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Edgeboro's Mission
is to love God, grow in Christ, and share the Holy Spirit through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism.

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10:30 AM WORSHIP
November 8, 2026 || 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Arriving for Worship *(A moment to center ourselves and listen to the Spirit.)*

Watchword for the Week

Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
(Matthew 25:13)

Prelude & Reflection

Call To Worship

***Song** *Cry of My Heart* *insert*

***Stewardship Liturgy** MBW pg. 154

Joys, Concerns, Thanksgivings and Prayers

Children's Chat

Offering

Offertory - Choir Anthem

***Doxology & *Prayer of Dedication** #817 MBW

Scripture Reading – Psalm 70 *insert*
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pg. 204; Lg. 294)
Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 28; Lg. 39)

Hymn *What Brought Us Together* #675 MBW

Sermon

***Hymn** *I the Lord of Sea and Sky* #641 *MBW*

Benediction & Postlude

*Those that are able and comfortable, please stand.
MBW: Moravian Book of Worship || SttL: Sing to the Lord a New Song

Visiting? If you are looking here for a church home in which to nurture your faith, please speak with the Pastor following the service.
Young children? There's a nursery downstairs.
Need Large Print? Please speak with an usher.

Pastor	Rev. Jodie Harney
Organist & Choir Director	Gayle Justice
Elder of the Day	Kyle Borowski
Sacristans	Ron & Carol Freyman
Ushers	Rodney Sergent
Nursery	Lynn Terry
Ministers	YOU!

We would like to thank the members of the Edge Band for participating in today's service. Thank you for enhancing our musical experience. When we sing, we pray twice!

November's **Joyful Noise Offering** will support Calvary Baptist Food Bank. Please place your offerings in the joyful noise can or give online by using the (QR code) to the right. Label your gift for "Joyful Noise."

Make a Gift to Edgeboro Online! Scan the QR code to make a gift to Edgeboro online using a credit card or bank account.

Finding Inspiration to Live in Faith

Members of the Moravian Church possess a rich heritage of "lived faith," that is, lives lived in communion with the triune God, down through the ages. Along the way, in 1742, those leading the worldwide Moravian Church, feeling overwhelmed with their task, designated Jesus Christ as Chief among the elders leading the church.

This designation might bring to mind the wording of the Moravian seal: "Our Lamb has conquered; Let us follow him." That is, let him be our leader. This wording might bring to mind these New Testament metaphors: Christ is the head of his body, the church, and we are members of this body (e.g., Ephesians 5:23). We are the hands that Jesus Christ now has, for reaching out to others in love and compassion.

The Gospel lesson for this Sunday is a parable about Christ coming again, a parable showing the need to live in readiness for his coming. Both of these ideas, Jesus Christ as Chief Elder, and Jesus Christ as coming again, might seem quaint to some. Yet both of these understandings have been important to many down through the ages of our church's history.

Some will remember singing this hymn each time the Church Litany has been prayed in worship (page 8 in the *Moravian Book of Worship*): "Lord, for thy coming us prepare; may we, to meet thee without fear, at all times ready be; in faith and love preserve us sound; O let us day and night be found waiting with joy to welcome thee" (words by Moravian Christian Gregor [1723-1801]). These understandings, and others like them, inspired many to make great sacrifices to preach the Christian Good News as they endeavored to live out the life of faith.

What inspires you?

Tom Haupert, retired pastor, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, after teaching in Jamaica and service in the Southern Province

The Moravian Church

Festival of Jesus Christ as Chief Elder

November 8, 2026



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Cry of my Heart

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
so I can walk in your truth.
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,
and make me holy devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.
Open my heart up more and more,
and make me holy devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow all the days of my life.

