



cension Lutheran Church

***Celebrating 65 years
planting seeds of***

grace

faith

love

September 21, 2025

15th Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to all God's guests, especially those who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary
is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate this
congregation's past, present, and future.

We honor the vision of those, who more than 65 years ago,
believed that God had a ministry and purpose for them.
May we, along with our neighbors, continue planting seeds of
God's grace, faith, and love.

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Our lives are so small, O Lord,

***All* Our vision so limited,**

P Our courage so frail,

***All* Our hours so fleeting**

P Therefore give us grace and guidance for the journey ahead.

We are gathered here because we believe that we are called together into a work we cannot yet know the fullness of.

***All* Still, we trust the voice of the One who has called us.**

P And so we offer to you, O God, these things:

***All* Our dreams, our plans, our vision.**

P Shape them as You will,

***All* Our moments and our gifts.**

P May they be invested toward bright, eternal ends.

***All* Richly bless the work before us, Father.**

P Shepherd us well lest we grown enamored of our own accomplishment
or entrenched in old habit.

Instead let us listen for Your voice, our hearts ever open to the quiet
beckonings of Your Spirit in this endeavor.

All Let us in true humility and poverty of spirit remain ever ready
to move at the impulse of your love in paths of your design.

P May our acts of service and creation,

All frail and wanting as they are,

P Be met and multiplied by the mysterious workings of Your Spirit

All who weaves all things together toward a redemption more good
and glorious than we yet have eyes to see, or courage to hope for.

P May it be so!

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ✝
Our sins are FORGIVEN and FORGOTTEN.

All Amen.

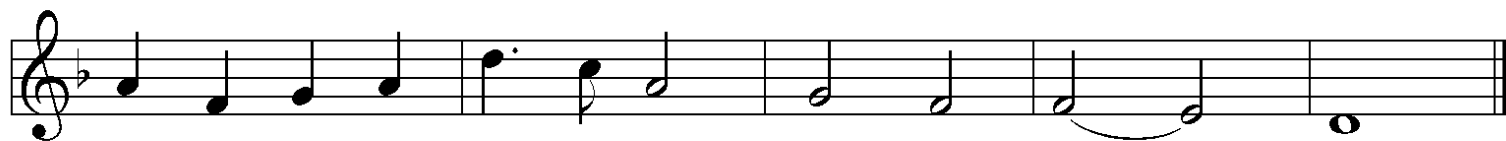
Kyrie & Song of Praise



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we



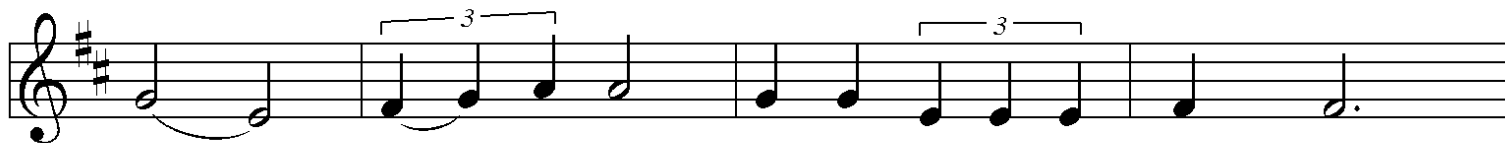
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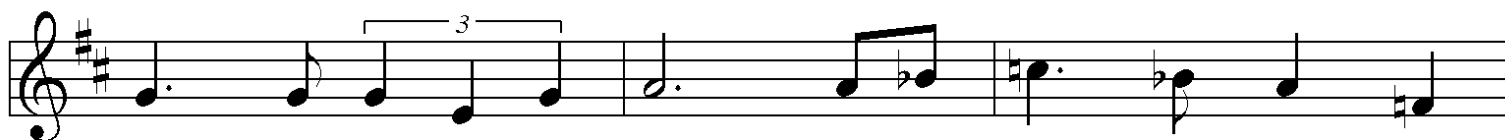
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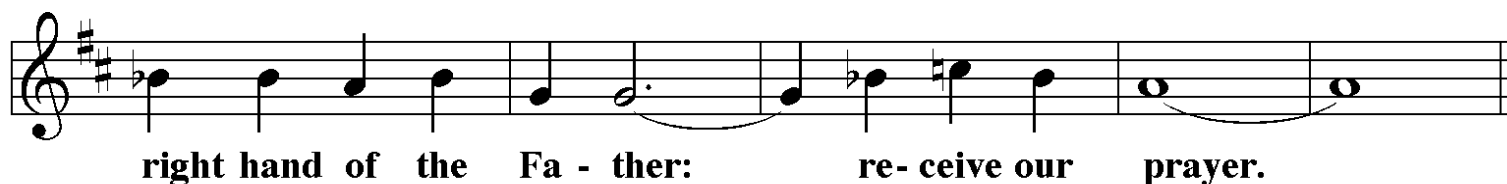
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



