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**Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 19, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

*Welcome to worship!*

*Throughout the service, you will be invited to sit, stand, or kneel as you are able and as you feel comfortable. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, for it is Christ who does the inviting. An usher will let you know when it is your row's turn to come forward. Bread, gluten-free wafers, red wine, and white juice are all available. Please tell the pastor you need a gluten-free wafer when it is your turn.*

## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God' by Martin Luther, arr. by Matt Schinske

**WELCOME AND COMMUNITY TIME OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**This is the day that God has made;**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

This is the world that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

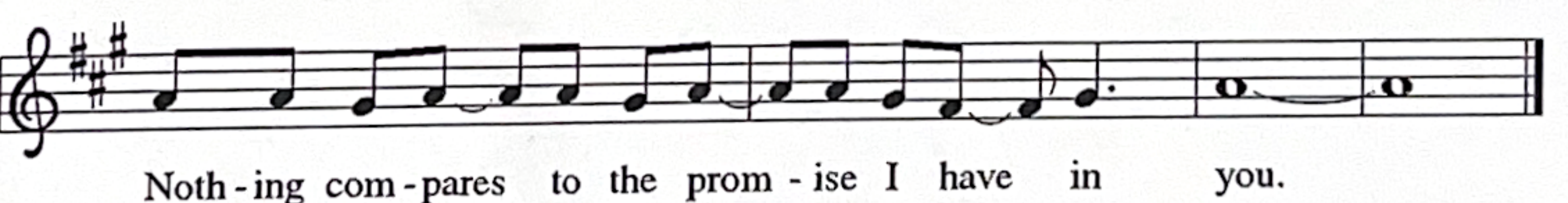
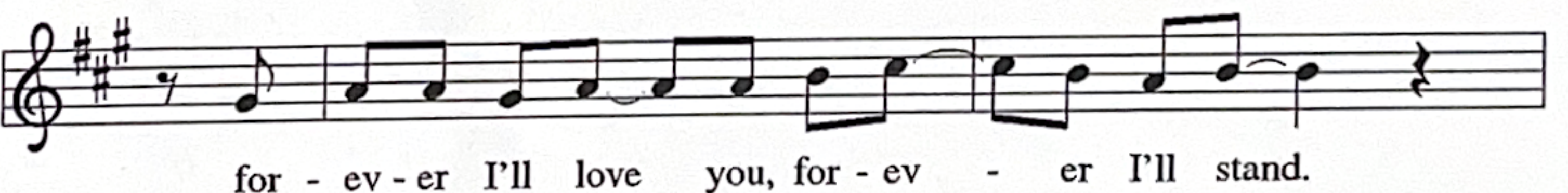
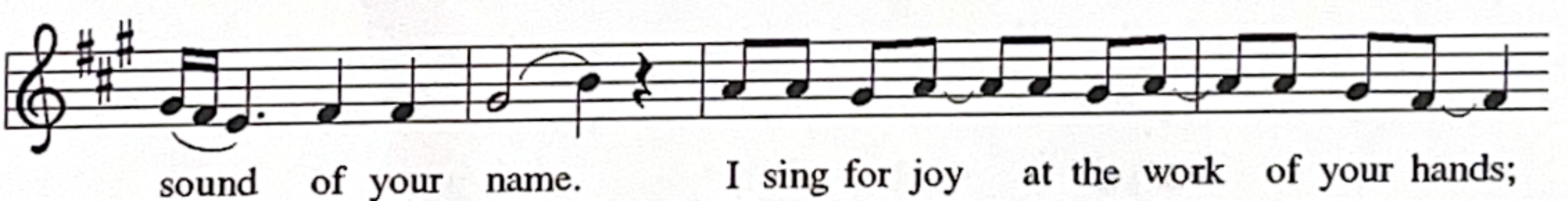
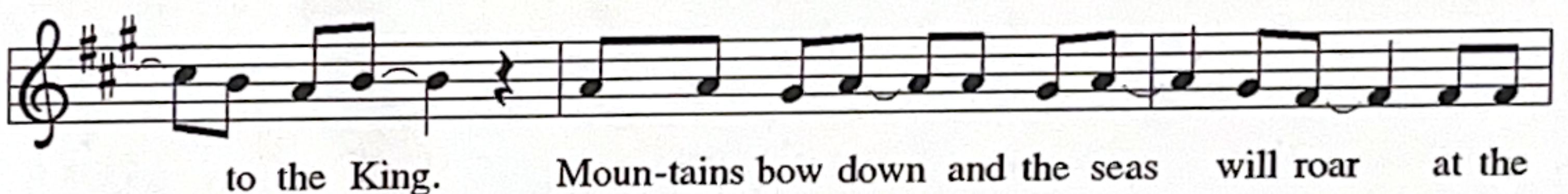
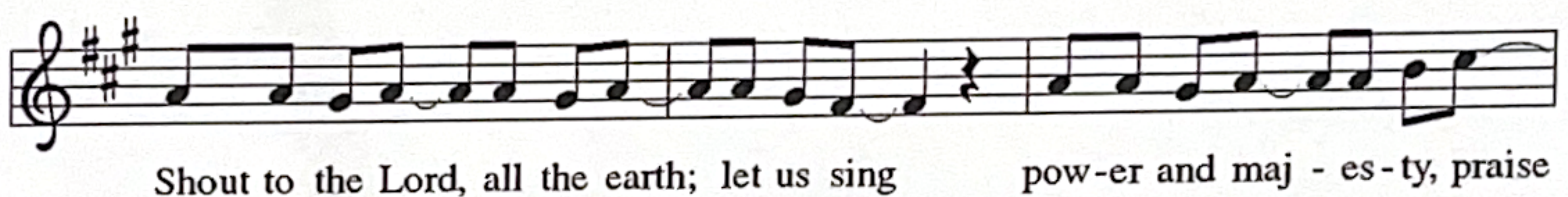
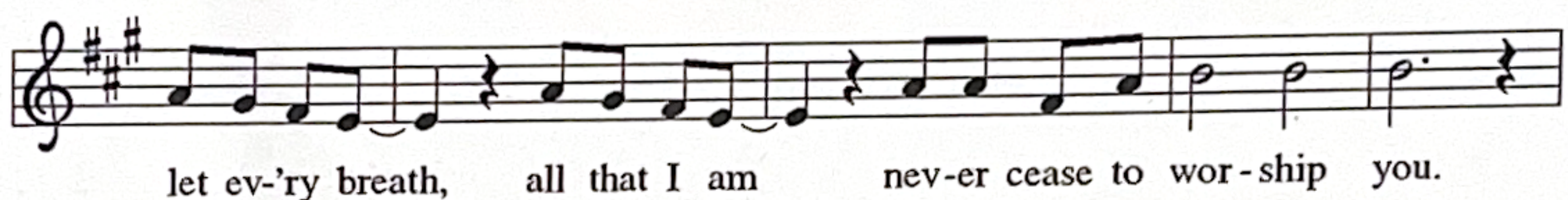
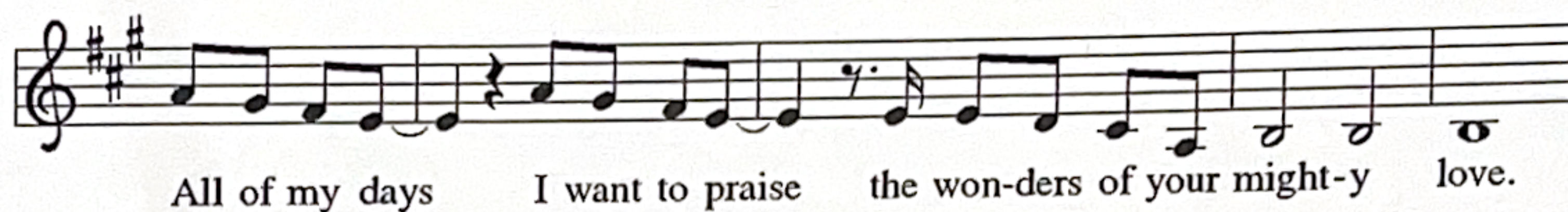
**We are the people God has made, creative and generous,**  
**made in the image of a creative and generous God.**

Let us rejoice! Let us create! Let us be generous!