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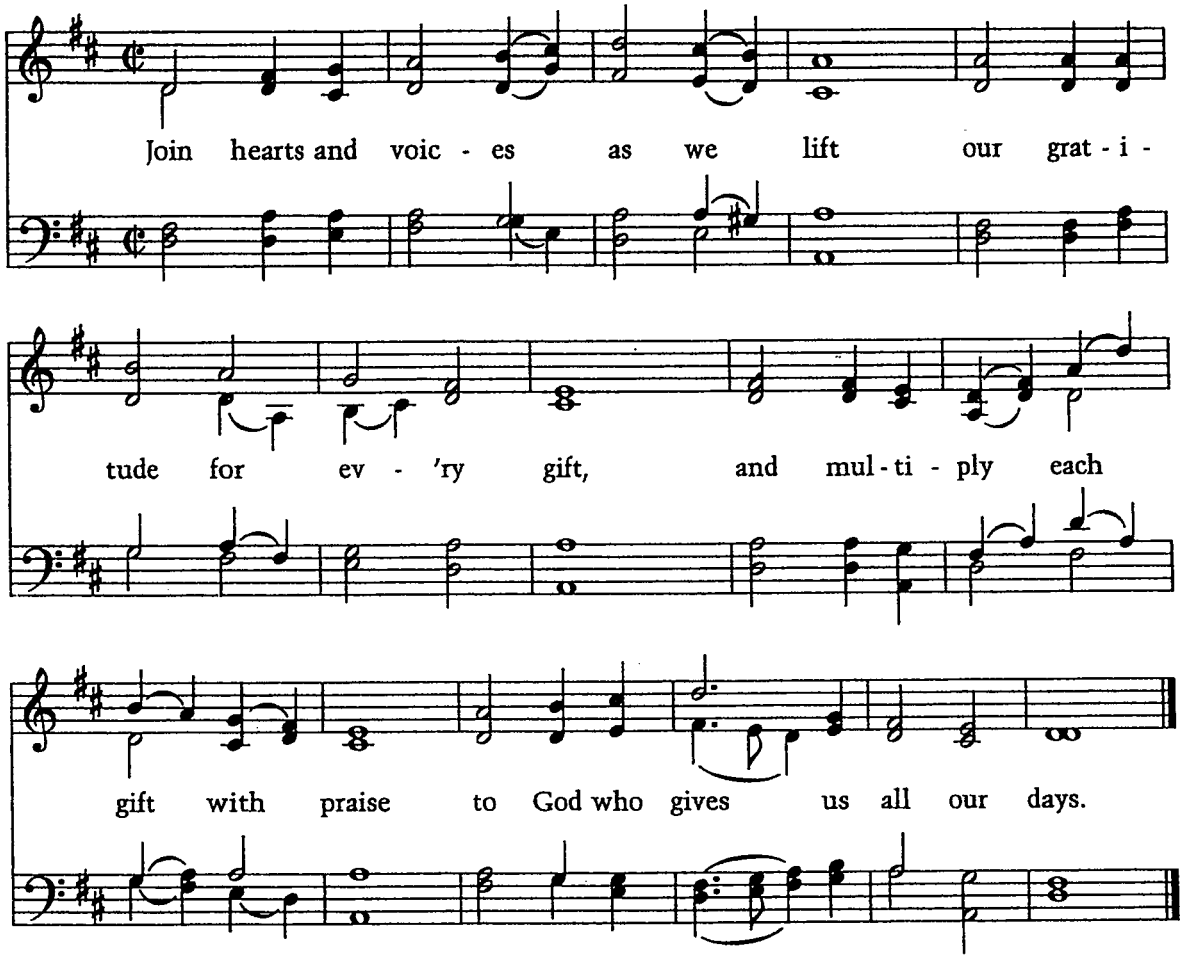
STEWARDSHIP

(Standing)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

DUKE STREET (22 Q)



TEXT: © by Jane Parker Huber

Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.
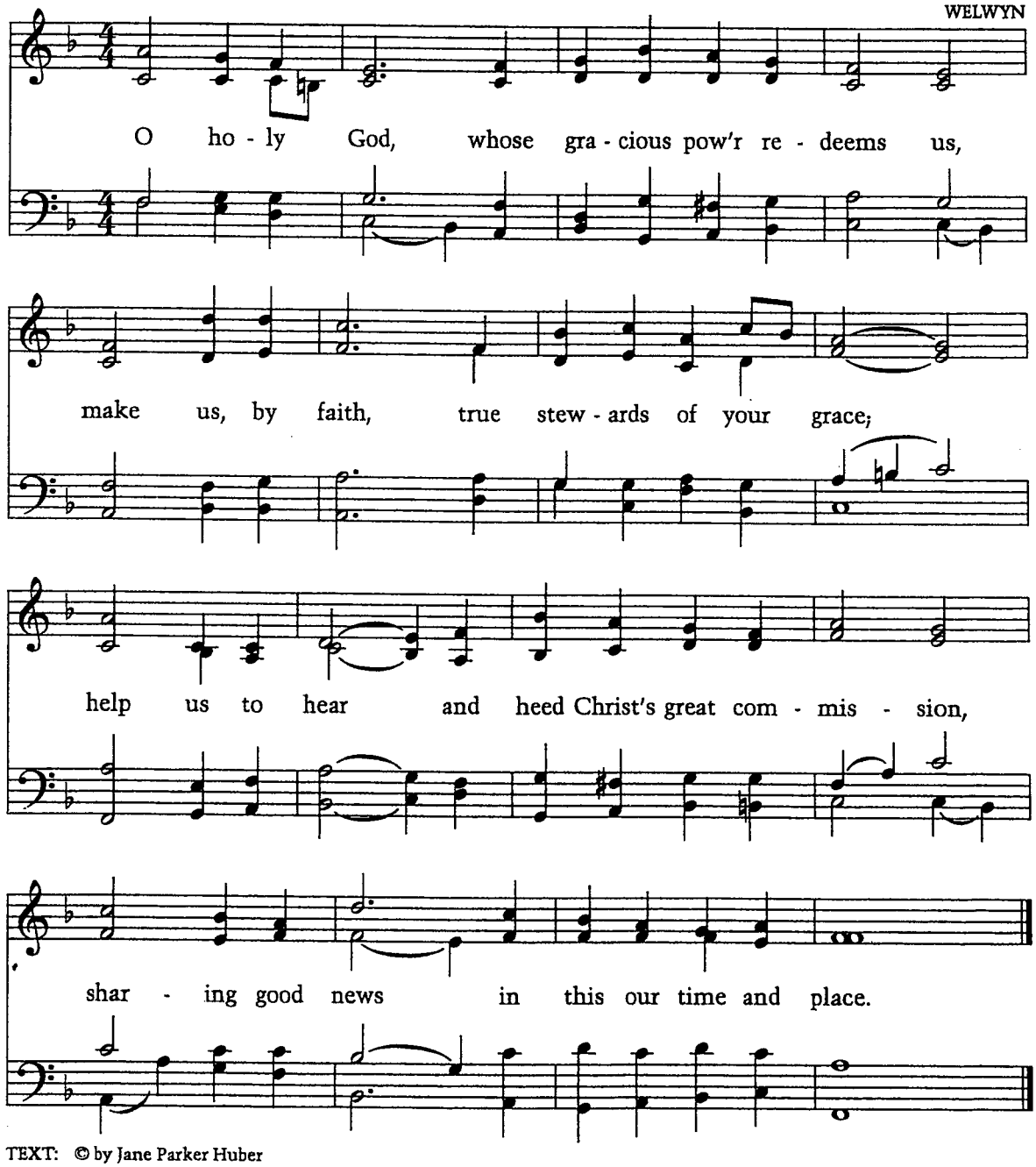
(Kneeling or sitting)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

