First Presbyterian Church
201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

November 22, 2026 – Christ the King Sunday

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Lord God is our shepherd.
We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.
God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.
But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 187 *"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*Response *"Glory Be to the Father"* Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Song of Preparation *"Lord, Prepare Me"* Hymn 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson	*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*	Old Testament pg 803
New Testament Lesson	*Ephesians 1:15-23*	New Testament pg 192
Psalter	*Psalm 100*	Old Testament pg 552

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses)

Gospel Lesson	*Matthew 25:31-46*	New Testament pg 29

Message "All of ewes are holy" Dr. Chad Mohler

*Hymn 274 *"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"*

We Respond in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Response *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* Hymn 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Opportunities for Ministry

Hanging of the Greens - Please stay after worship to help with the Hanging of the Greens..

Church office Closed - The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Clothes Closet Needs - There is a great need for volunteers on sorting days, on distribution days, and on laundry day. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to volunteer. If you have questions or need help signing up, please see either Becky or Brenda. Quarters are always a need for laundry day so please keep saving those quarters.

White Gift Service - The Annual White Gift service will be December 6th this year. The tree, with tags, is already up. Gifts this year will be going to the Clothes Closet Christmas Shoppe. Pick up your tags off the tree in the Narthex!

Congregational Meeting - There will be a congregational meeting on December 6, 2026 to vote on elders and deacons.

Poinsettias - Please let Becky know if you would like a poinsettia this year. She will also need to know who it is in memory of. The price will be $13.99 each. Please let her know by December 5th so she can get the order put in.

Offering

**Doxology* Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 766 *"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"*

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"* Hymn 70

Postlude

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 22 -Dr. Chad Mohler
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; **10:00 a.m. -** Fellowship**; 10:30 a.m.** – Worship
Tuesday, November 24
9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group
Wednesday, November 25
10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group
Saturday, November 28
10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet open to the public
Sunday, November 29 -Dr. Paul Yoder
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; **10:00 a.m. -** Fellowship**; 10:30 a.m.** – Worship; **6:00 p.m.** - PYF
Tuesday, December 1
9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; **1:00 p.m.** - Clothes Closet Open
Wednesday, December 2
10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; **6:00 p.m.** - Choir Practice
Friday, December 4
6:00 p.m. - Youth Lock-In
Saturday, December 5
6:00 p.m. - PCF

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday - Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – Closed

