24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 23, 2025

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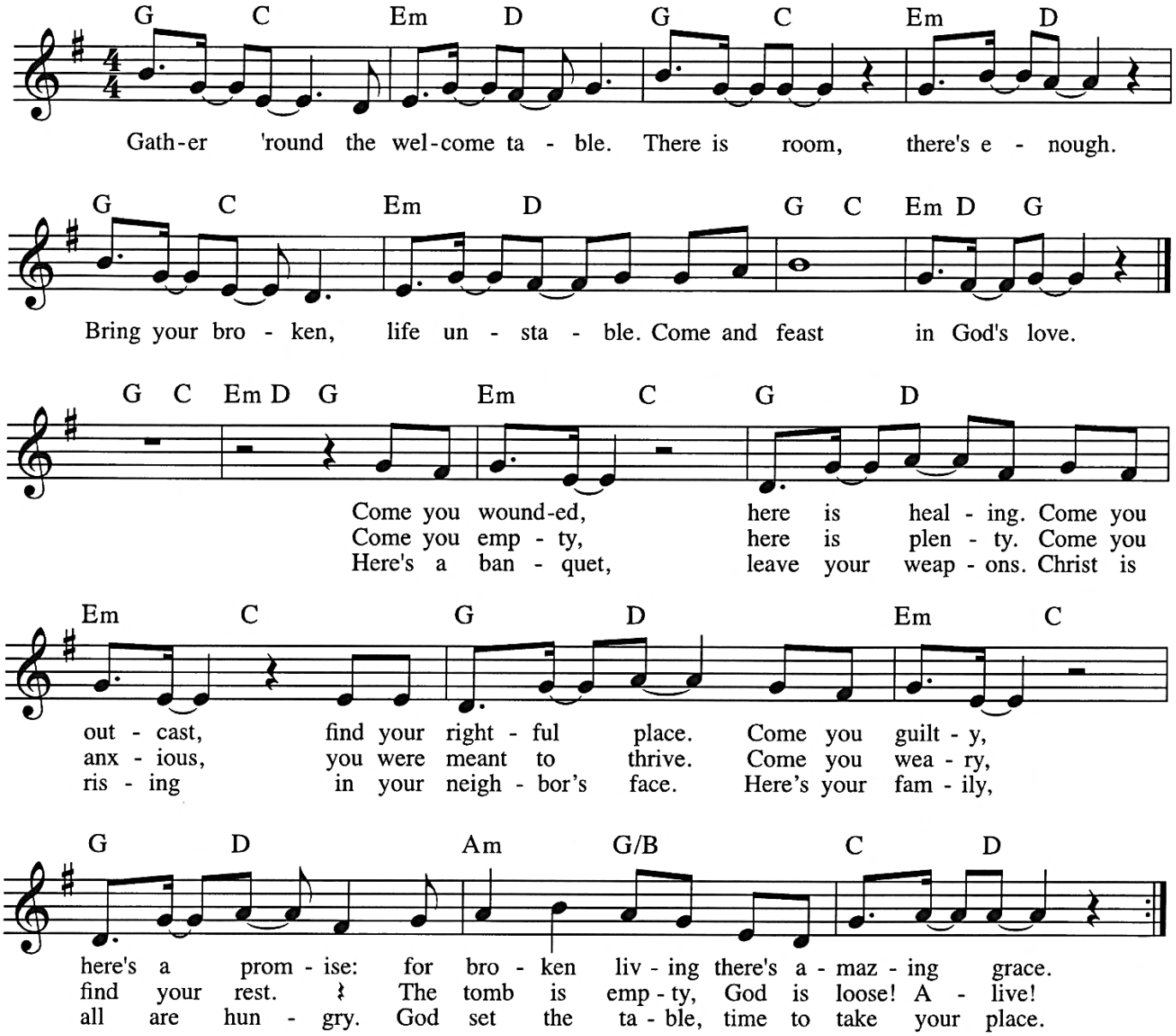
Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – "Welcome Table"

WELCOME TABLE

Hans Peterson
Nelson Morlock



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Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes *

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

Welcome Litany

As we continue our worship, please join me in our welcoming litany. Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

Welcome to all who have never had a church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status, ability and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. We come from different traditions and backgrounds, this is a place where we embrace all ways of worship.

This is a place where we are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

L: Let everyone who has ever felt cast aside, hurt, or lonely say,
C: "I am welcome here"

L: Let everyone who has experienced joy and beauty say,
C: "I am welcome here"

L: Let everyone who desires to find the goodness of God say,
C: "I am welcome here"

L: Come just as you are.
C: Jesus promises to meet us here

L: The amazing grace of Jesus, the extravagant love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Creator of the cosmos, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your rule of love might fill the earth through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "Welcome Table" Chorus

Ringer's of Hope Chime Choir - "Cantad al Senor"