Silent confession

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

(Sitting)



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Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.
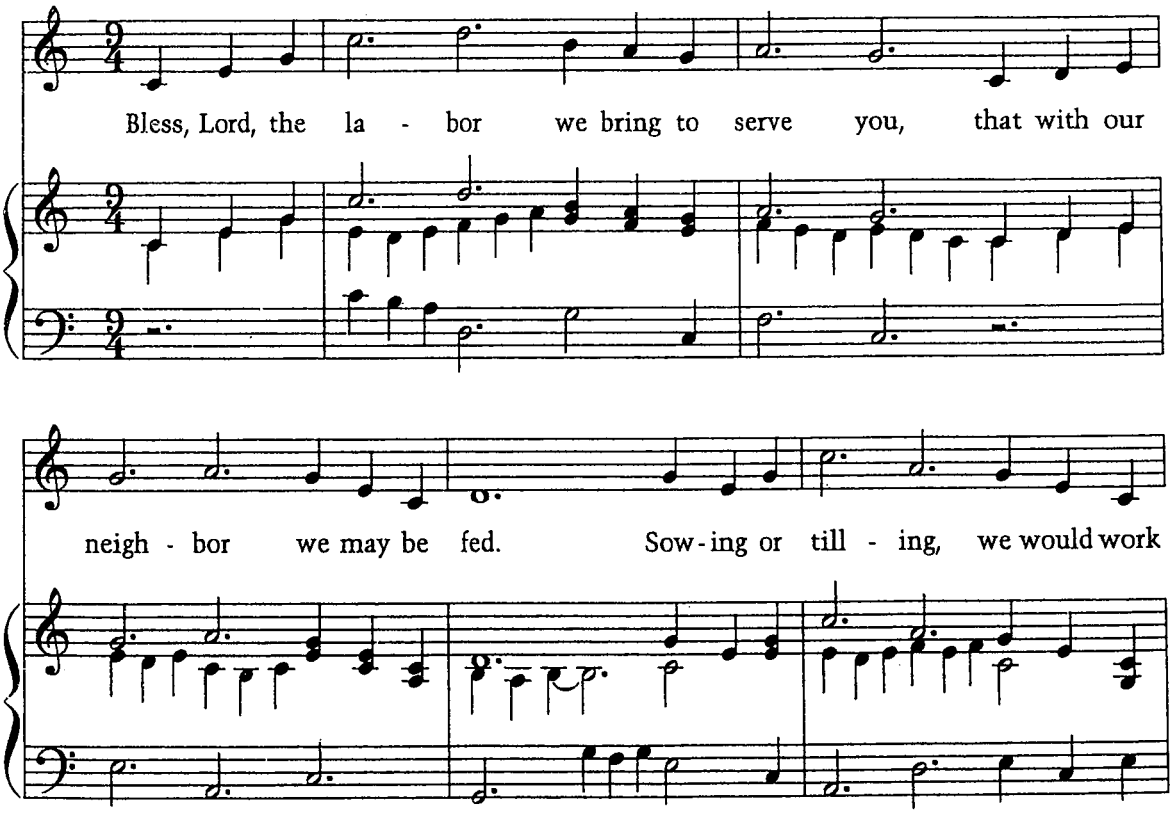
Let our eyes be opened to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