**Come, let us worship God!**



## Shout to the Lord



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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## WORD

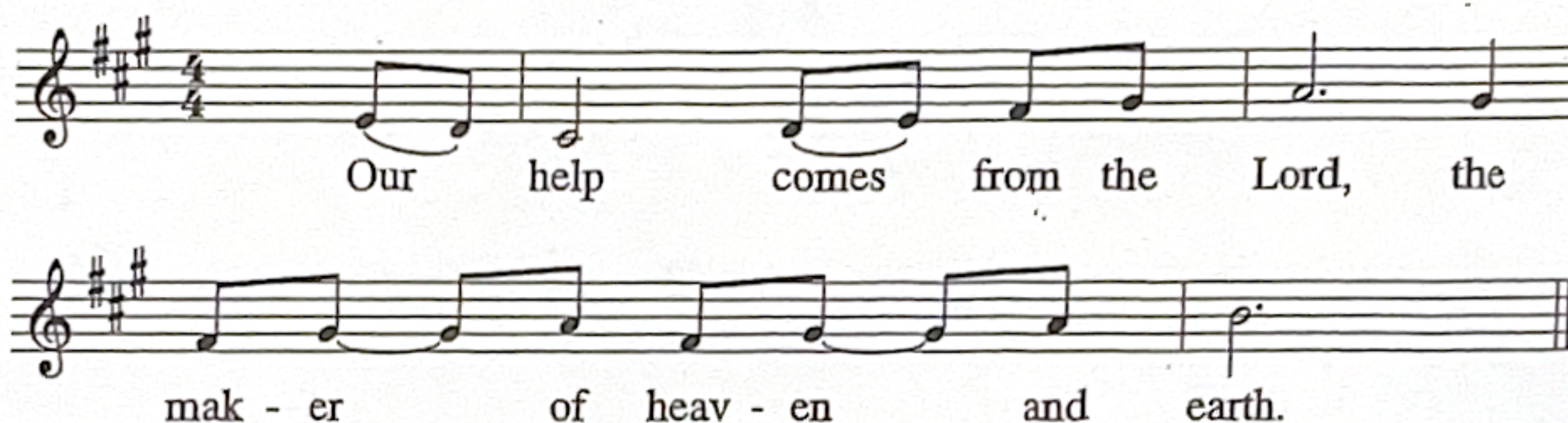
### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

### PSALM 121: Our Help Come from the Lord

Refrain



Verses

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
2. May God never allow you to stumble! Let God sleep not, your guard.  
Neither sleeping nor slumbering, God, Israel's guard.
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade: and at your right side stands,  
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.
4. The Lord will guard you from evil: God will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.
5. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus<sup>1</sup> told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON (*sit*)



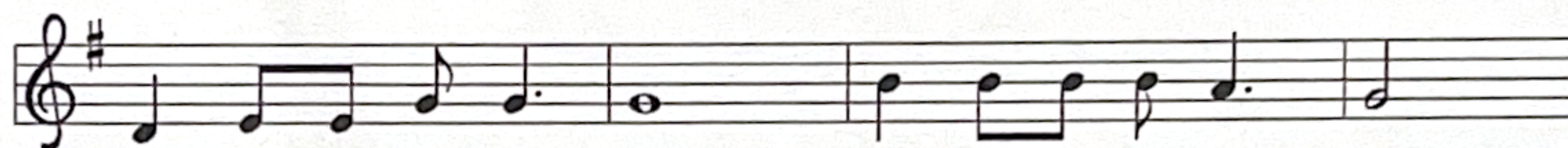
# This Little Light of Mine



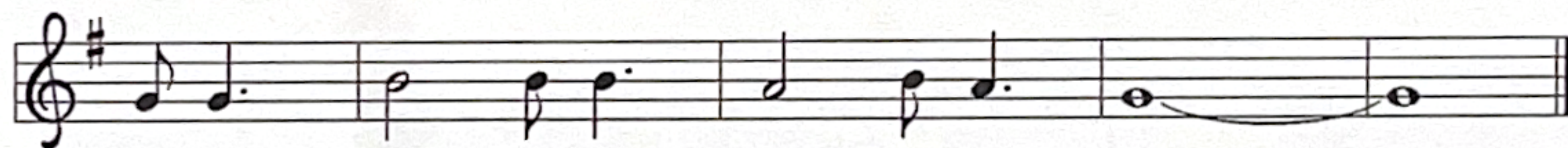
1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*you may be seated*)

