25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
10:30 AM



University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshiping together in-person and virtually on YouTube. Welcome!

For those worshiping in-person, please remember:

- **To support the health and wellness of all those among us,** feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion**. Ushers will direct you.
- **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: http://www.ulch.org/ To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- **Children are welcome in worship**. Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families at the front of the sanctuary. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Land Acknowledgment

This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgment, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

Gathering

+ *Indicates the assembly stand as able. Assembly parts are marked in* **bold**.
ELW *refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.* **ACS** *refers to All Creation Sings, an ELW supplement.*

Prelude All Glory Be to God on High arr. Paul Manz (1962)

Welcome

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose promises endure forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.
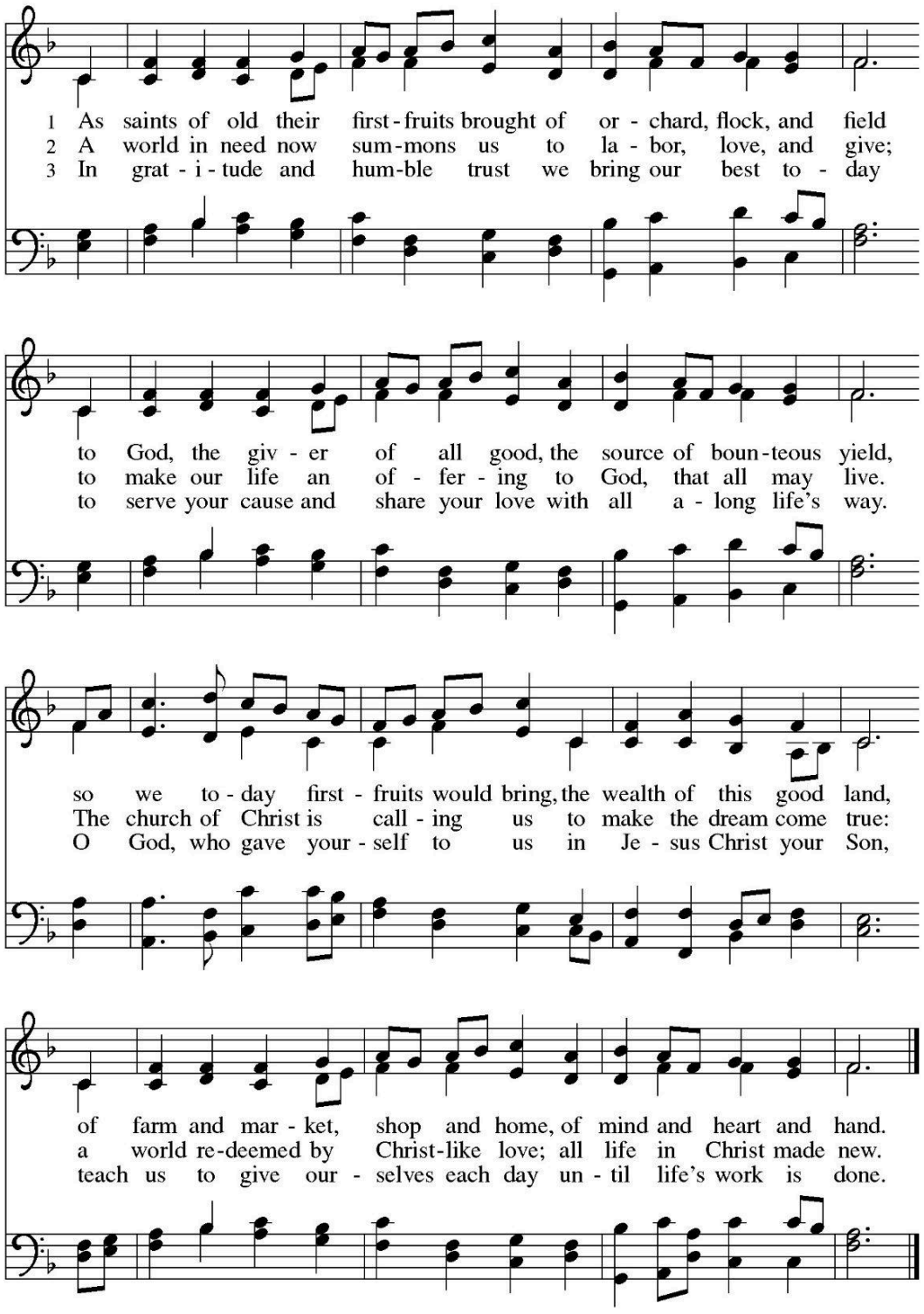
Holy God,

We confess that we have trusted in our own plans instead of your promises. We have allowed fear and uncertainty to narrow our imagination and turn inwardly. We cling to what is familiar rather than trusting the future you are creating. We overlook the needs of our neighbors and miss opportunities to share your love.