Attendance November 15, 2026

In person - 49
Online - 1

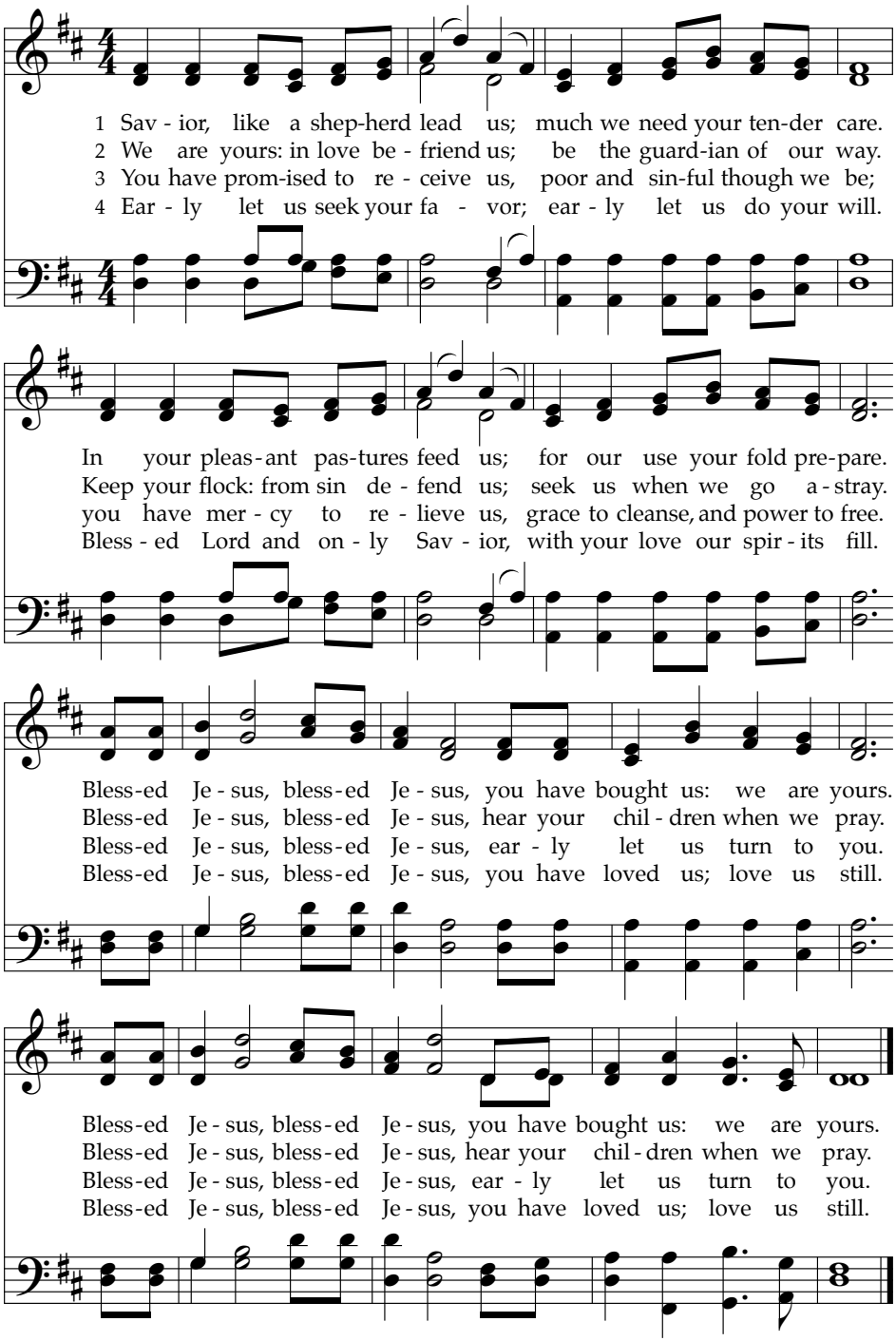
November Food of the Month for PAC

Monetary Gifts for Blessings Boxes

Fellowship Time

Today - Deacons
Next Sunday -

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

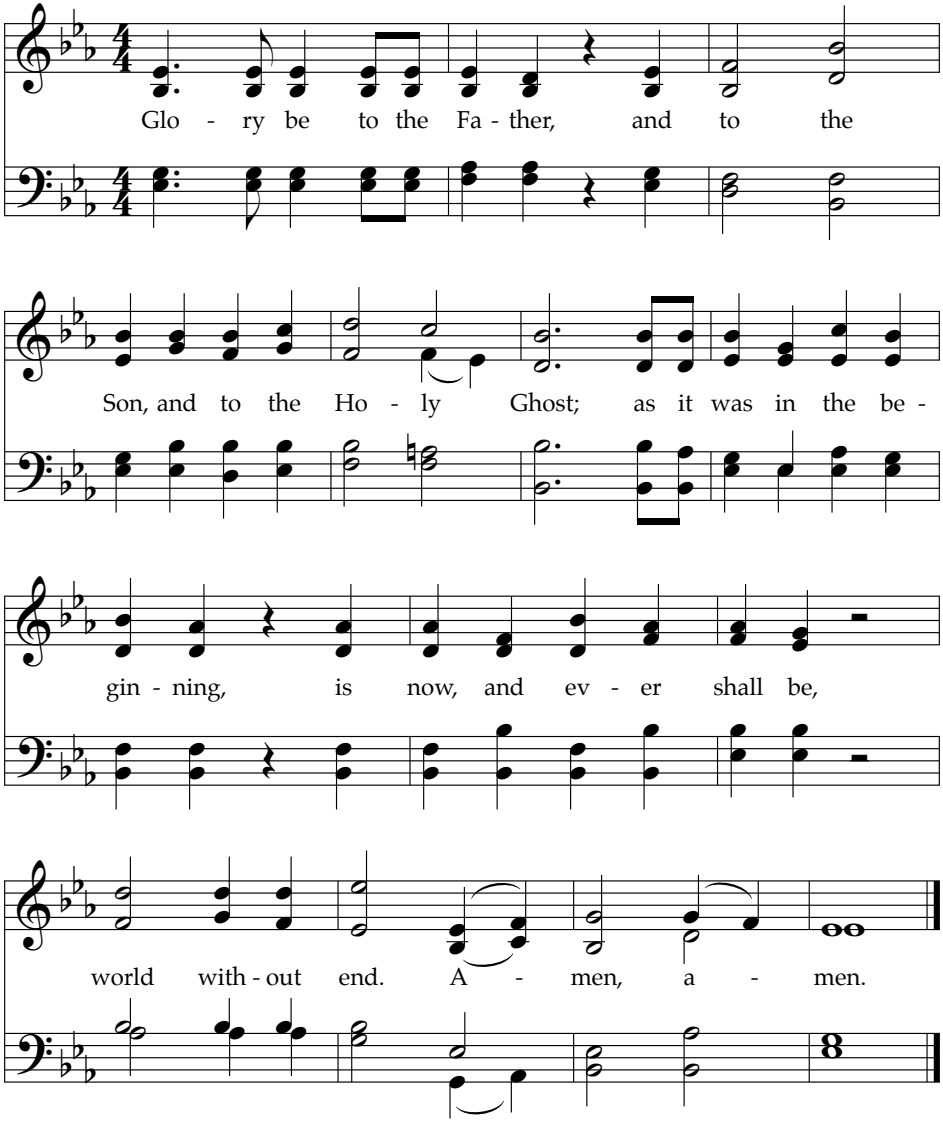


This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young,* 1836, alt.
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