*The assembly is invited into prayer:*

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. (*A brief silence*)

*After each petition, "God of grace, receive our prayer."*

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of peace*

## MEAL

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shelter Me" Michael Joncas



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be 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.**

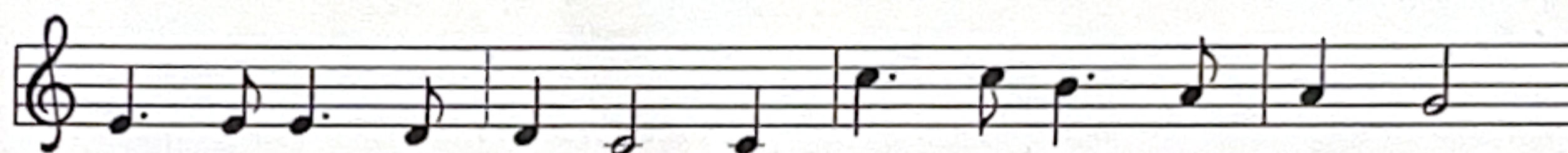
*The presiding minister continues:*

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit, you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings, you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life, broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us; he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death. Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

*Santo, santo, santo*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon these gifts,

that these fragile, earthly things

may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ;

who, on the night that he was betrayed,

gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.



Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, in our eating and drinking  
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;  
we proclaim him as creation's host,  
transforming poverty into plenty  
in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope  
that one day death and greed will be no more  
and people without number  
will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom and with whom and in whom  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, forever and ever. **Amen.**  
*Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church, Church Publishing (New York, NY: 2009).*

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

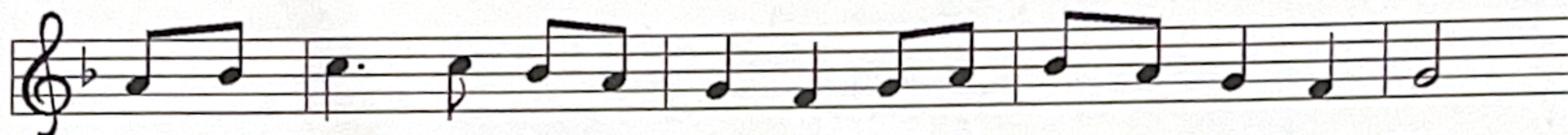
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## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



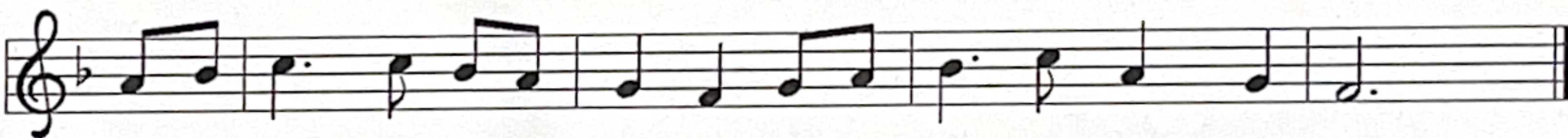
- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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# O Lord, Hear My Prayer

## *The Lord Is My Song*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
 OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Friends, the service has ended; now the wider service begins. Go now in peace, just as you are – God's children, creative and generous, made in the image of a creative and generous God. In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and Holy Spirit, Amen!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Beda Farrell, Choir Member



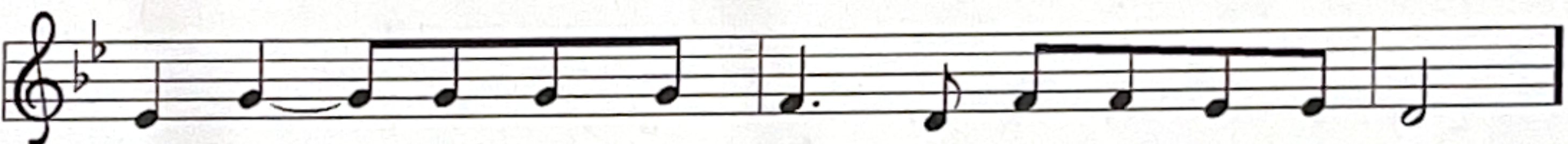
## How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