Forgive us when we forget our identity and purpose. Renew us by your Spirit, strengthen us in hope, and lead us more deeply into the life you desire for all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

God is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven and you are set free to live in hope and love your neighbor with Christ's own compassion. Amen.

+ Processional Hymn As Saints of Old ELW 695



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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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+ Greeting

The grace of the risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

+ Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

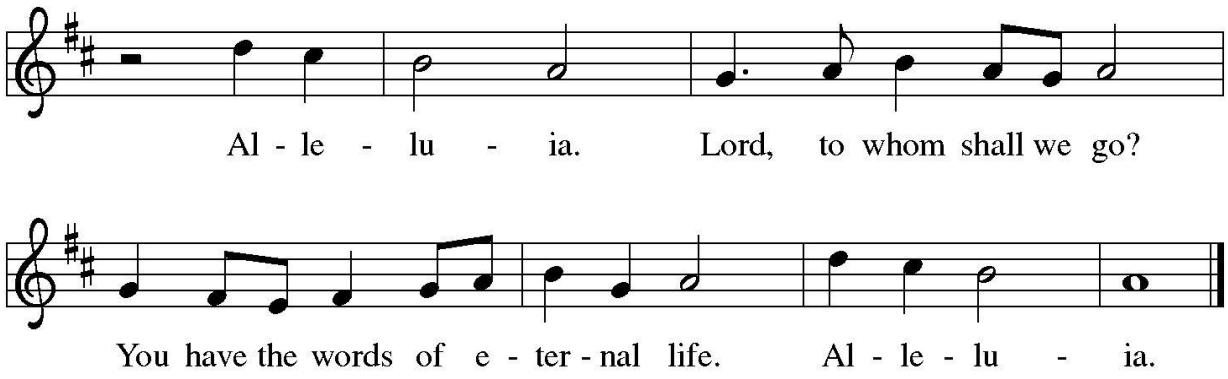
Word of God, word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Ahora bien, hermanos, ustedes no necesitan que se les escriba acerca de tiempos y fechas, porque ya saben que el día del Señor llegará como ladrón en la noche. Cuando la gente esté diciendo: «Paz y seguridad», vendrá de improviso sobre ellos la destrucción, como llegan los dolores de parto a la mujer embarazada. De ninguna manera podrán escapar. Ustedes, en cambio, hermanos, no están en la oscuridad para que ese día los sorprenda como un ladrón. Todos ustedes son hijos de la luz y del día. No somos de la noche ni de la oscuridad. Por lo tanto, no debemos dormirnos como los demás, sino mantenernos alerta y en nuestro sano juicio. Los que duermen, de noche duermen, y los que se emborrachan, de noche se emborrachan. Nosotros que somos del día, por el contrario, estemos siempre en nuestro sano juicio, protegidos por la coraza de la fe y del amor, y por el casco de la esperanza de salvación; pues Dios no nos destinó a sufrir el castigo, sino a recibir la salvación por medio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él murió por nosotros para que, en la vida o en la muerte, vivamos junto con él. Por eso, anímense y edifíquense unos a otros, tal como lo vienen haciendo.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.
Demos gracias a Dios

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4 (by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978)



+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 25:14-30

The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I

»El reino de los cielos será también como un hombre que, al emprender un viaje, llamó a sus siervos y les encargó sus bienes. A uno le dio cinco mil monedas; a otro, dos mil y a otro, mil. Dio a cada uno según su capacidad. Luego se fue de viaje. El que había recibido las cinco mil fue enseguida y negoció con ellas y ganó otras cinco mil. Así mismo, el que recibió dos mil ganó otras dos mil. Pero el que había recibido mil fue, cavó un hoyo en la tierra y escondió el dinero de su señor.»Después de mucho tiempo, volvió el señor de aquellos siervos y arregló cuentas con ellos. El que había recibido las cinco mil monedas llegó con las otras cinco mil. "Señor —dijo—, usted me encargó cinco mil monedas. Mire, he ganado otras cinco mil". Su señor respondió: "¡Hiciste bien, siervo bueno y fiel! En lo poco has sido fiel; te pondré a cargo de mucho más. ¡Ven a compartir la felicidad de tu señor!". Llegó también el que recibió dos mil monedas. "Señor —informó—, usted me encargó dos mil monedas. Mire, he ganado otras dos mil". Su señor respondió: "¡Hiciste bien, siervo bueno y fiel! En lo poco has sido fiel; te pondré a cargo de mucho más. ¡Ven a compartir la felicidad de tu señor!".»Después llegó el que había recibido mil monedas. "Señor —explicó—, yo sabía que usted es un hombre duro, que cosecha donde no ha sembrado y recoge donde no ha esparcido. Así que tuve miedo y fui y escondí su dinero en la tierra. Mire, aquí tiene lo que es suyo". Pero su señor respondió: "¡Siervo