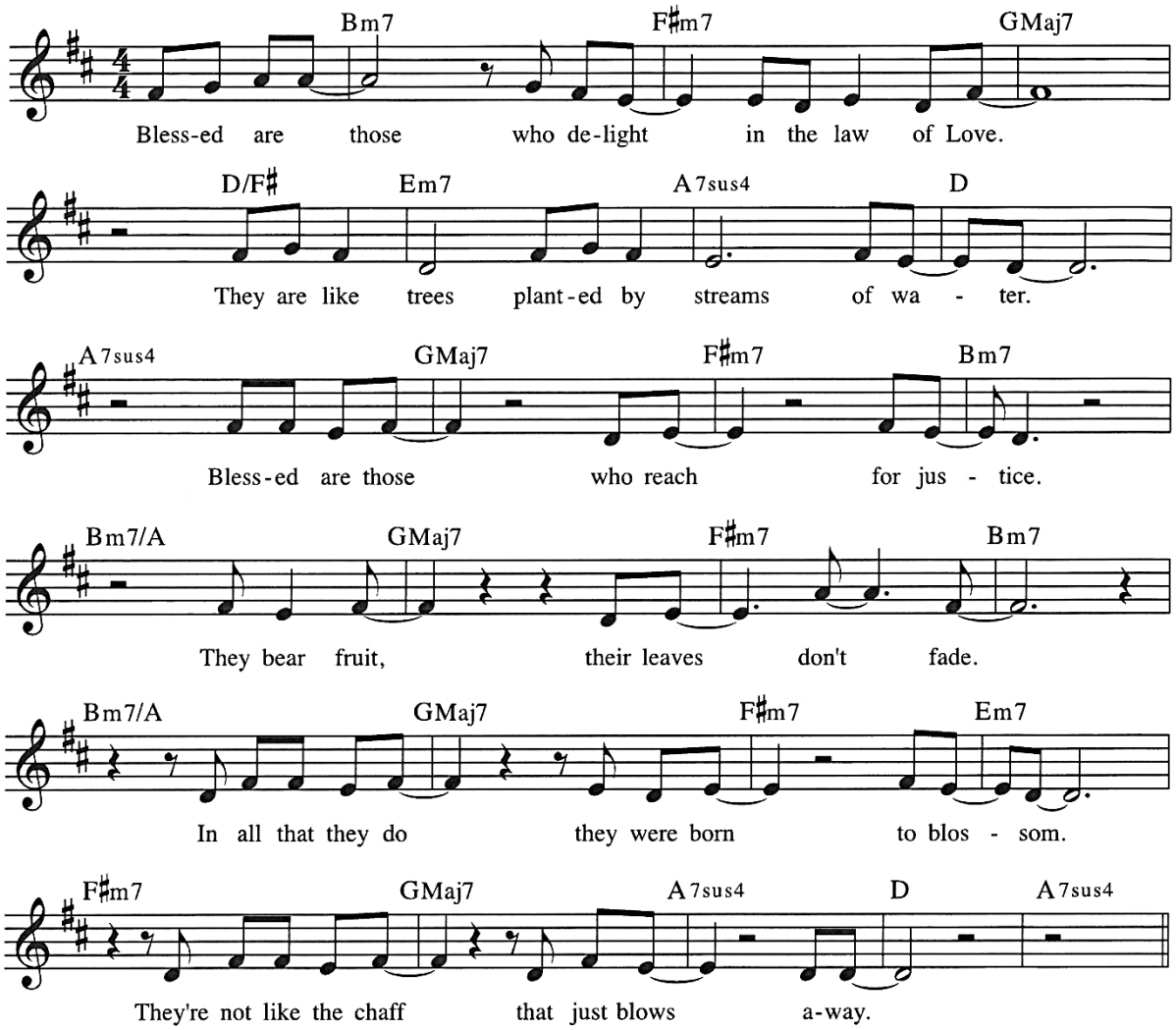
Children's Time

The Word

(Reader): *Our story and God's story continues today with a reading of Psalm 46. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Psalm.*

PSALM 1
Gospel Acclamation

Hans Peterson
Nelson Morlock



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PSALM 1: BLESSED ARE THOSE

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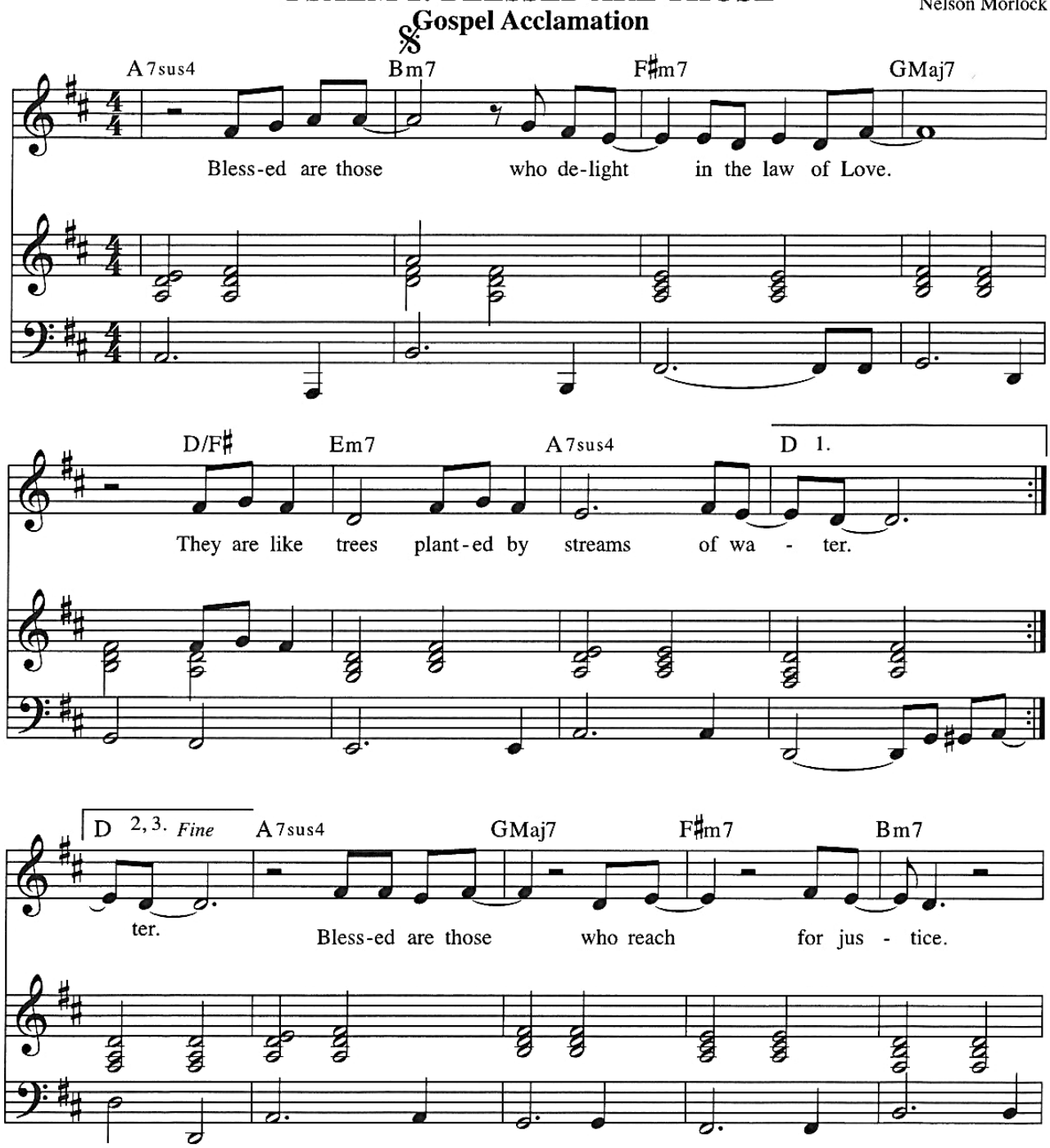