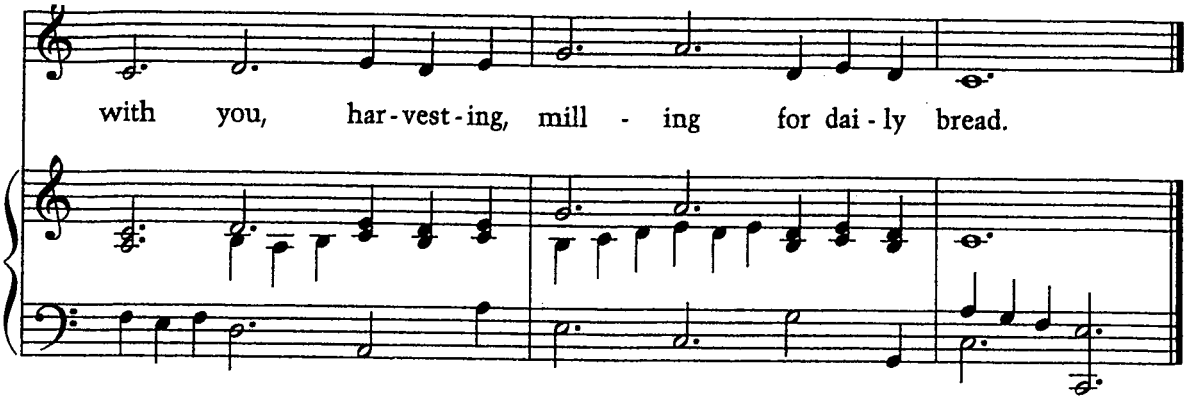
Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant — use our time, our talent, our treasure.

BUNESSAN





TEXT: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). ©1988 by Oxford University Press (from hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving")
TUNE: Setting © by Brian Henkelmann

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.
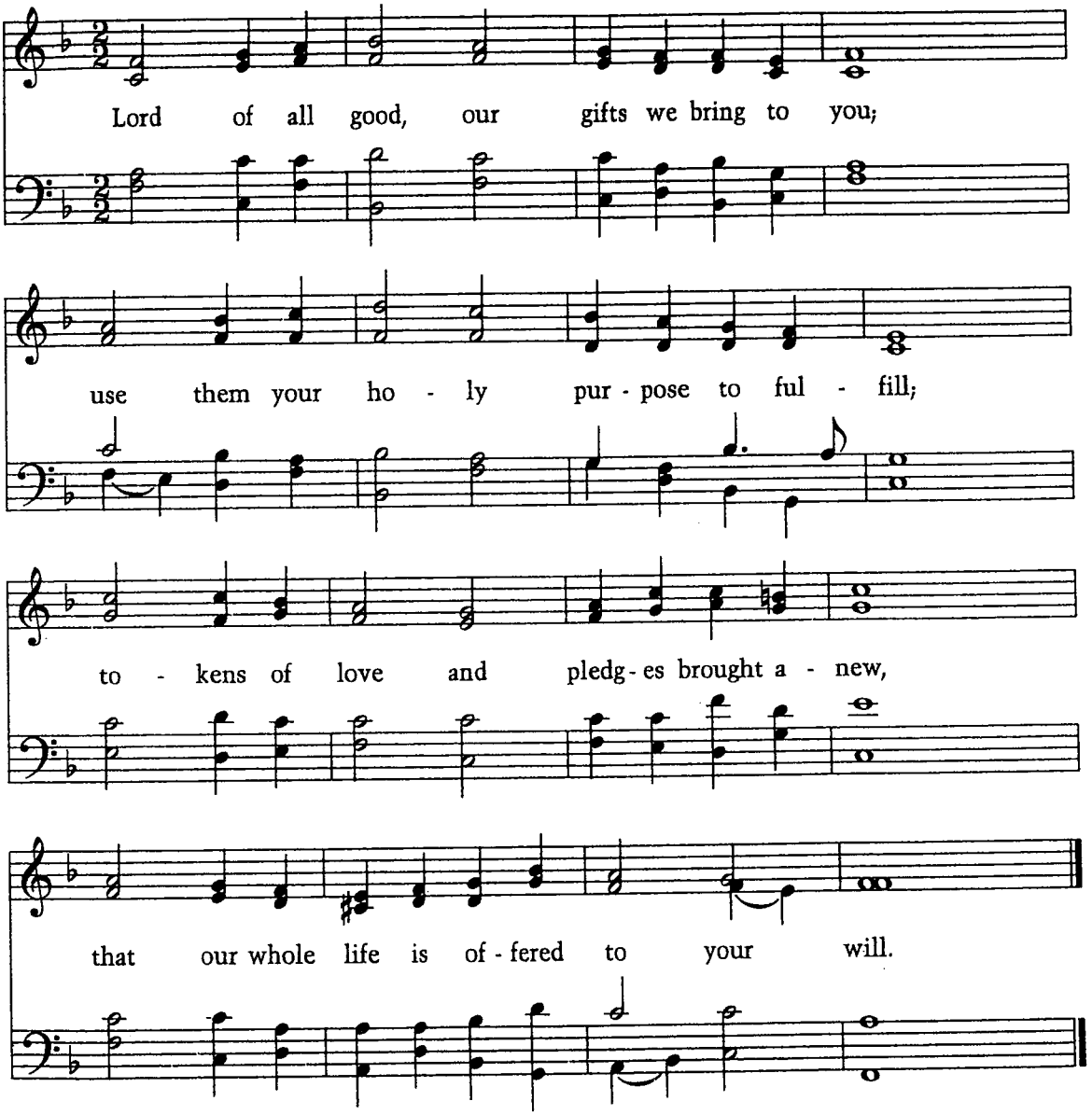
We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