went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "
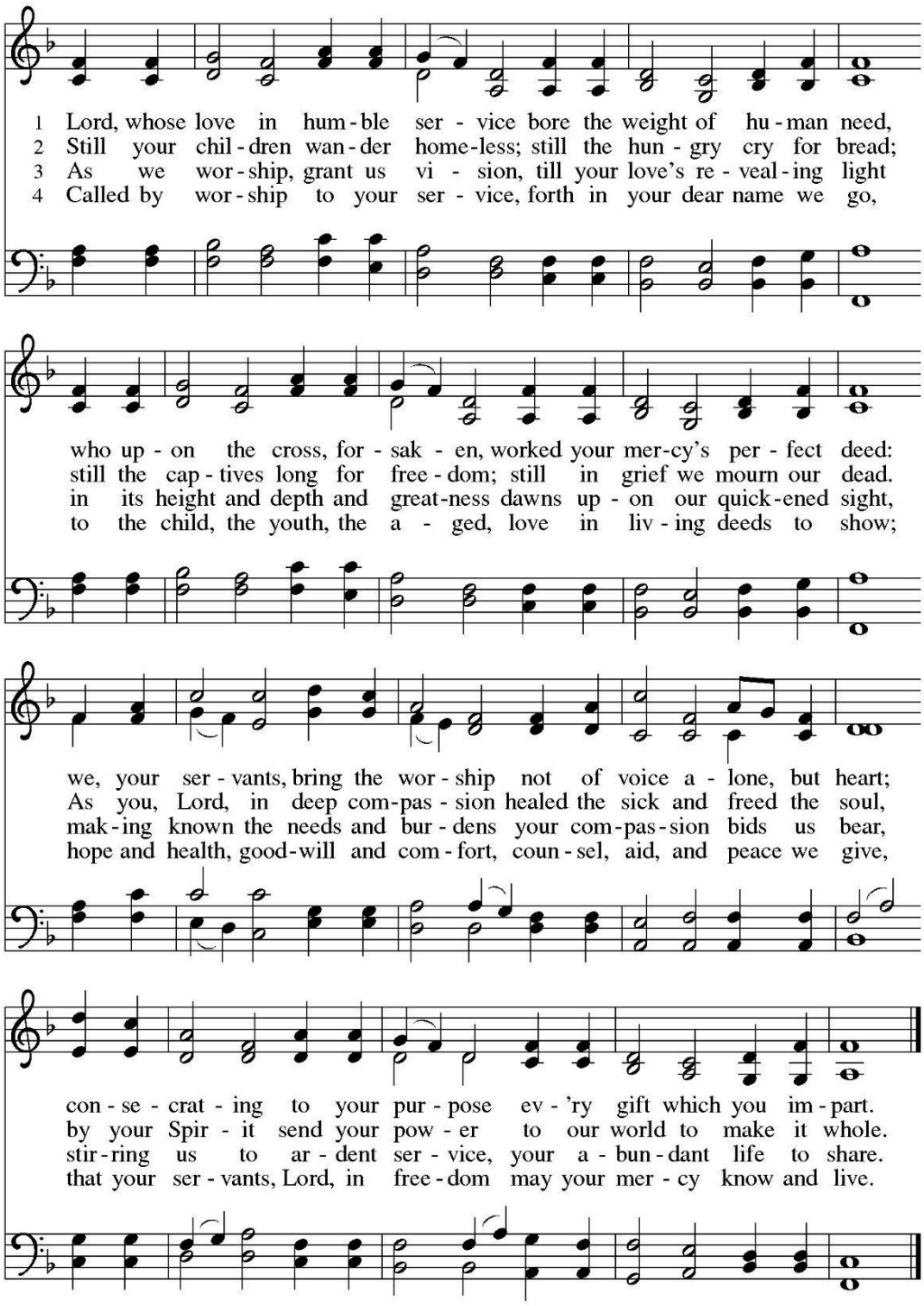
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

malo y perezoso! ¿Así que sabías que cosecho donde no he sembrado y recojo donde no he esparcido? Pues debías haber depositado mi dinero en el banco, para que a mi regreso lo hubiera recibido con intereses". »Después ordenó: "Quítenle las mil monedas y dénselas al que tiene las diez mil. Porque a todo el que tiene se le dará más y tendrá en abundancia. Al que no tiene hasta lo que tiene se le quitará. Y a ese siervo inútil échenlo afuera, a la oscuridad, donde habrá llanto y crujir de dientes".