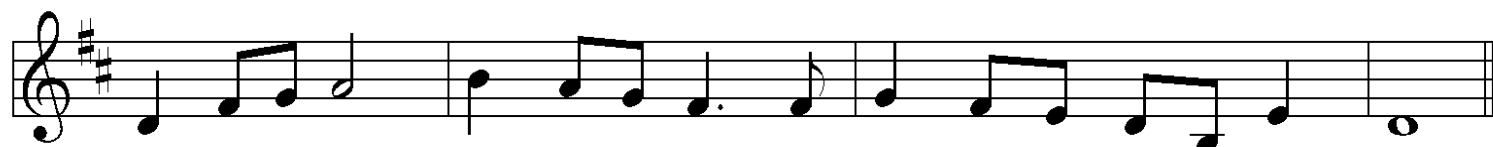
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



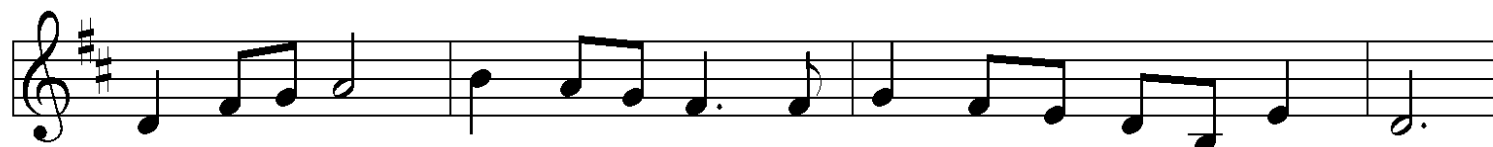
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P God among us, we gather in the name of your Son
to learn love for one another.

All Keep our feet from evil paths.

Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts
to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Amos the 8th chapter

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying,
“When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Amos 8:4-7

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 Timothy, the 2nd chapter

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another,

who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Luke 16:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon
&
Noisy Offering

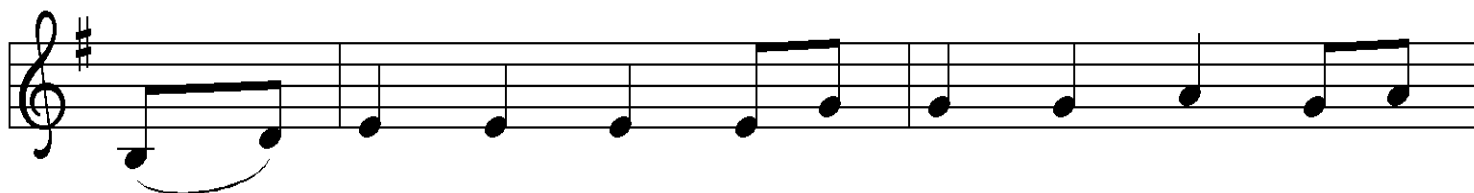
Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



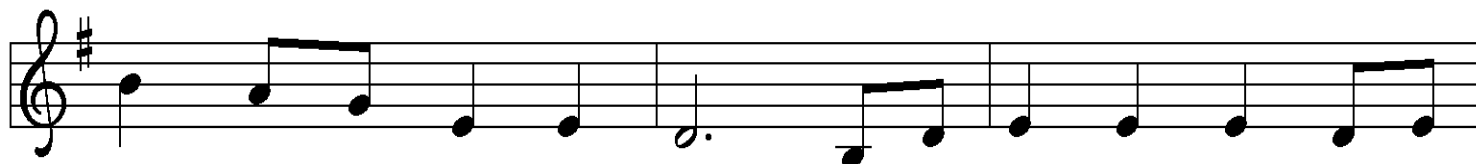
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**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.**

**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.**

You may be Seated

Prayers of the People

WA Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world,
and all in need.

