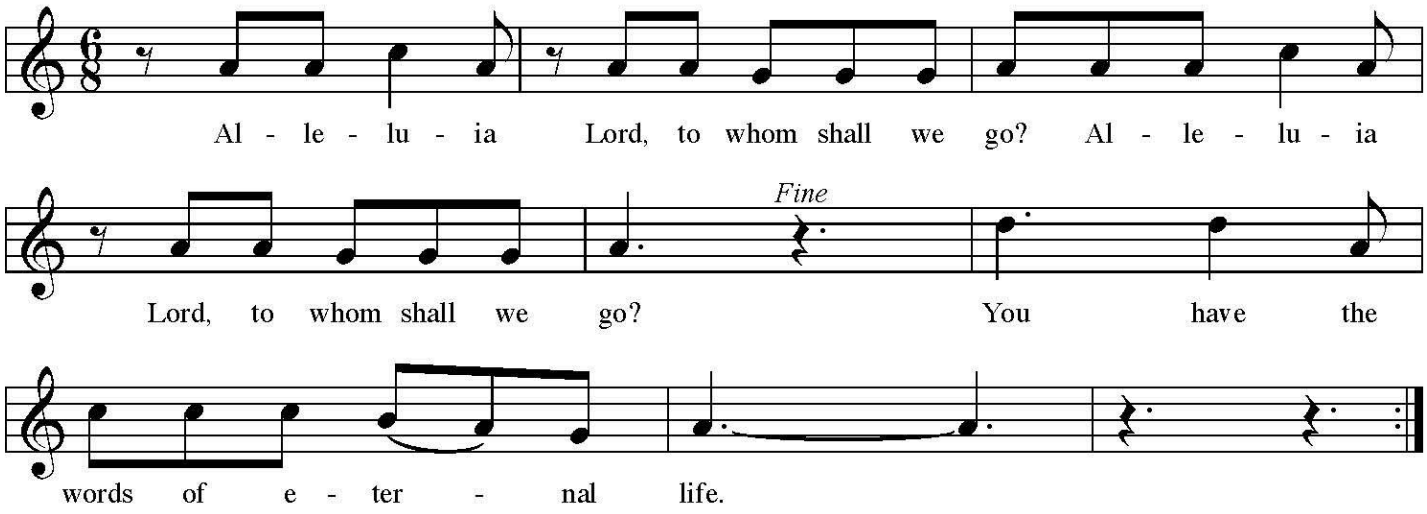

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The Story

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from the Gospel of John 6:56-69

Narrator: Jesus said,

Side 1: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

Side 2: This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Narrator: He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said,

(ALL): "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

Narrator: But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them,

Side 1: "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.

Side 2: The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe."

Narrator: For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said,

Side 1: "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.

Narrator: So Jesus asked the twelve,

Side 2: "Do you also wish to go away?"