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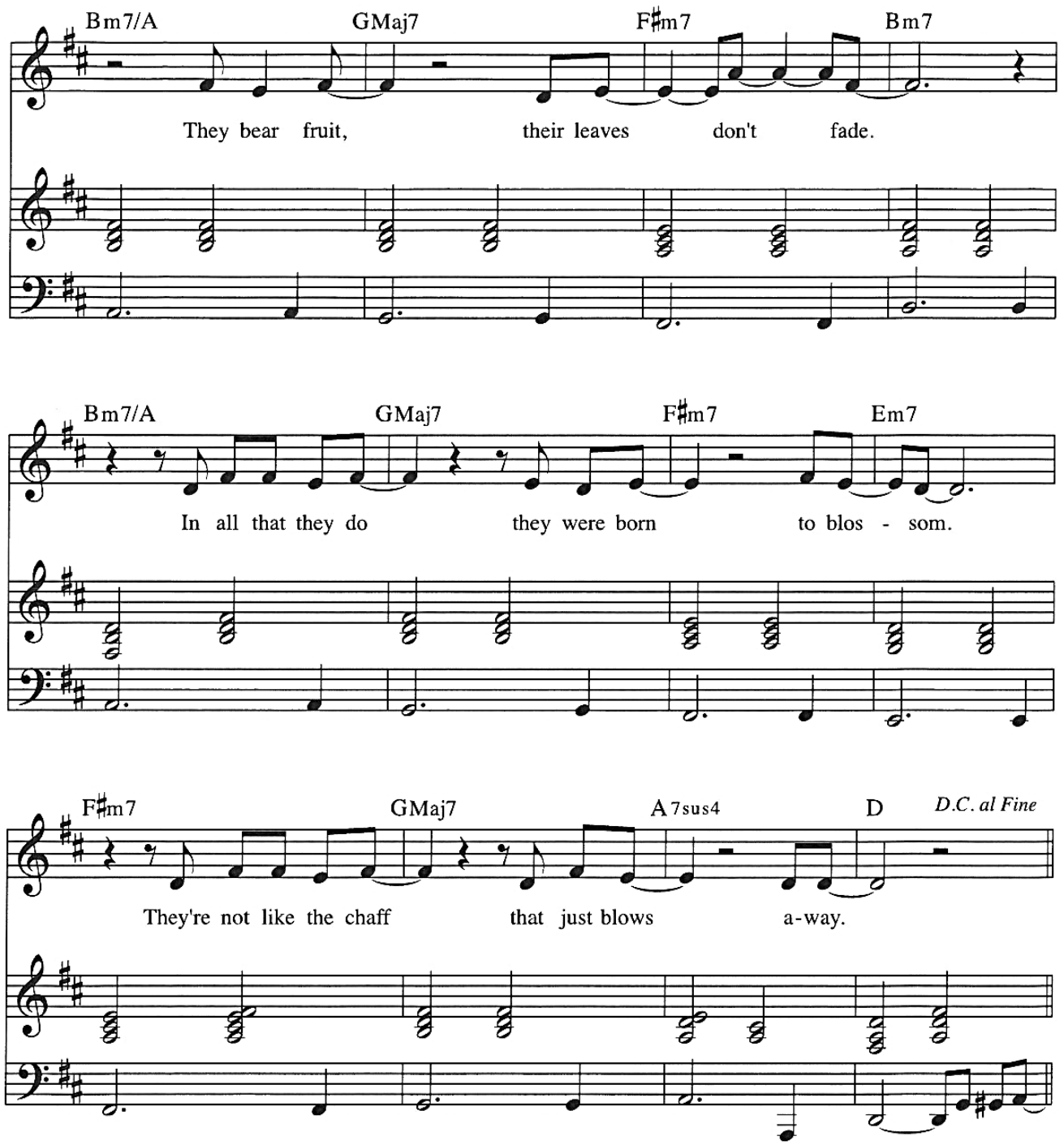

Bm7/A
GMaj7
F♯m7
Bm7
They bear fruit, their leaves don't fade.
Bm7/A
GMaj7
F♯m7
Em7
In all that they do they were born to blos - som.
F♯m7
GMaj7
A7sus4
D
D.C. al Fine
They're not like the chaff that just blows a-way.