(Standing)

TOULON



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May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts —

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives —

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

Psalm 70
Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O Lord, make haste to help me!

[2] **Let those be put to shame and confusion**
who seek my life. Let those be turned back
and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.
[3] **Let those who say, "Aha, aha!" turn back**
because of their shame.

[4] Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

[5] **But I am poor and needy;**
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NRSVUE

The Coming of the Lord

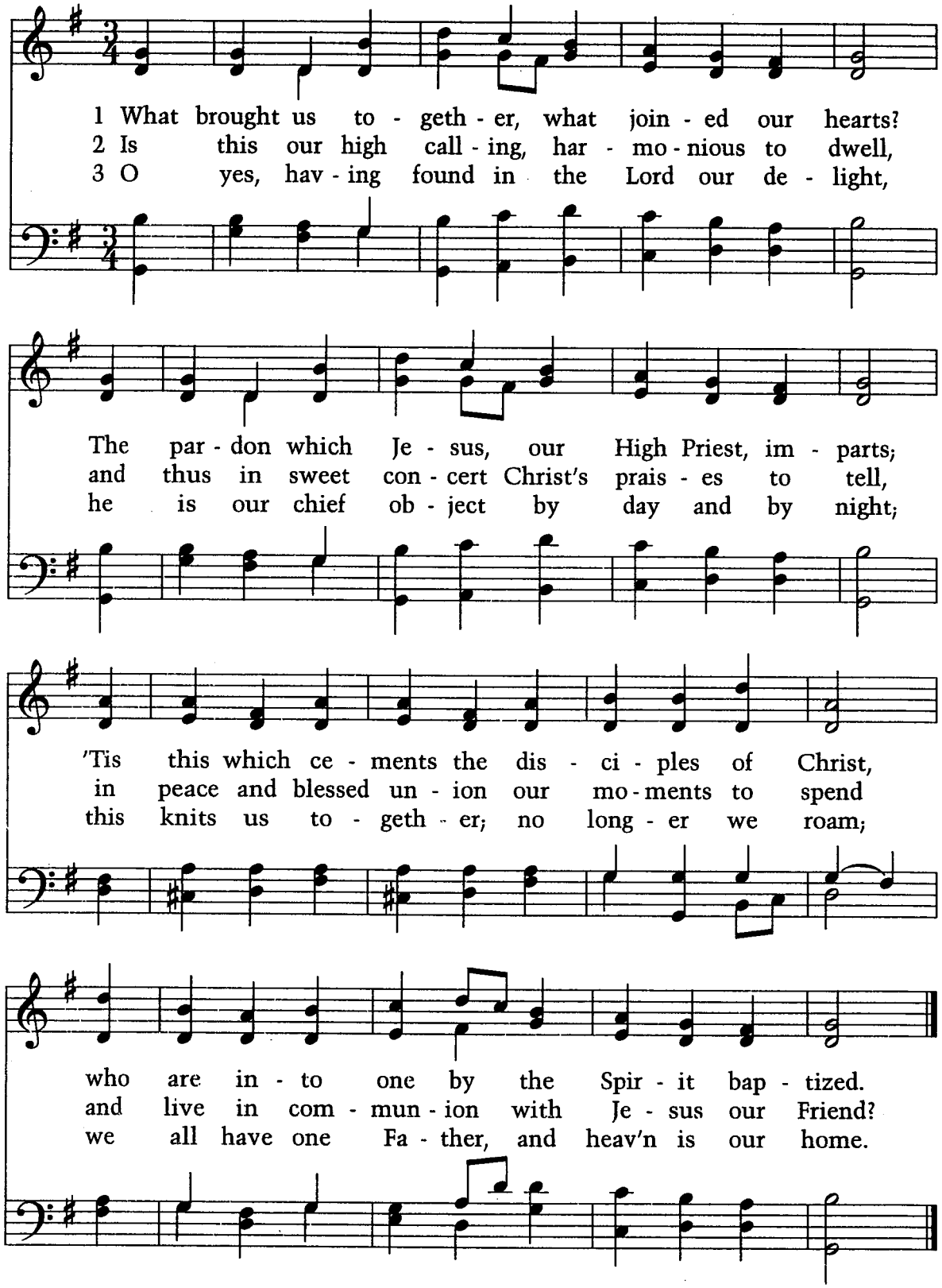
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare
to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a
cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the
dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are
left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to
meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord
forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