El Evangelio del Señor.
Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

Sermon - Pastor Kate Reuer Welton

+ Hymn of the Day Lord Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
And also with you. **Y también contigo.**

All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

Gratitude and Generosity Moment - Stewart Herman

Meal

Offertory Agnus Dei, from Mass in C Ludwig Van Beethoven (1807)

Hope Choir with soloists Jackie Rolfs, Katie Hale Bartholf, James Flaten, Zach Rau

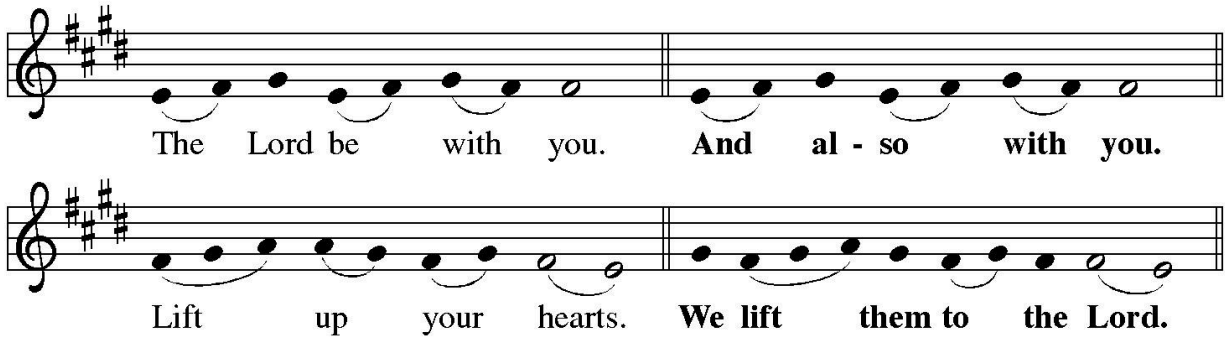
NB: Hope Choir will sing the entire Mass in C by Beethoven at a special Evening Prayer service Friday, February 5 at 7pm and for morning worship February 7.

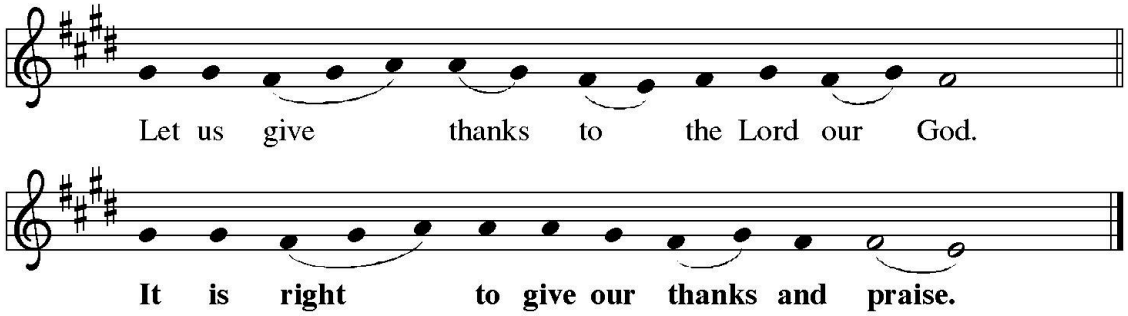
As an act of gratitude and participation in God's work among us, we offer our gifts. Thank you for supporting the ministry we share together through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Financial offerings may be made online, via the QR code at the rear of the bulletin, by mail, or in the offering plate during Communion.

+ Offertory Prayer

Generous God, **everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Because you fill us with hope, we dare to dream of your kingdom, to share our gifts, and to align our lives with your mission. Receive our offerings of time, talent, and treasure and use them to bring healing, justice, and abundant life to the world. Amen.**