(Reader): *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

(ALL): There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

(Reader): *God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says,*

(ALL): "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

(Reader): *The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story*

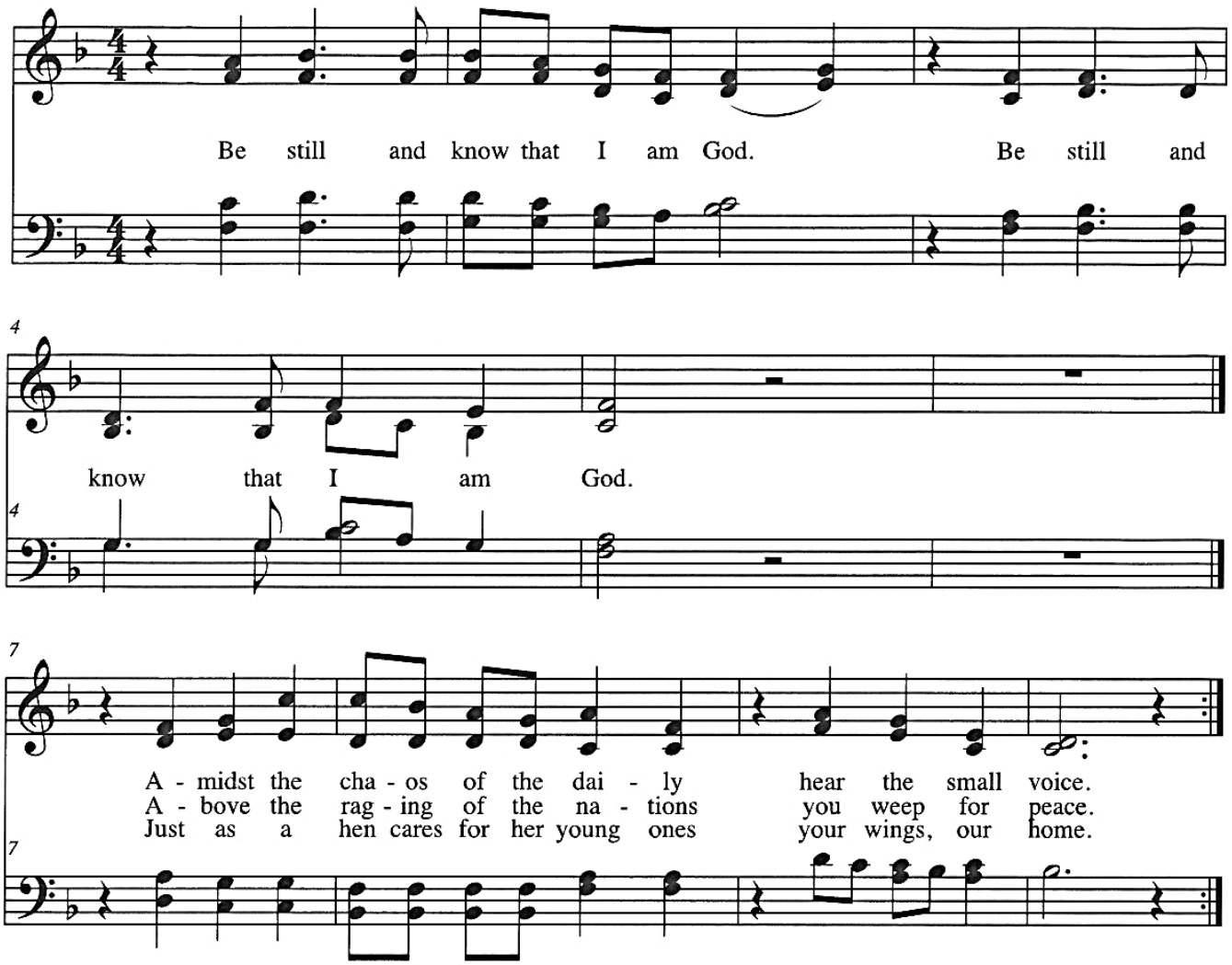
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon in Song - Pastor Hans Peterson, Nelson Morlock

Song of the Day / Special Music "Be Still"

BE STILL

Hans Peterson



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Introduction of new members ROH 2025

Kathy Christensen
Sponsor Lisa Tschimperle

Susan and Clark Christianson
Sponsors Mike and Katie Weisenberger

Patti Hall
sponsor Portia Brandsoy

Sherry Kotlarz
Sponsor Carmen Hamlow

Susie and Paul Nelson, Matthew, Elaina
Sponsors Andy and Alissa Evenson, Ginny and Hilde

Stacey and Mark Schumann
Maya (6th grade) and **Sam** (9th grade)
Sponsors Angie and Louis Bedard, Ellie and Celia

Michelle and Jake Redding
Sponsor Kay Halstrom

Service of Reception of New Members
("Affirmation of Baptism")

PRESENTATION
(Pastor): *Let us pray.*
(ALL): Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
(Pastor): *I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?*
(ALL): I renounce them.

(Pastor): *Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?*
(ALL): I renounce them.

(Pastor): *Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?*
(ALL): I renounce them.

(Pastor): *Do you believe in God the Father?*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

(Pastor): *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

(Pastor): *Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*
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.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Pastor): *You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

(New Members): I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

(Pastor): *People of God, do you promise to support these new members and pray for them in their lives in Christ?*
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Pastor): *Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life*
Stir up in these new members the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.
(All): Amen.

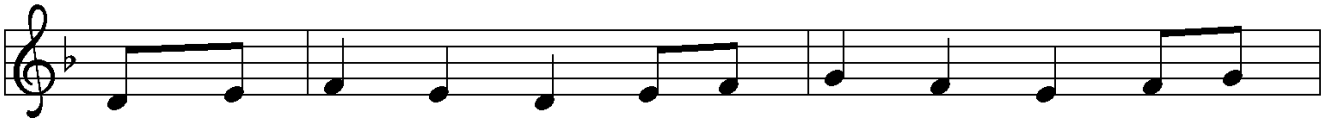
(Leader): *Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.*

Offering

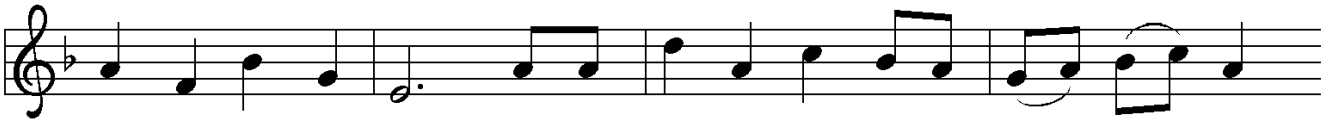
Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during November will be used to support the Somali family that we sponsor. Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

OFFERING SONG – "When our Song Says Peace"

When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
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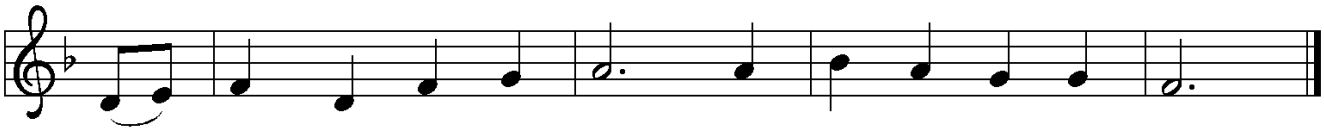

who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

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The Feast

(Pastor Hans): Setting the Table

the children lead us as we sing together:

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest
and let these gifts to us be blest.
All praise to God who is our bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.

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.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that 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." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (Leader): *Our Creator, our Mother,*

(ALL): 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us…Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.
So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing.