***We Lift Up
By Nick Ehrhardt***

All **Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.**
(Repeat throughout)

Leader For the planet, for its people.
For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.
For the hungry, for the cold.
For the young and for the old.
For our joy and for our pain.
For the sunshine for the rain.
For the dying, for the sick.
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.
For our leaders for their minds.
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.
For the world and its frantic pace.
For the places where we find deeper space.
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.
(For our words and for our silence. (Pause)
Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All **And also with you.**

You may be Seated

Offertory



We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

You alone, O God, by your gracious and life-giving Spirit,
have power to knit our imperfect hearts,
our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories,
and our gifts, one to another.

All Unite Your people and multiply our meager offerings, O Lord,
that all might resound to Your glory. Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P And with our hearts and voices raised we remember...

Remember Me

Words and Music by
Gerrit Gustafson and Martin Nystrom



(All) On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;__ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,__ You broke it and said, "This is My __



bod - y, bro - ken for__ you, and as you



eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My__



bod - y bro - ken for__ you, and as you

eat _____ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the

night You were _____ be - trayed _____ You held the cup; _____ Af - ter

giv - ing thanks, _____ You lift - ed it up. "This is My _____

blood, poured out for _____ you, and as you drink _____ it, re - mem - ber

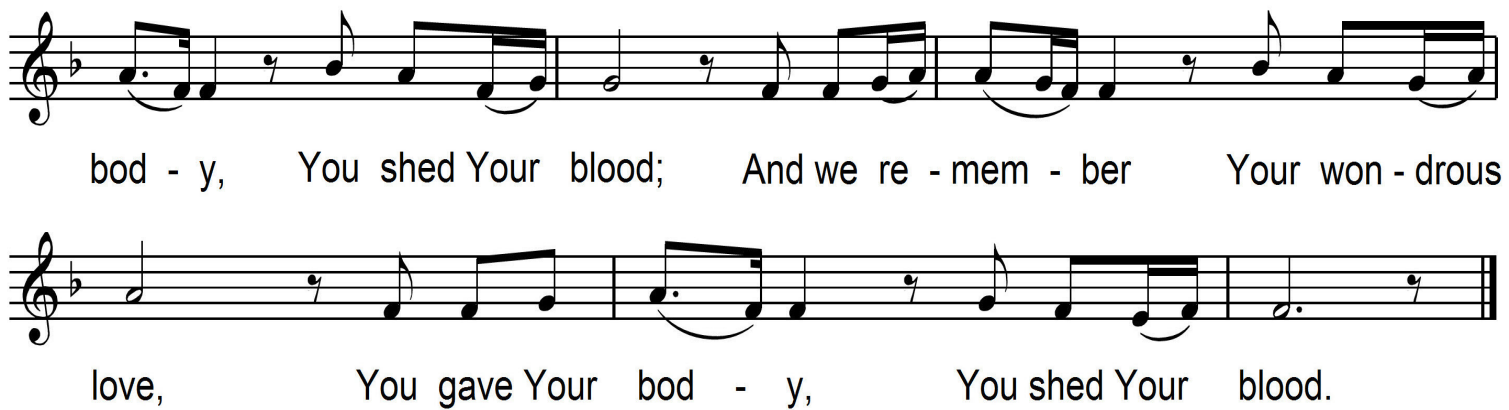
Me; This is My _____ blood, poured out for _____ you, and as you

drink _____ it, re - mem - ber _____ Me." So, we

thank You for _____ the wine _____ and for the bread; _____ For we

see the life _____ You gave _____ and the blood You _____ shed. And we re -

mem - ber Your won - drous _____ love, You gave Your



The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and 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.

The Invitation

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Be Still And Know

Words and Music by
Steven Curtis Chapman



1 Be still___ and know___ that He___ is God.___
2 Be still___ and know___ that He___ is God.___
3 Be still___ and know___ that He___ is God.___



Be still___ and know___ that He___ is___ ho - ly.___
Be still___ and know___ that He___ is___ faith - ful.___
Be still___ and know___ He is___ our___ Fa - ther.___

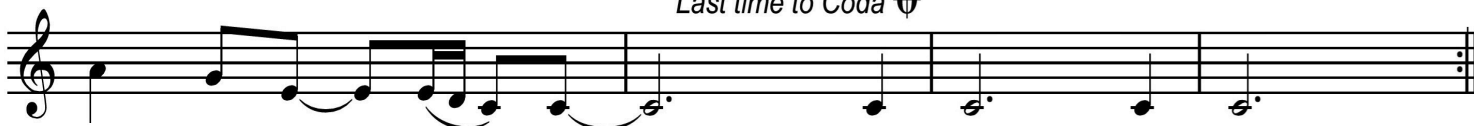


Be still,___ oh, rest - less soul___ of mine.___
Con - sid - er all___ that He___ has done.___
Come rest___ your head___ up - on___ His breast;__