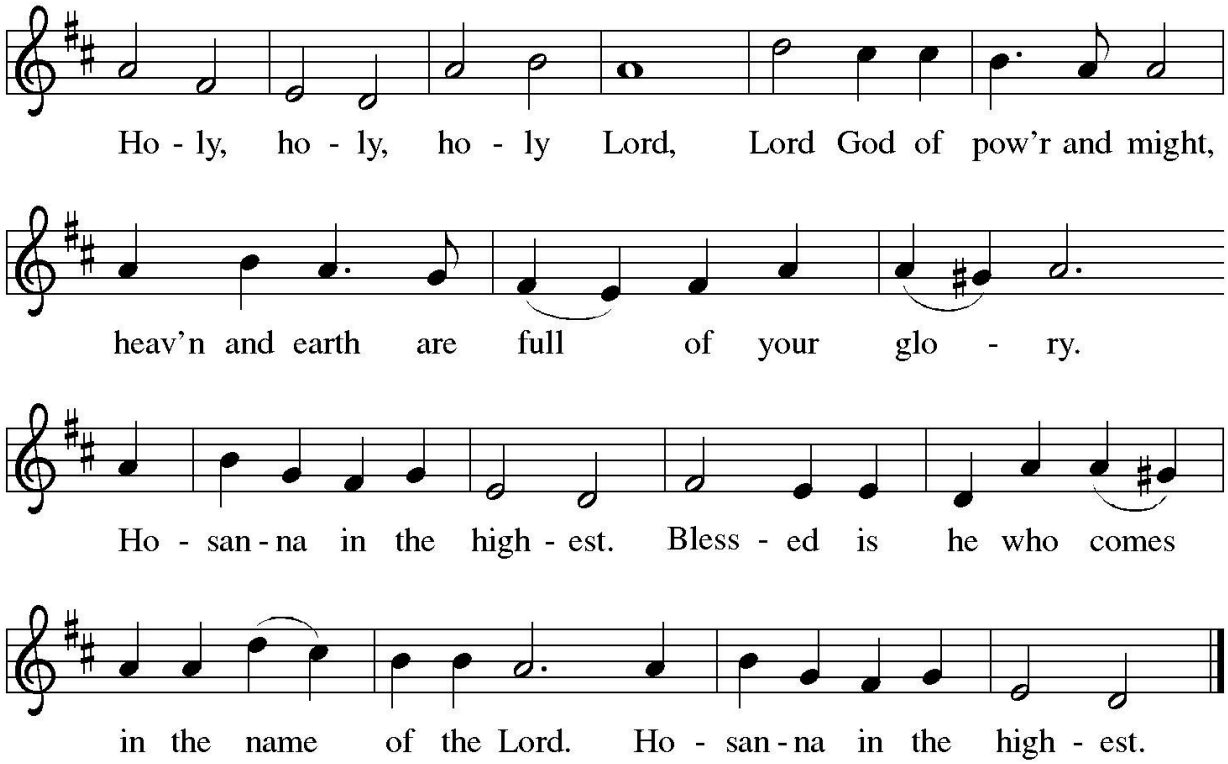
+The Great Thanksgiving





It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

+ Sanctus ELW Setting 4 (by Ronald A. Nelson, 1978)



+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, 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.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and sitting with others... *When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*
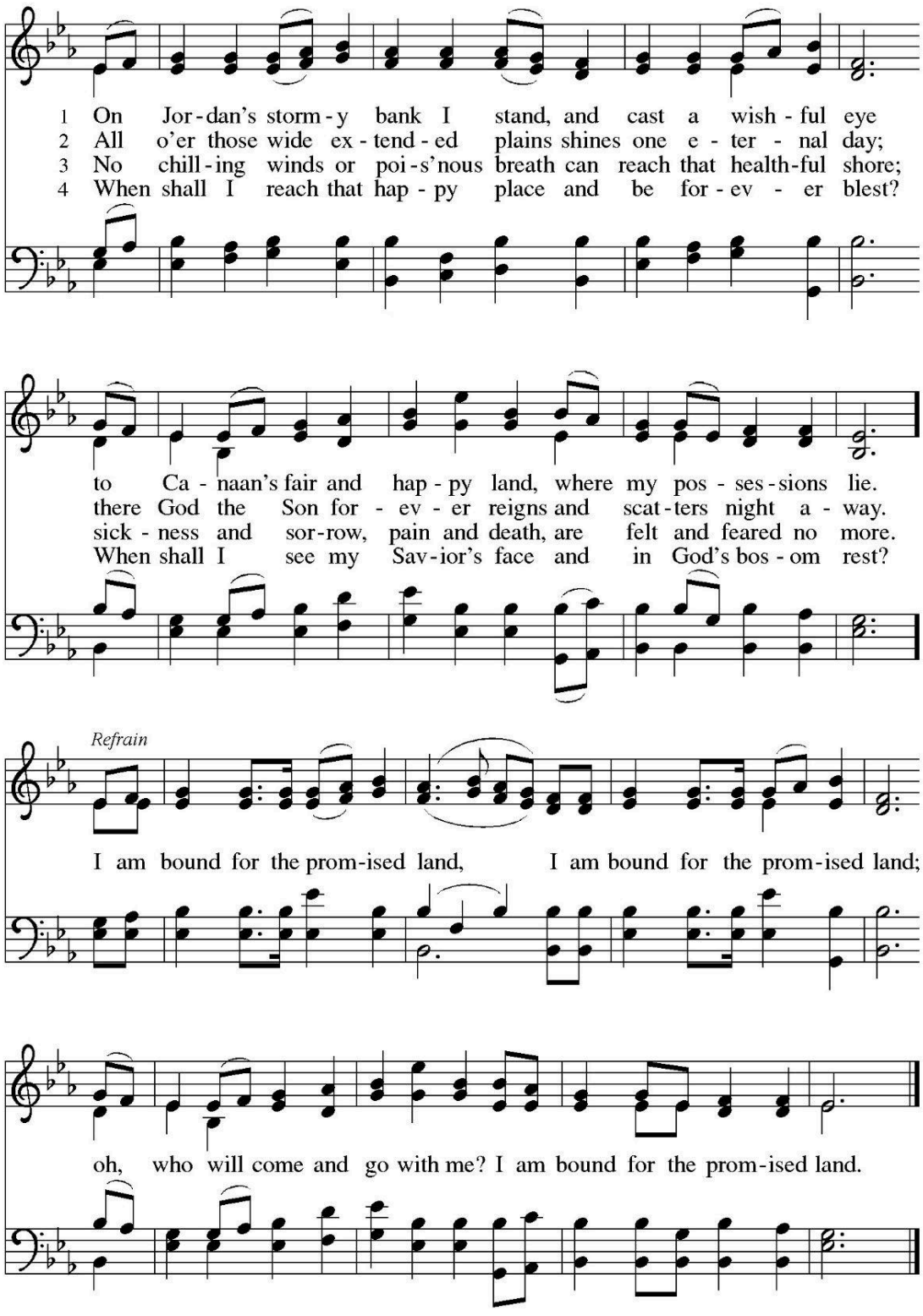
If you are at home on your own... *Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