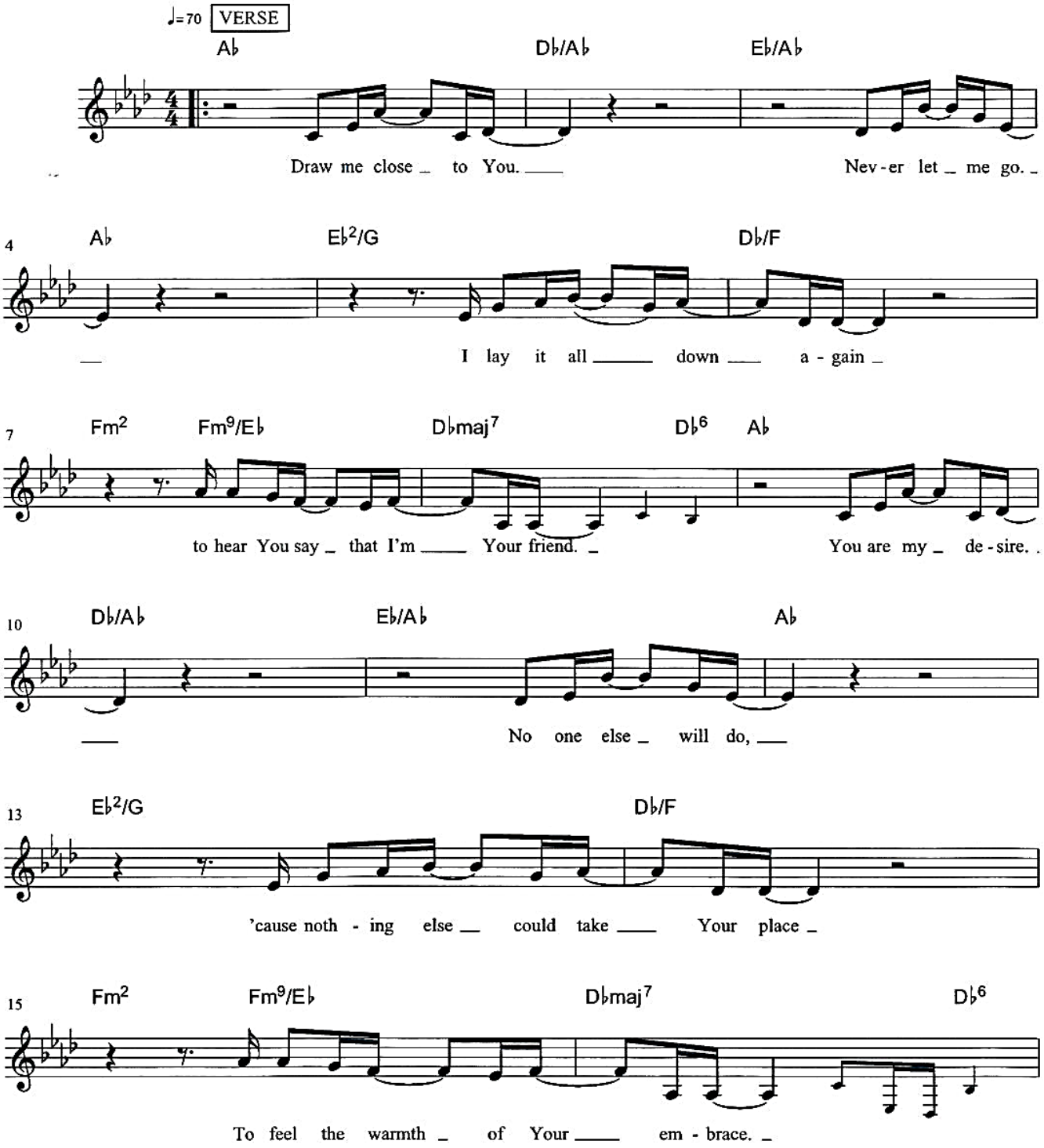
The gifts of God are… **(ALL): Free**

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs "Draw Me Close" and "Let Streams of Living Justice"