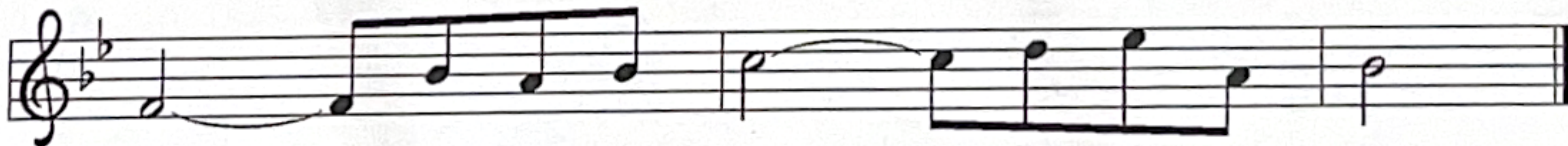
thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

## Thanks be to God.

*We invite you to remain seated quietly for the postlude. If you exit during the postlude, please refrain from conversation until you are outside of the sanctuary.*

## POSTLUDE

'Nothing But the Blood of Jesus' by Marianne Kim, arr. by Robert Lowery.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Presider: Pr. Casey Kloehn Dunsworth

Assisting Minister: Anne Voth

Musicians: Justin Hershey, Beth Sullivan, Max Chodos

Lector: Karin Kupka

Ushers: Fran Iverson and Liz Starr

*All are welcome! As a community of the people of God, the members of San Marcos Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28)*

Are you new to San Marcos Lutheran Church? Pastor Casey would love the opportunity to get to know you, and has put together a short, confidential, online form. Your smartphone's QR reader can take you to it using this code.

If technology isn't your cup of tea (or if it just isn't working for you today) there are cream-colored cards in the pew in front of you, which you can fill out and put in the silver offering plates, hand to an usher, or hand to Pastor Casey after the service. We're glad you're here!



**Let Us Keep These People in Our Prayers** Susan Agonia, Christine Buma, Sue Check, Eunice Choi, Steve Choi, Crystal, Celia Genishi, Jolene Hanson, Jim Harden, Pete Johnson, Joy Kirkland, Gary Kloehn, Laura, Larry, Deborah McGregor, Melinda Nelson, Alvar Roy, Jean Russell, Marilynne Smith, Dawn Steele, Stephanie, Nick Torres, Kelly Van Jen. Let us pray for our homebound members: Jim Kent, Linda Kent, Janice Phillips, Carol Schwartz and Bette Soderstrom. We also continue to pray for: Pacifica Synod Bishop David Nagler and ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of San Marcos Lutheran Church! **Your generosity enables us to do God's work in our community.** Your contributions to our general fund support our budgeted expenses—we cannot do it without your support!

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- Place a check or cash in the silver offering plates at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays;
- Mail a check to the church office (3419 Grand Ave. San Marcos, CA 92078);
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**All Saints Food Pantry**

Thanks for responding with donations of tuna. In October, we are requesting rice and salad dressings are always welcome. If you'd like to help on any the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30-noon, we'd love to have you. Speak to Doris Payne if you'd like more info.

**New Member Welcome - Sunday, October 26**

If you are interested in becoming a member of SMLC (or learning what that means) contact Pastor Casey! We will welcome new members during the worship service on Sunday, October 26. New members will also be invited to meet one another and to get the scoop on all things SMLC that you may be wondering about. All are welcome!

**Saturdays of Sisterhood- November 1, 10-11:30am**

For Women. By Women. About Women. Bible study, self reflection, and finding community amongst the women of the Bible and those of SMLC! Please join Karin Kupka on November 1st from 10-11:30am in Luther Hall. Coffee and tea will be served. No need to RSVP. Questions? Email Karin @karinkupka533@hotmail.com or call 760-415-2525.

**All Saints' Sunday is November 2**

In honor of All Saints' Day, please bring a memento of your loved ones who have died to place at the altar. These can be photographs, a small object that belonged to them, or something that represents them or a memory you shared. You can bring it forward before the service begins, or Pastor Casey will remind you during the sharing of prayer requests and thanksgivings.