If you are worshiping in-person today... *We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), receive either the red wine or white grape juice in your cup, place your used cup in the basket. Children of all ages are welcome to partake at Holy Communion.*

If you seek healing prayers today... *A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.*
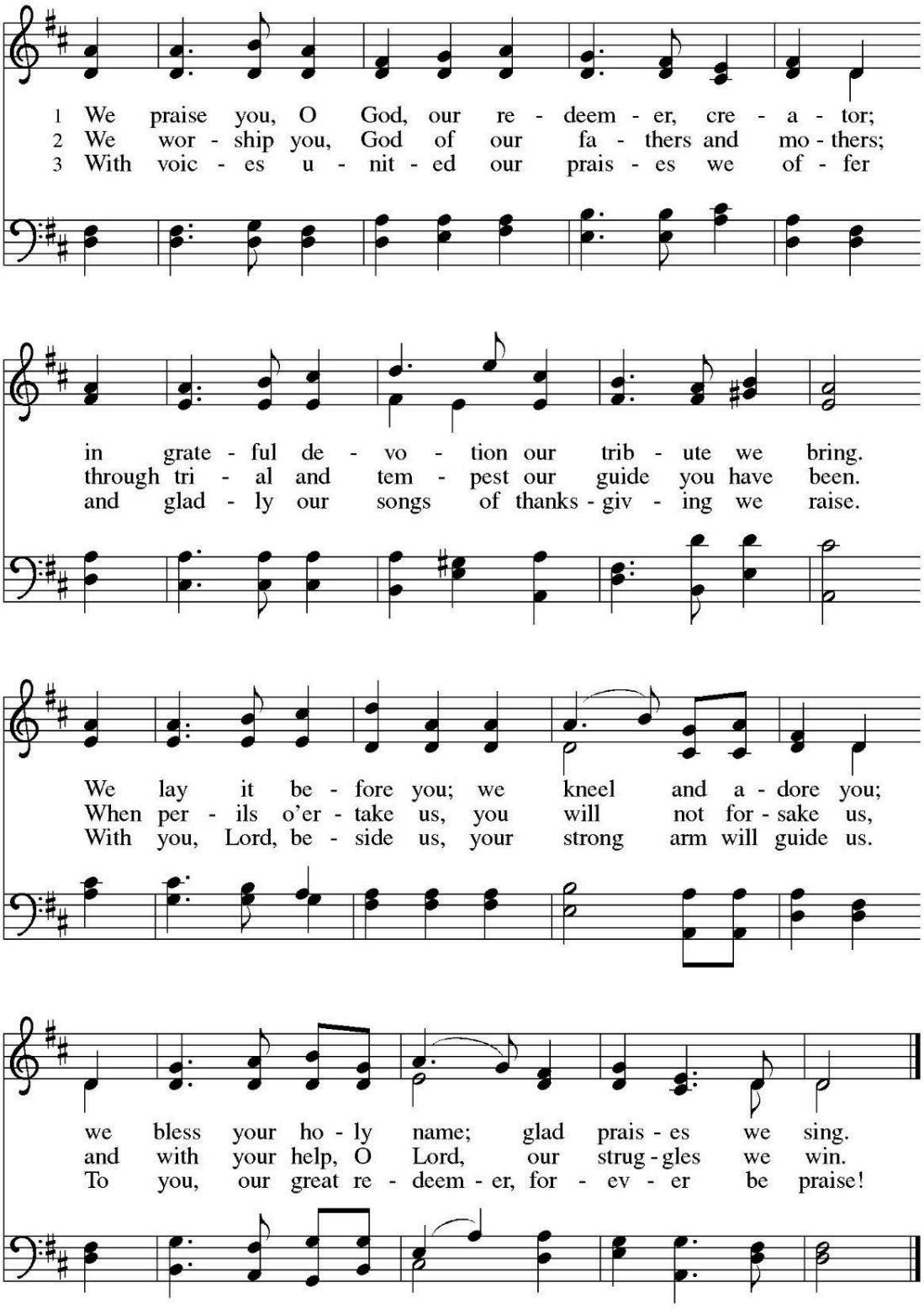
If you are so inclined during this time... *You may dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, light candles for situations around the world and close to home or add a prayer to the prayer wall. All prayer slips remain anonymous. Periodically throughout the year, prayers are removed from the wall, blessed during worship, and burned in our courtyard fireplace as a sign of releasing our burdens and entrusting our concerns to God's care.*