Draw Me Close

Words and Music by
Kelly Carpenter



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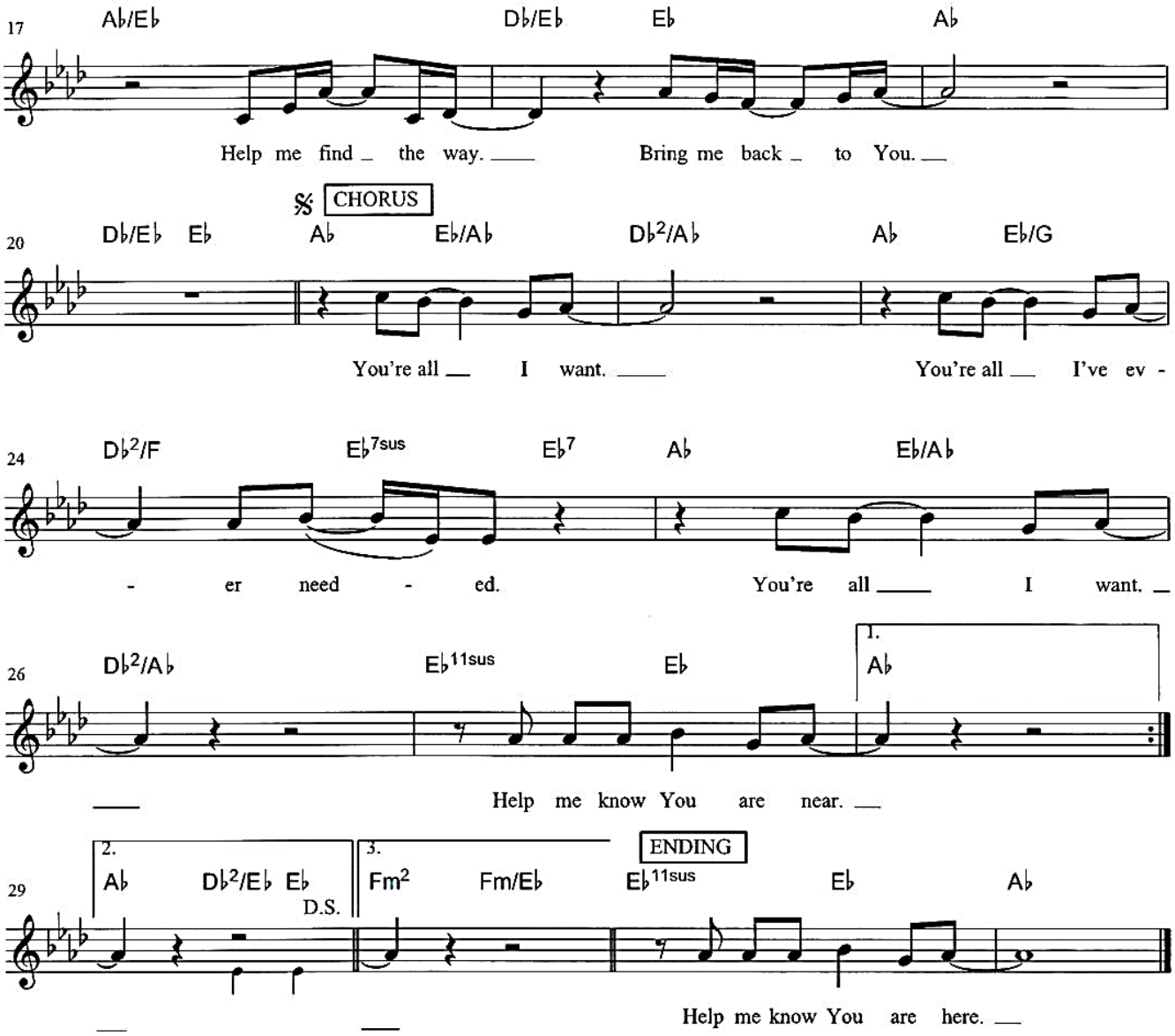
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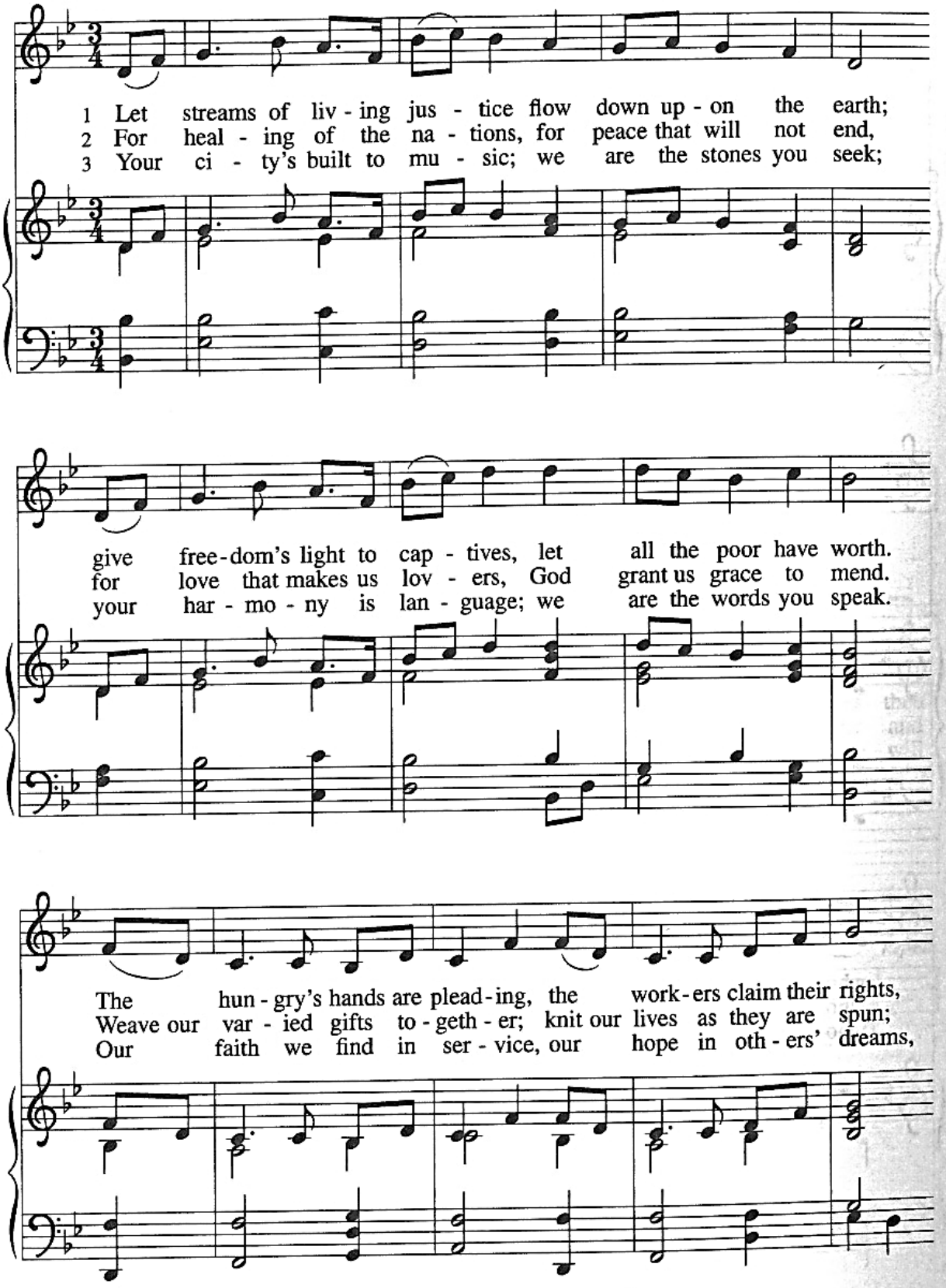
A♭/E♭ D♭/E♭ E♭ A♭
Help me find the way. Bring me back to You.
CHORUS
20
D♭/E♭ E♭ A♭ E♭/A♭ D♭2/A♭ A♭ E♭/G
You're all I want. You're all I've ev -
24
D♭2/F E♭7sus E♭7 A♭ E♭/A♭
- er need - ed. You're all I want.
26
D♭2/A♭ E♭11sus E♭ A♭
Help me know You are near.
1.
2.
3.
ENDING
29
A♭ D♭2/E♭ E♭ D.S.
Fm2 Fm/E♭ E♭11sus E♭ A♭
Help me know You are here.