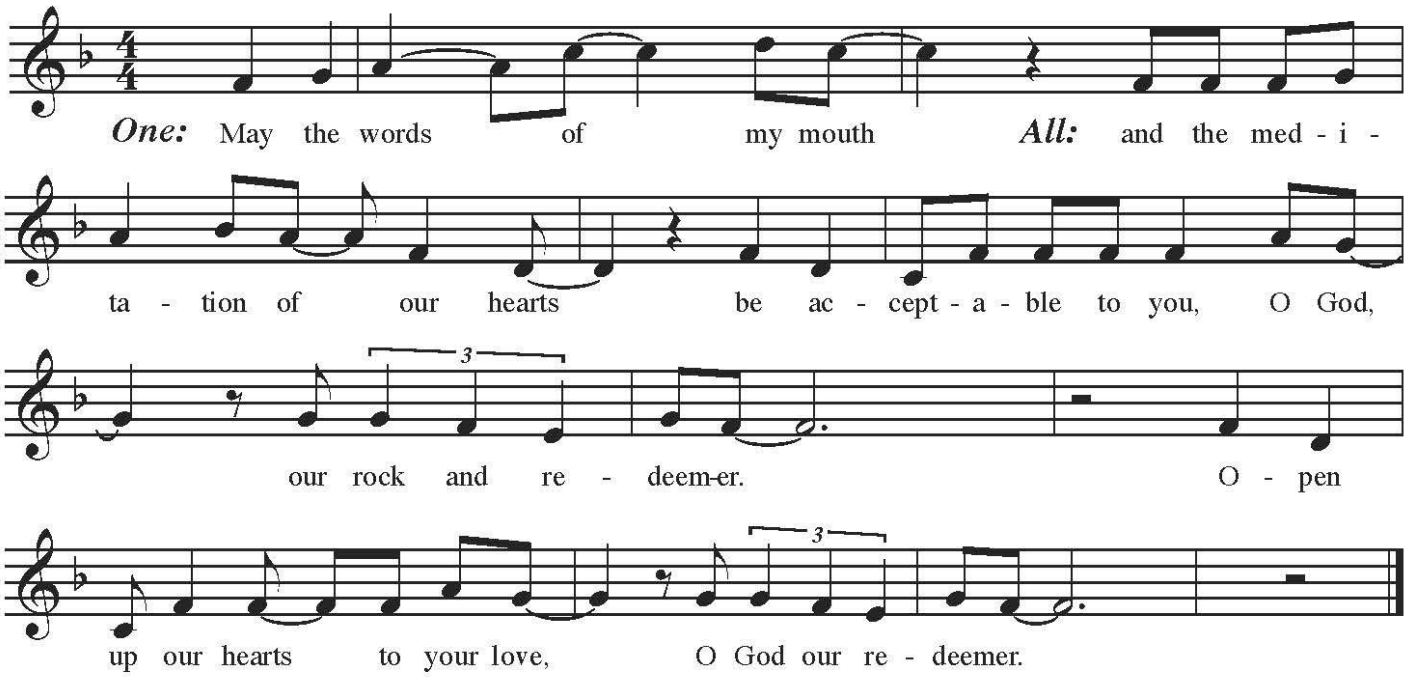
Narrator: Simon Peter answered him,

(ALL): "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.
Thanks be to God.

MAY THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Hans Peterson



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Sermon

Hymn: Better is One Day

Better Is One Day

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Last time to Coda
1.
2.
BRIDGE 1
BRIDGE 2
22
25
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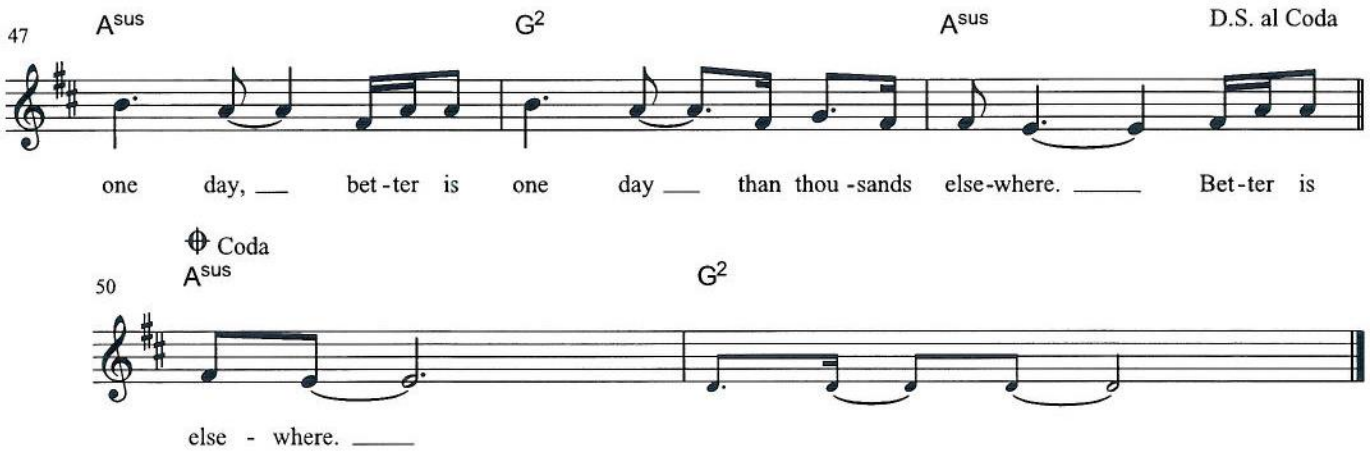
32
35
41
44
Asus G2 G/B Asus
one day in Your house, bet-ter is one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where, ___ than thou-sands
D5 Asus Bm7 A
else-where. ___ 2. One else-where. ___ My heart and flesh cry out
G2 Asus Bm7 A G2 Asus
for You, the liv - ing God. _ Your Spir - it's wa - ter to my soul. _____
Bm7 A G2 D/F♯
I've tast - ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me. _ I will draw near to You,
Em7 Asus G2 Asus G2
I will draw near to You, ___ to You. ___
Asus G2 Asus D/F♯
Bet - ter is one day, ___ bet - ter is one day, ___ bet - ter is
G2 G/B Asus G2
one day ___ than thou - sands else-where. Bet - ter is one day, ___ bet - ter is



Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

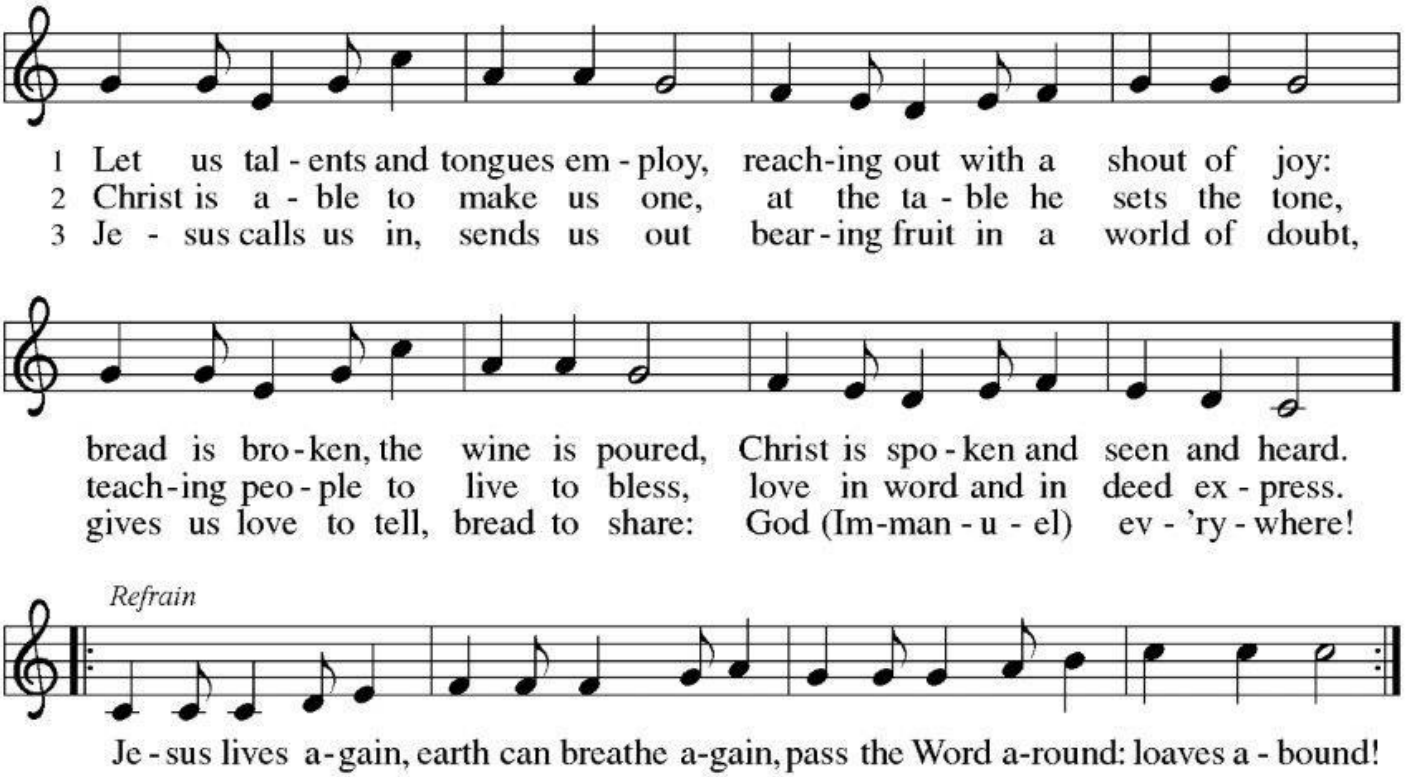
Each petition will close with the words: God of Life
And you are invited to respond: ***Hear our prayer***

Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope.

Offering Music: Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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The Feast

Setting the Table

As we prepare our tables with gifts of bread, wine/juice, the children lead us as we pray together: **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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