Music During Communion On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand ELW 437



Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795
Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836–1899
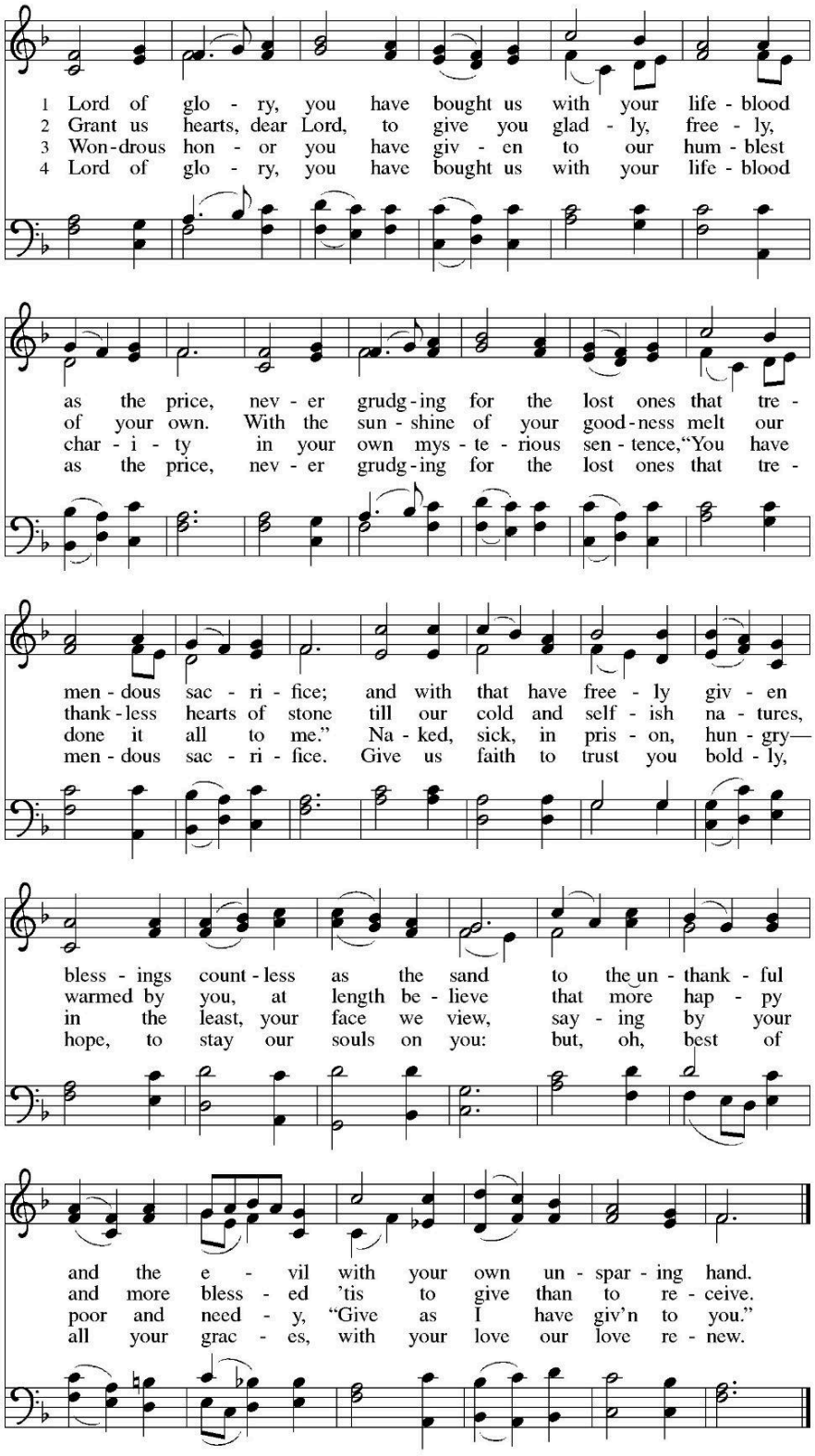
We Praise You, O God — ELW 870



Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW 707



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

+ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**
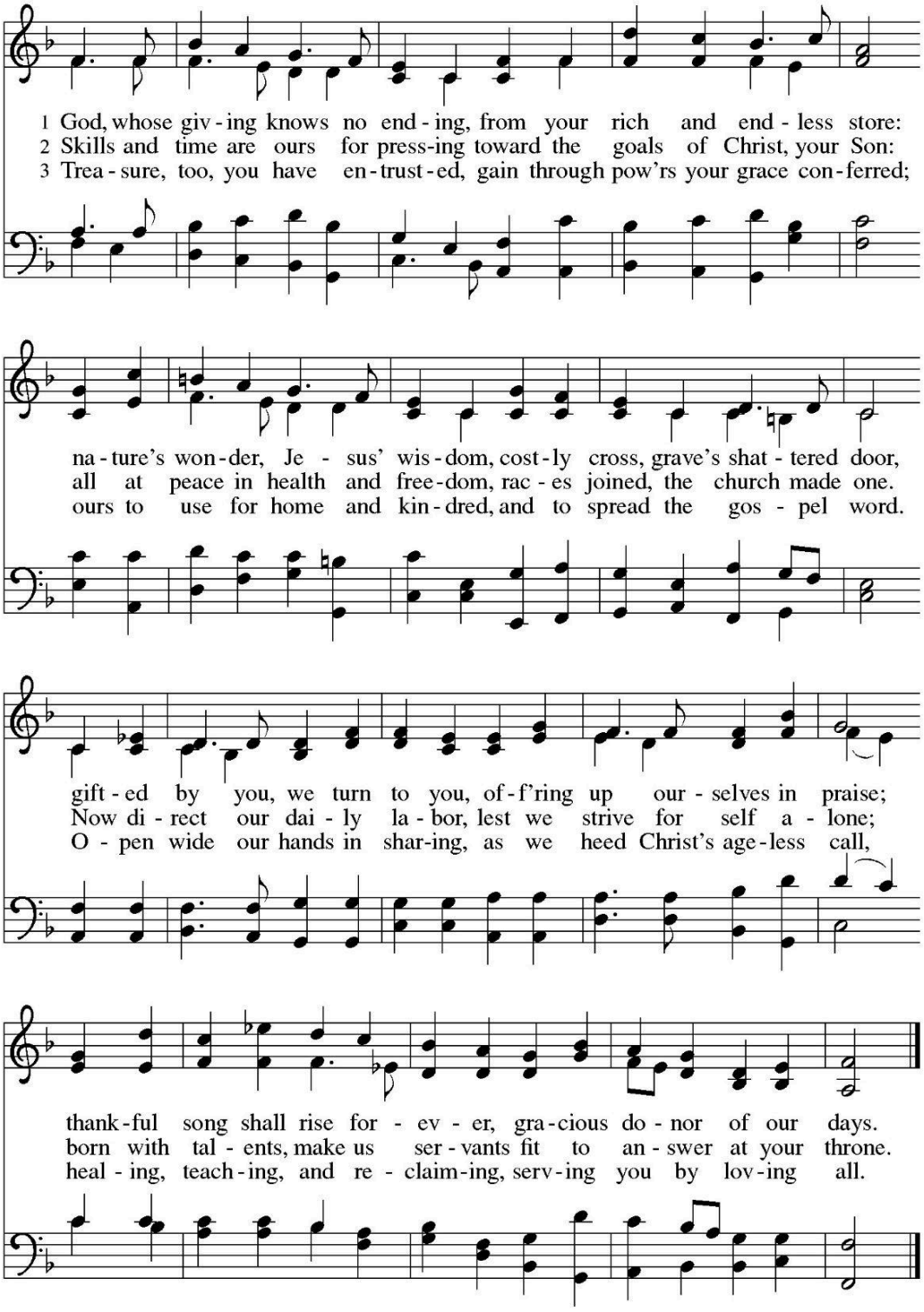
+ Prayer after Communion

God of hope, in this meal you have fed us with the presence of Christ and renewed us with your grace. Strengthened by your promises, send us into the world to dream boldly, serve joyfully, and share generously, until all people know the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+Announcements

SENDING

+Sending Hymn God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678



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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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+Blessing

May the God who gives hope to the weary, The Christ who calls us into God's future,
And the Holy Spirit who inspires holy dreams, + bless you and keep you, today and always. **Amen.**

+Dismissal

Go in peace, because we hope, we dream. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good arr. David P. Dahl (2013)

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert (presiding minister); Scott Hvizdos (assisting minister); Hope Choir, Paul Stever (musicians); Kathy Kufus, John Lauber, Wayne Lee, Lisa Morse (communion servers); Julia Reimann-Perez (lector); Addison Gillette (worship tech facilitator); Kenneth Sarkela (greeter); Michael Kneer, Williams Santana, John Sorensen (ushers); Viva Whitney (acolytes); Carol Flaten (worship prep); Karilyn Alexander, Carol Flaten (communion clean-up); Sara Tufvesson Doure, Ann Agrimson (healing prayer)

Sunday, November 22, 9:30am Forum

"You're Going Where?": Nine Months in North Macedonia.

Karen Westwood and John Pignatello will reflect on their time in a country most people know little about.