710 Let Streams of Living Justice



the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an-cient ven-geance: pro - claim your peo-ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang-er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

The Sending

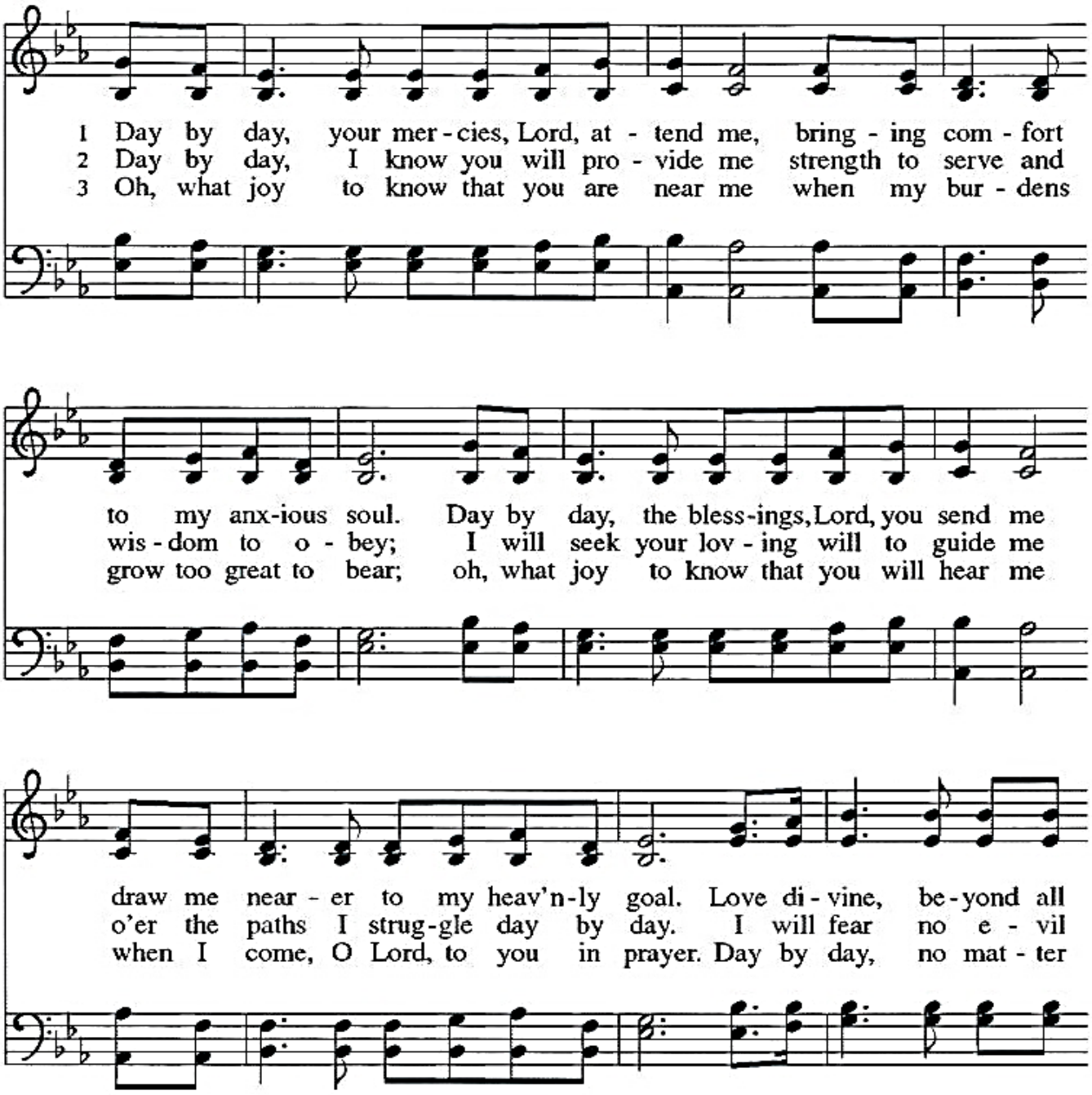
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

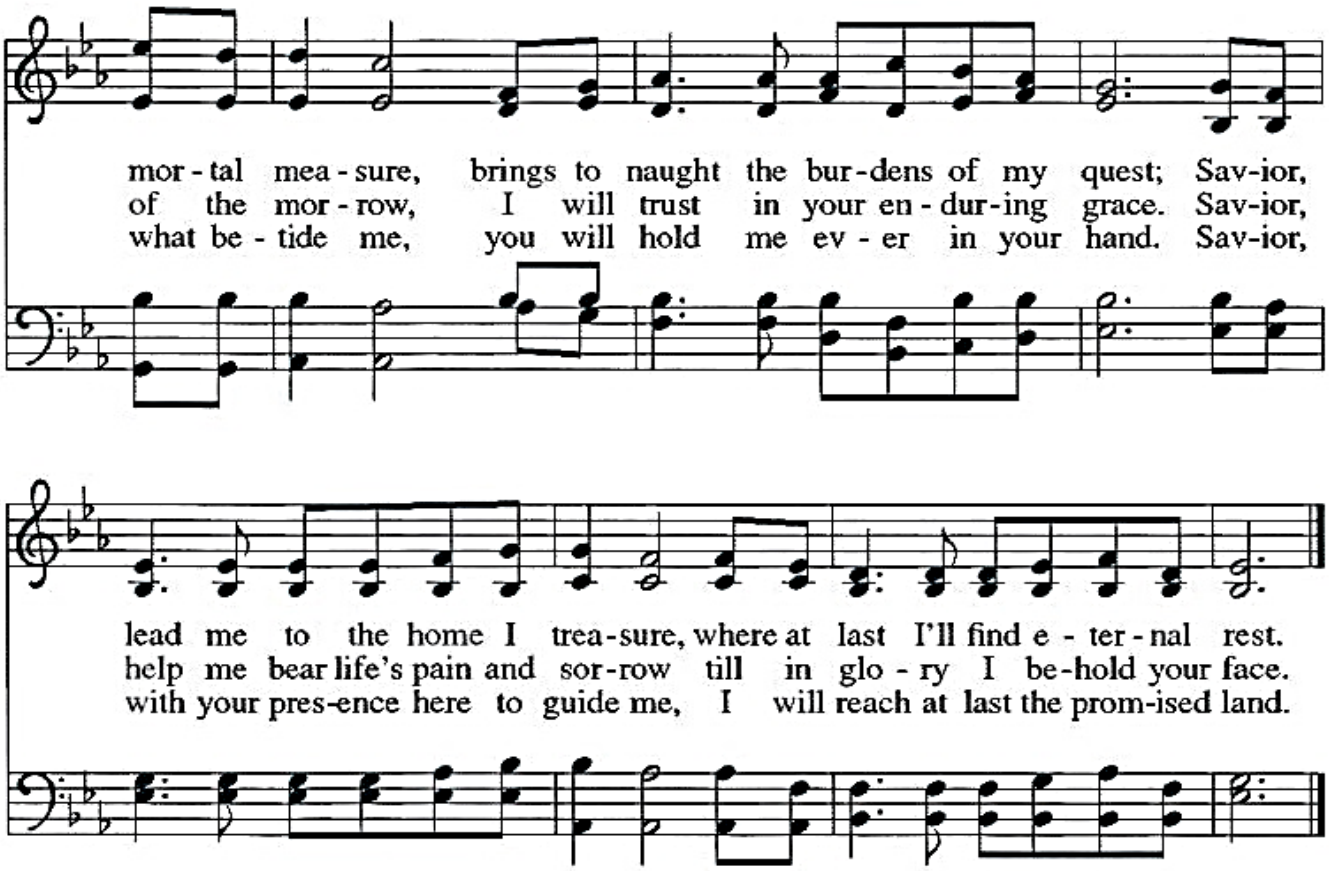
Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! Sing vs. 1 of "Day by Day"