On the night in which he was betrayed…

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

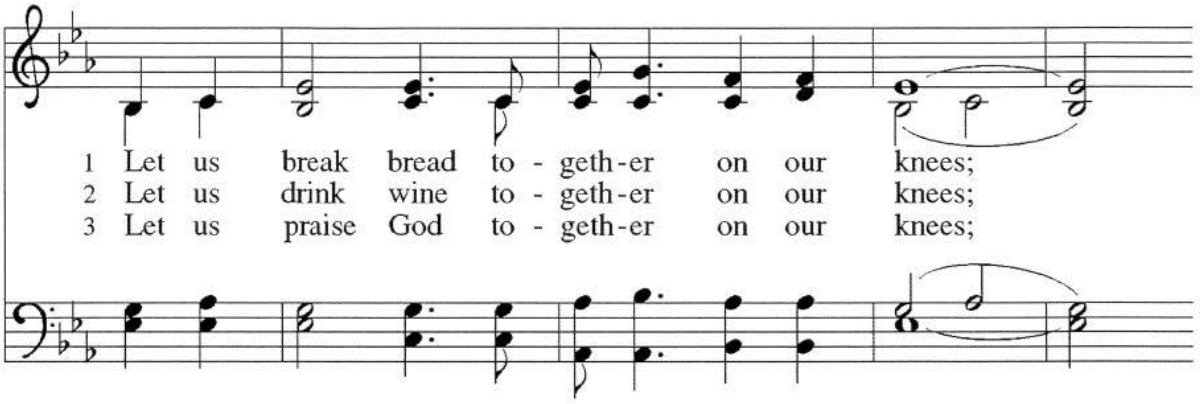
Invitation to the Meal

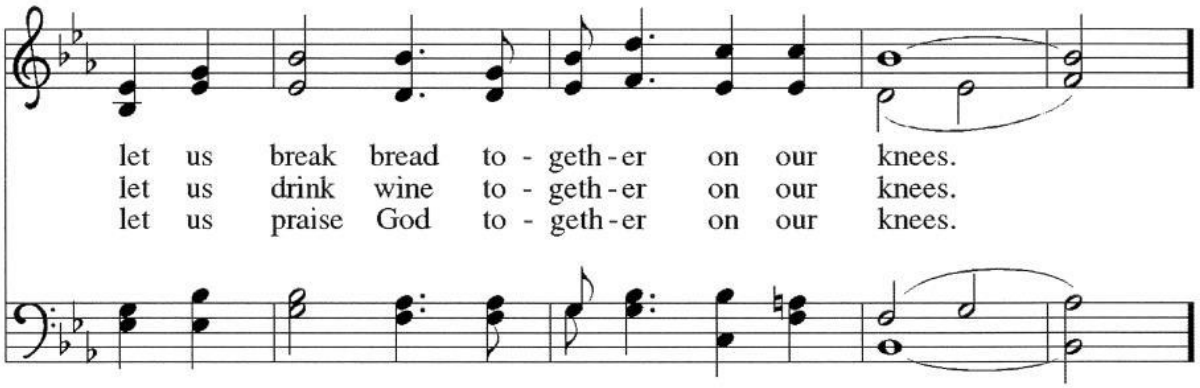
This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

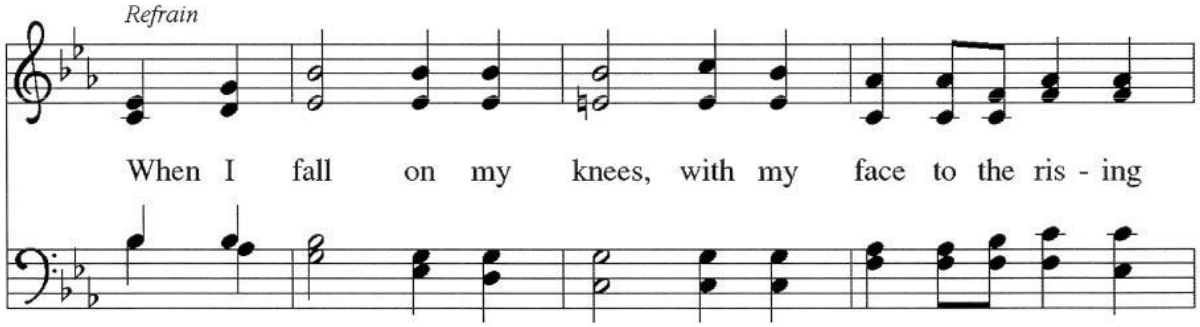
"This is the body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."

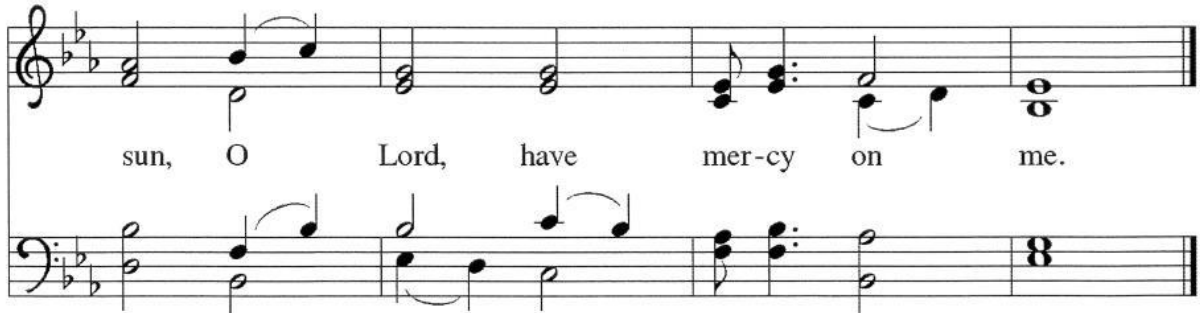
Communion Song: Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread Together









Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 731

Text: George N. Allen, *The Oberlin Social and Sabbath School Hymn Book*, 1844; adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey,

PRECIOUS LORD
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Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: *Go Make a Difference*

Go Make A Difference

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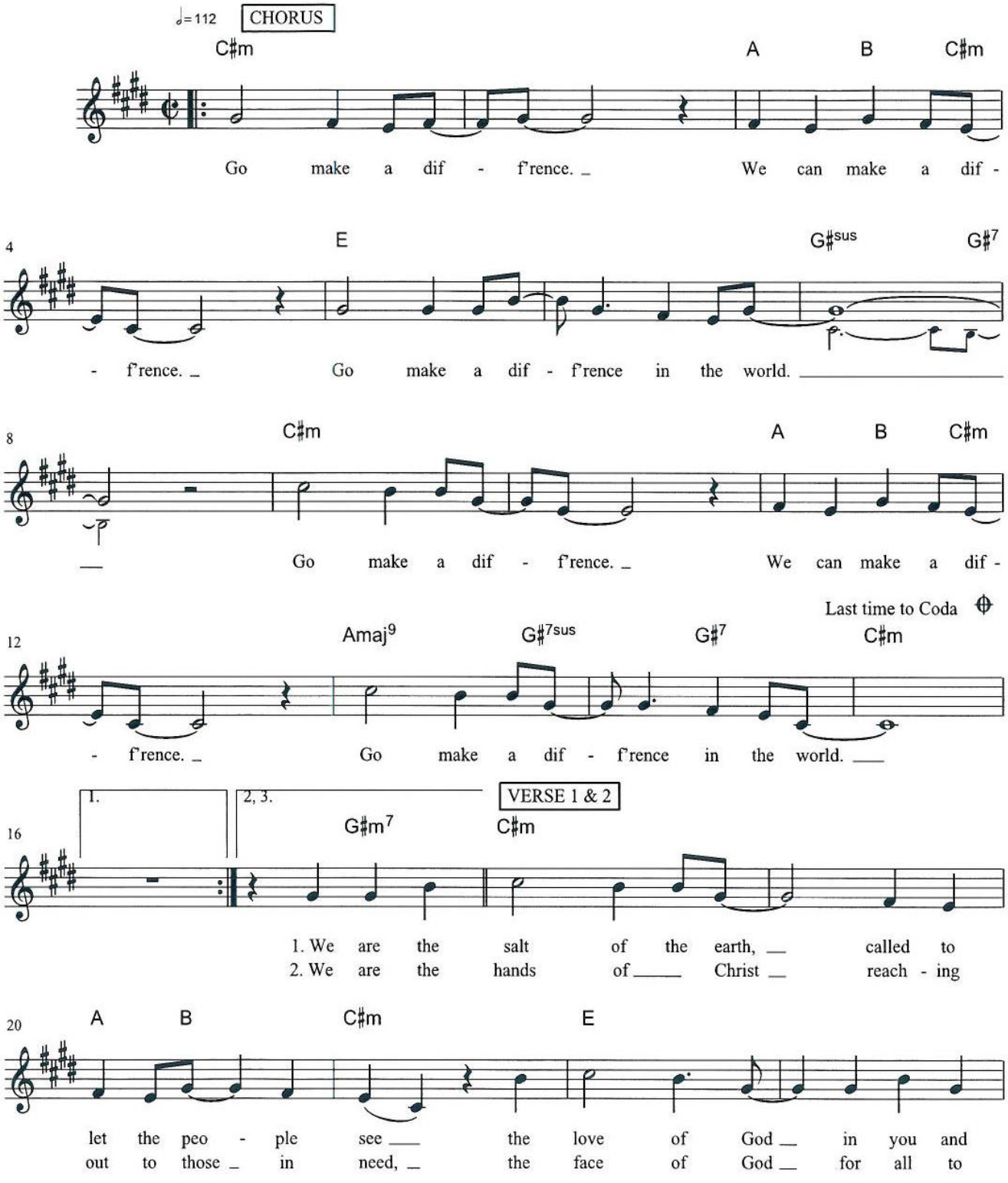

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Dismissal

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Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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