Matthew 25:1-13 NRSVUE

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.
[2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the
wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom
was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up
and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the
wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for
us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other
young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]
But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep
awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
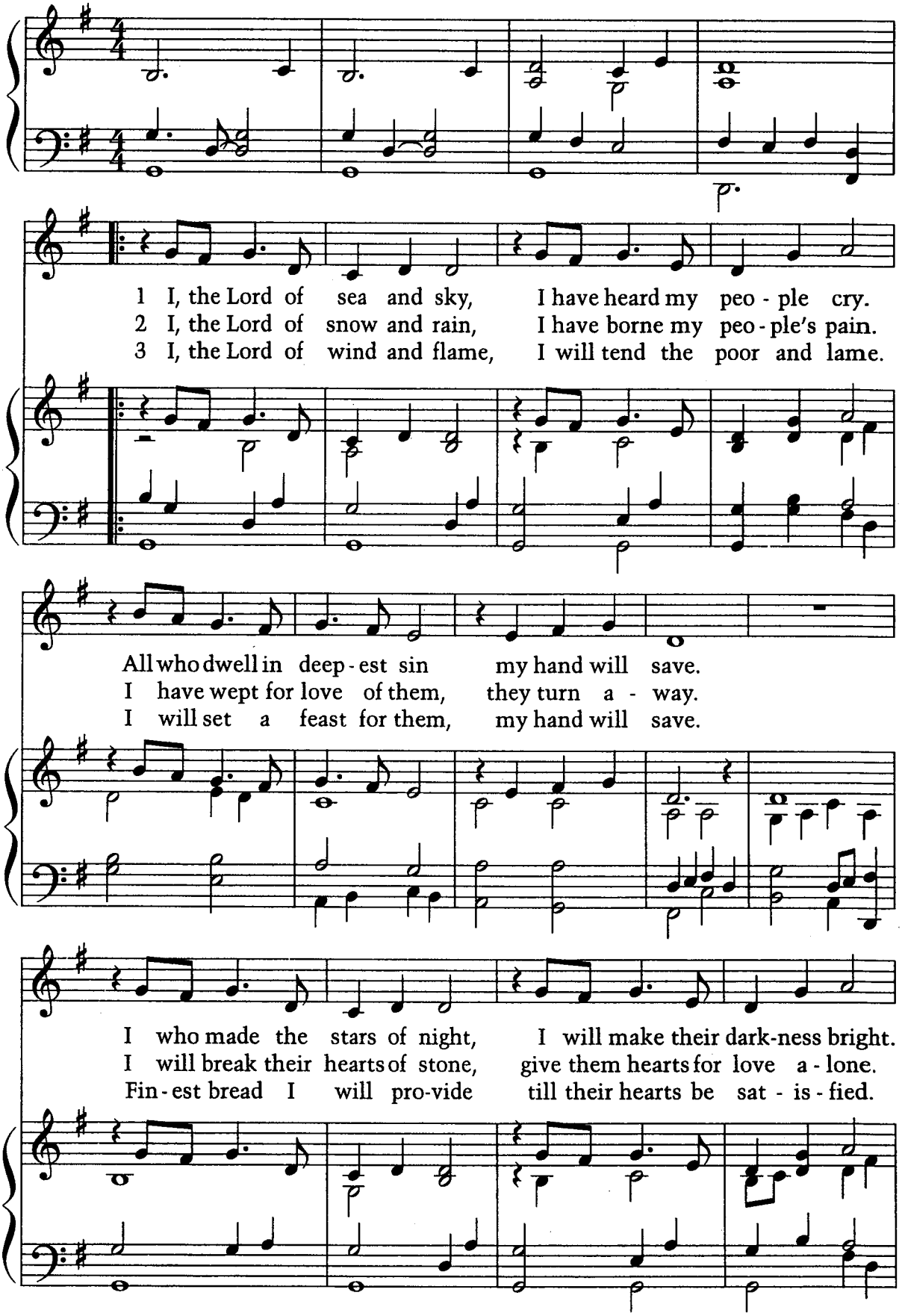
675 What Brought Us Together