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.

Day by Day


1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens
to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



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Final Blessing

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

SENDING SONG: "Down by the Riverside"

Down by the Riverside

Lively (♫ = ♩³♪)

African American Spiritual

D7 G Am7 D7

Gon - na

mf

G

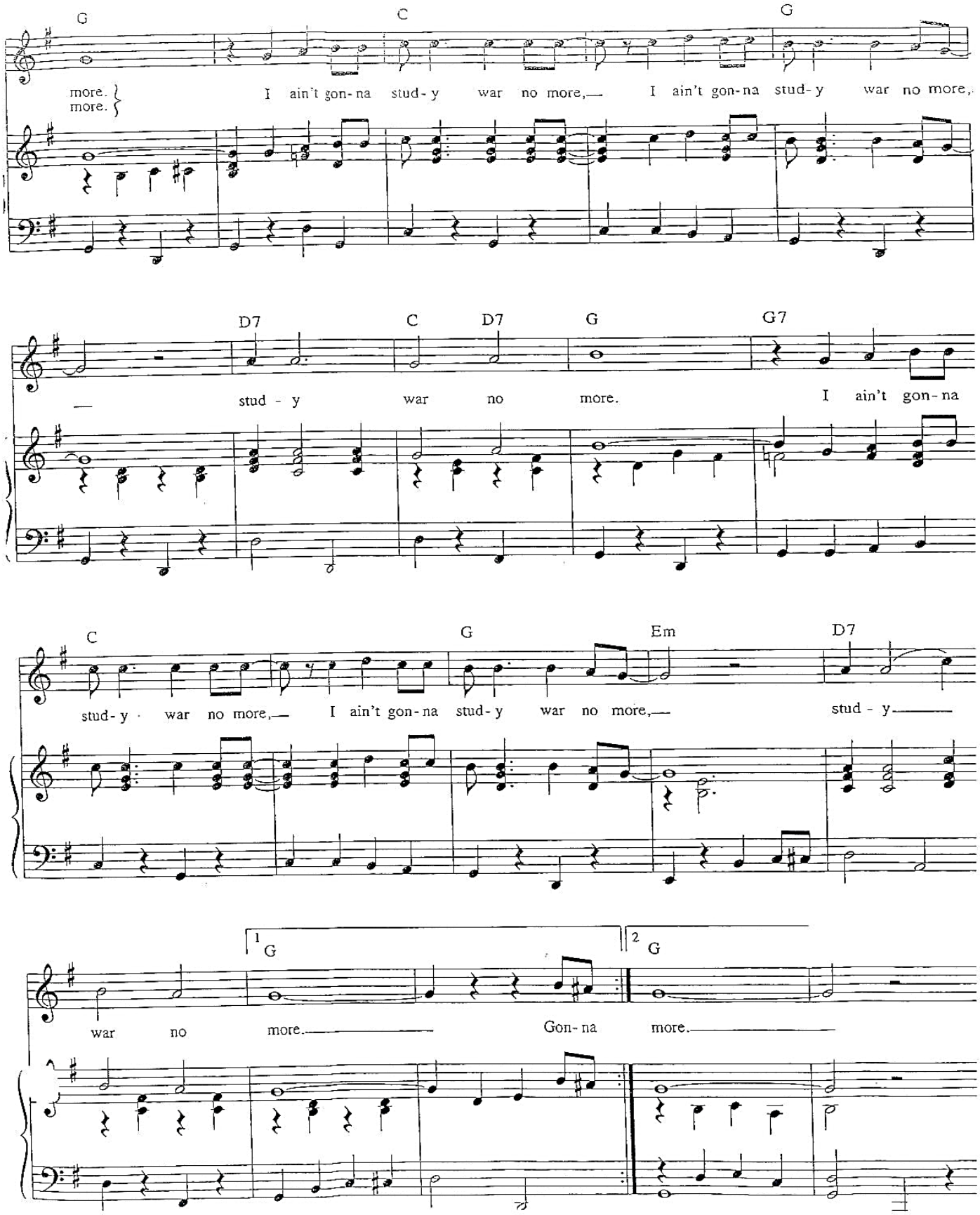
lay down my sword and shield— down by the riv - er - side,—
join hands with ev - 'ry - one,— down by the riv - er - side,—

D7 G

down by the riv - er - side,— down by the riv - er - side.— Gon - na lay down my
down by the riv - er - side,— down by the riv - er - side.— Gon - na join hands with

D7

sword and shield— down by the riv - er - side,— and stud - y——— war no
ev - 'ry - one,— down by the riv - er - side,— and stud - y——— war no


G C G
more.
more.
I ain't gon-na stud-y war no more,— I ain't gon-na stud-y war no more,
D7 C D7 G G7
— stud - y war no more. I ain't gon-na
C G Em D7
stud-y war no more,— I ain't gon-na stud-y war no more,— stud - y
1 G 2 G
war no more. Gon-na more.

Dismissal
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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