___ Bow be - fore the Prince___ of___ Peace.___
___ Stand in awe and be___ a - mazed,___ and know that
___ Lis - ten to the rhy - thm___ of___ His un -

Last time to Coda \oplus



noise and clam - or___ cease.___
He will nev - er___ change.___
fail - ing heart___ of___ love,___
Be still.
Be still. Be still.



beat - ing for His lit - tle___ ones,___ call - ing



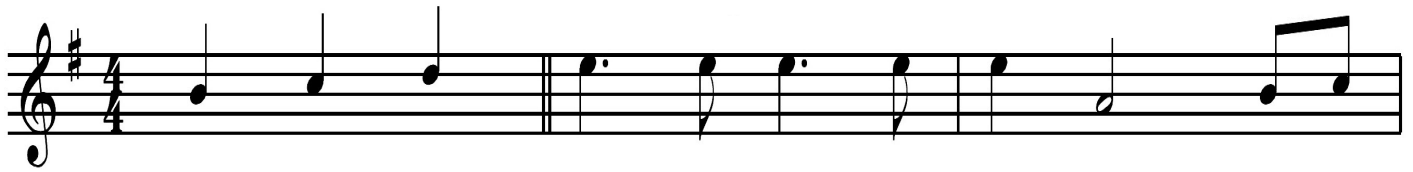
each of us___ to___ come.___
Be still.



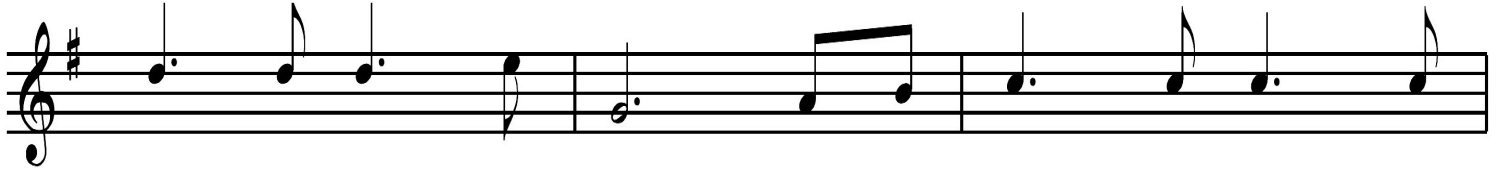
Be still.

Spirit Song

Words and Music by
John Wimber



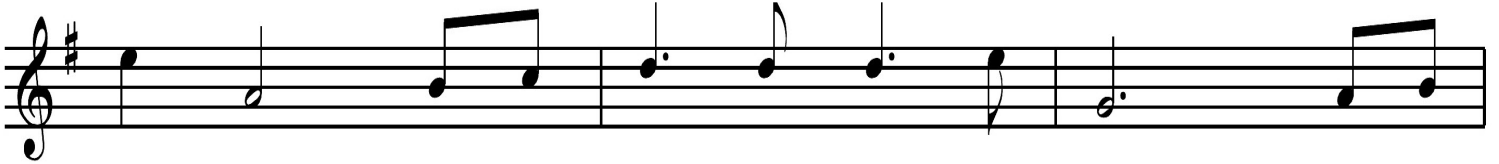
1 Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His
2 Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your



Spir - it and His love; Let Him fill your heart and
hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur -



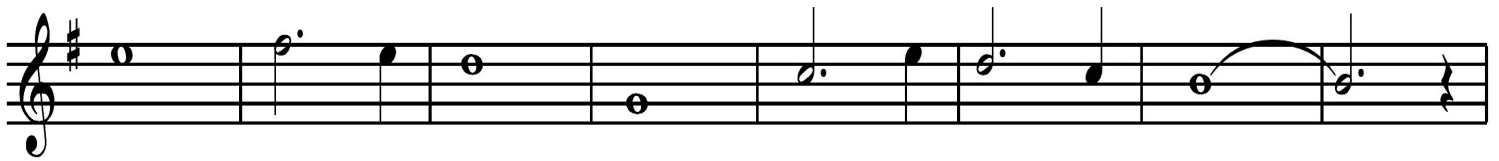
sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that
ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and



hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, will de -
sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll



scend up - on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus Messiah

Words and Music by
Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin,
Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves



1 He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that
(2.) bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine bro -

we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He
ken and poured out, all for love. The

hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross. Love so a - maz -
whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn. Love so a - maz -

ing, Love so a - maz - ing. Je - sus, Mes - si -
ing, Love so a - maz - ing.

ah; Name a - bove all names; Bless - ed Re - deem -

er; Em - man - u - el. The Res - cue for sin - ners,

the Ran - som from heav - en; Je - sus, Mes - si - ah;

Last time to Coda



Lord of all.____ 1 2 His All our hope____

____ is in You,____ all our hope____ is in You;____

____ all the glo - ry to You,____ God,____

the Light of the world.____ Je - sus, Mes - si -

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah,____ Lord of all.____

The Lord__ of all!____ The Lord__ of all.____

D.S. al Coda

Coda

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen

P Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

All Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Gratitude & Blessing

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Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May our love and our labors
now echo your love and your labor, O Lord.

All Let all that we do here, in these our brief lives,
in this our brief moment to love,
in this the work you have ordained for this community,
flower in a winsome and beautiful foretaste of great glories to come.

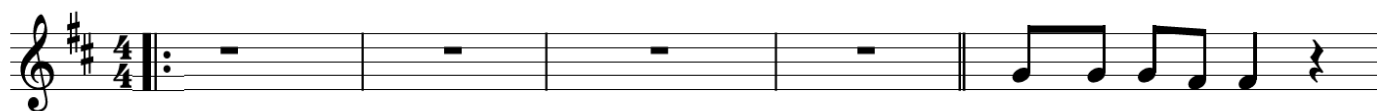
P O Spirit of God, Our Father, now shape our hearts.
O spirit of God, Our Redeemer, now guide our hands.
O Spirit of God, ✝ Our Sustainer, now build Your kingdom among us.

All Amen.

Sending

All The People Said Amen

Words and Music by
Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan
and Paul Moak



1. You are not a-lone

2. If you're rich or poor,



if you are lone - ly.

When you feel a - fraid,

you're not the on - ly.

well, it don't mat - ter.

Weak _ or strong,

you know love is what we're af - ter.



We are all the same,

in need of mer - cy, _

to be for - giv - en and be

We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. _

God knows we stum - ble and fall, _



free.

It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. _

and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

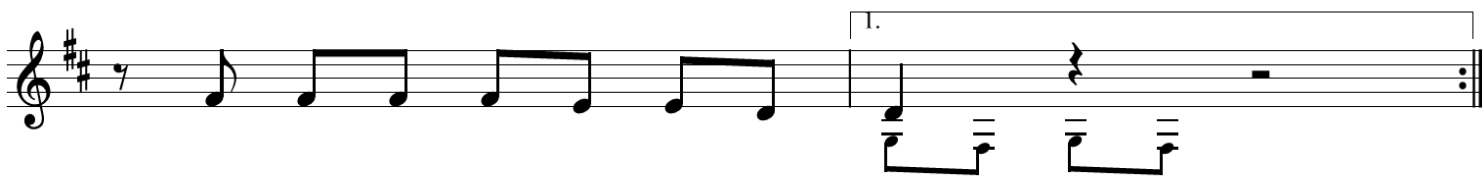
Whoa. _

And all the peo - ple said, "A -

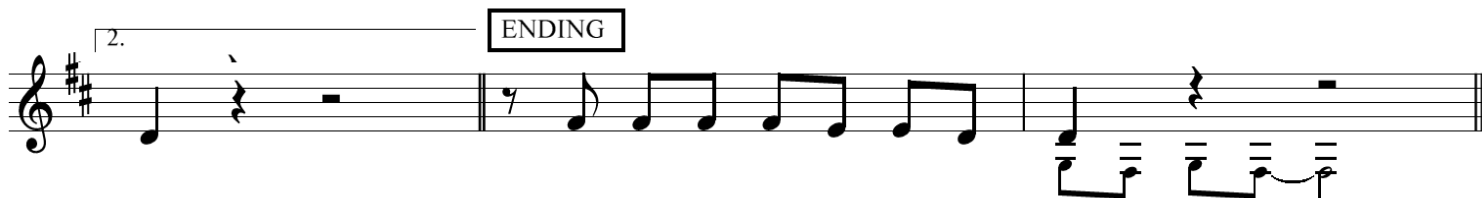


-men."

Give thanks to the Lord, _ for His love _ nev - er ends. _



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."



-men."

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Love you neighbor.

All Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,
September 28th

First Reading:	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalms:	Psalms 146
Second Reading:	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel:	Luke 16:19-31

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