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TUNE: Herrnhut (c. 1740); C. Gregor *Choralbuch* (1784)
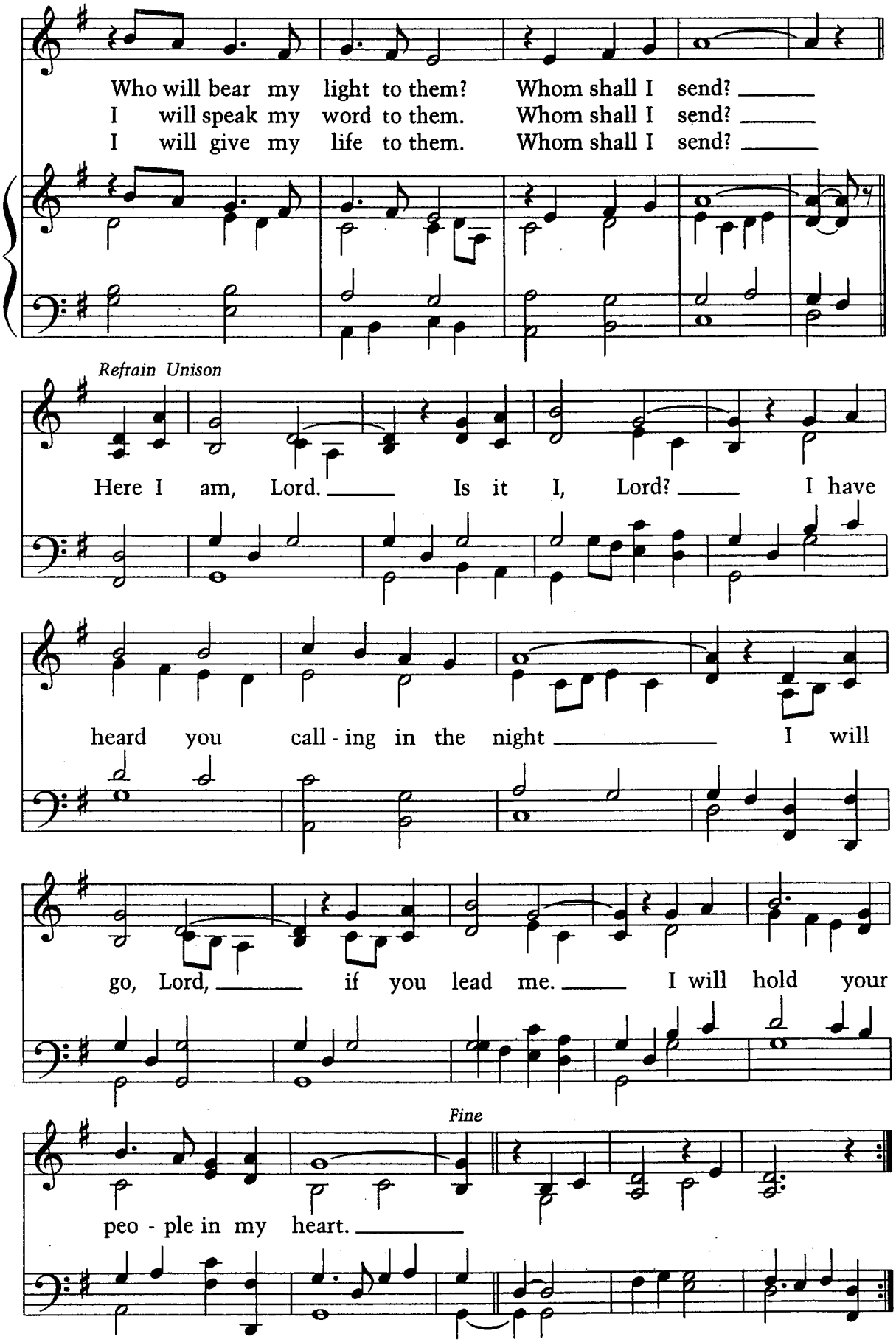
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CONFESSION (39 A)

641 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky



TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte (1981) 7.7.7.4.D. with Refrain
TUNE: Daniel L. Schutte (1981) HERE I AM

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Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? ____
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? ____
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ____
Refrain Unison
Here I am, Lord. ____ Is it I, Lord? ____ I have
heard you call - ing in the night ____ I will
go, Lord, ____ if you lead me. ____ I will hold your
Fine
peo - ple in my heart. ____

Announcements

Edgeboro's 2026 Watchword: For whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

(*Hebrews* 11:6)

This week's flowers are given by Jane and Carl Martin in loving memory of their parents.

Last week's flowers were given by LaRue Jones in loving memory of her beloved husband, James Jones.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 8	9:15am Adult Sunday School
	9:30am Youth Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
	11:30am Church Council
	5:00pm Confirmation Class
Monday November 9	9:30am Palette Club Board Meeting
	10:00am Christmas Room Set-up
Tuesday, November 10	10:00am Christmas Room Set-up
	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 11	10:00am Christmas Room set-up
	6:30pm Girl Scouts
Thursday, November 12	10:00am Christmas Room set-up
Friday, November 13	10:00am Christmas Room set-up
Saturday, November 14	10:00am Putz Raising
Sunday, November 15	9:15am Adult Sunday School
	9:30am Youth Sunday School
	10:30am Worship
	Elder: Season Pagano
	Sacristans: Heath & Val Hoff
	Ushers: Bob & Elley Silfies
	Nursery: Jenny Minnich
	11:30am Sacristan Meeting

Cookie Makers Needed for the Freezer Ministry/Garden Gatherers and Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering Hut on Main (in downtown Bethlehem) starting Nov. 27 and running Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Dec. 20, 2026. Cookies and bars are being accepted NOW. If interested or have questions, please contact **Blake Messman,** Huts on Main Cookie Coordinator at **484.894-3295**

PUTZ Calendar

November 9 -13: set up the Christmas Room

November 14: Putz Raising 10:00am

November 22 and 29: volunteer training in Fellowship Hall after worship

Putz Dates: December 1 – 22

Walk-in Times: Thursday – Saturday 6-8pm; Sunday 12noon – 3pm

December 13: Congregational Shopping Day beginning at 9:30am

Putz Committee: Robyn Balsai, Shannon Balsai, Ron Freyman, Holly Haines, Deb Hepler, Peggy Leith, Terri Long, Blake Messman, Tom Pheiffer, Art Sergent, Megan Weikert

Sunday School Amazon Wishlist The Sunday school teachers need quite a few items for their classrooms, which they have been covering the expense of themselves. They have provided an Amazon wish list in the event members are inclined to purchase some of the items for them. We thank you in advance. Visit tinyurl.com/59kmrp2m to view the list.

Edgeboro now has a Venmo account!

You can donate with your mobile device. **Please make sure to include what your payment is for in the note section.** We also ask that you consider padding your donation to help cover the 1.9% + $0.10 fee for each donation. Thank you!!

Edgeboro Moravian Congregation
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Prayer Requests

Use this prayer list creatively in whatever way that will help you remember these names in prayer. Do what works for you to remain connected in prayer. Here are those we are praying for now:

Sharon Bond
Kyle Borowski
Helene Boyle
Lori Burns (Johanna Heft)
Billy Christman (Sherri Hoff)
Namelia Duro
Kay Gariepy
Anna Gehret
Tammy Geiger Vitulano (Karen Gehret)
Tim & Fatima Gilman (Robyn Balsai)
Glenn Gemzlinger (Blake Messman)
Jim Grebs (Rick Grebs)
Ronald Heft
Eric Hollowell
Sharon Hollowell
Peg Heimbrook
Leah Hosterman
Hriniak family (Myra Jones)
LaRue Jones
Jacob Kindt
Kyle Kutzler(Sharon Hallowell)
Logan Lipsky (Jenny Minnich)
Kathy Loch (Sharon Hallowell)
Pat Mills (Sharon Hollowell)
David Nagle
Irene Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Kiera Pheiffer (Tom Pheiffer)
Pete Raskovic (Anne Hosterman)
Ed Reed (Nancy Remaly)
Jane Schollenberger (Lynn Terry)
Rev. Dick Seigfried (Helene Boyle)
Brent Sergent, II
J'neane Smith (Robyn Balsai)
Megan Weikert
Allison (Kathie Klein)
Dawn (Val Hoff)
Gina (Pastor Jodie)
Jen (Val Hoff)
Louie & family (Pastor Jodie)
Nora (Sally Abruzzese)
Nora (Terri & Michael Long)
Rosie (Nancy Remaly)
Tracy (Carol Saeger)

Guidance

Janice Bourdage
Jeffrey Boyle (Helene Boyle)
Ryan Zaun (Sharon Zaun)
Julie (Marcia)

Homebound

Ann Amidon (Jessie Bucchin)
Joyce LeWando

Military Service

Allison Hoff
Kole Koch (Parker Hoff)
Mark Saeger

This list will be refreshed regularly. If you would like a name added or removed from the list, please fill out a blue prayer request card found in the pews or contact the church office.



Order Your Poinsettia

The poinsettias will be displayed in church through the Christmas Eve Services: 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm.

Please place your order by December 6th.

Fill in the order form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 610-866-8793. When writing a check, please make payable to Edgeboro Moravian Church, marked "Poinsettia". If using Venmo (@EdgeboroMoravian), please write "Poinsettia" in the note section. We also ask that you consider padding your donation to help cover the 1.9% + $0.10 fee for each donation.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

6" pot - $9.50

Name _____

Number of Plants_____ **Amount owed**_____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

____ **I will pick up my plant(s) after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service.**

____ **I will pick up my plant(s) after Christmas.**

____ **I wish to donate my plants(s) to a shut-in.**