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Glory Be to the Father 581

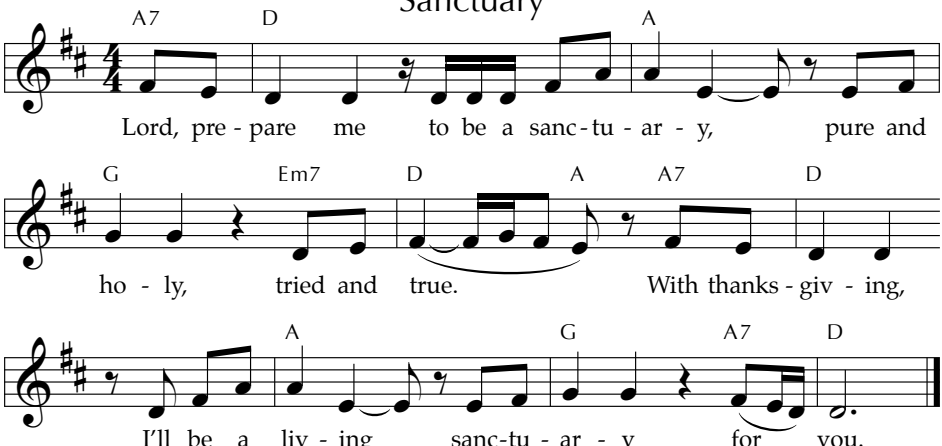


TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Lord, Prepare Me

Sanctuary

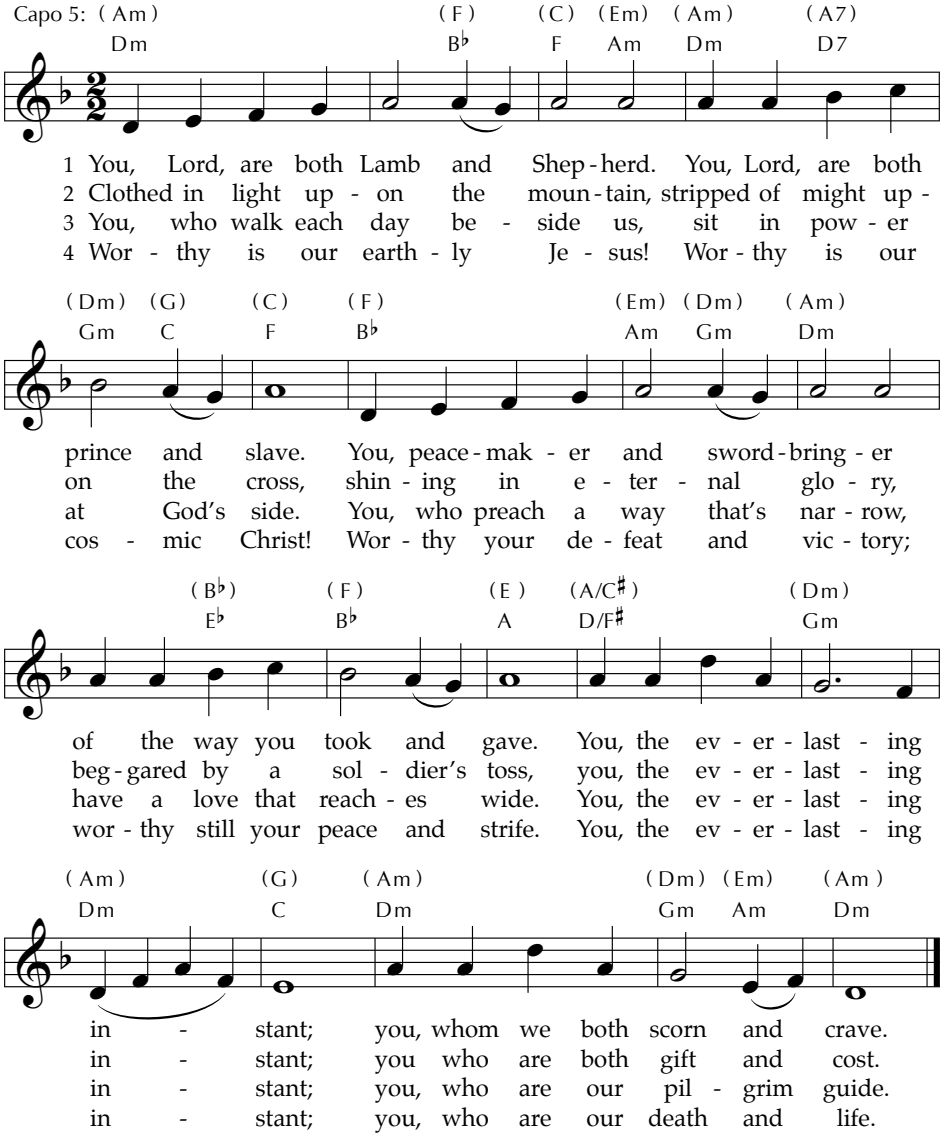


The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore
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Music Arr. © 2013 Full Armor Music Publishing Co. (admin. in the U.S.A. Peermusic III, Ltd./Hal Leonard Corp.)

SANCTUARY
Irregular

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd 274

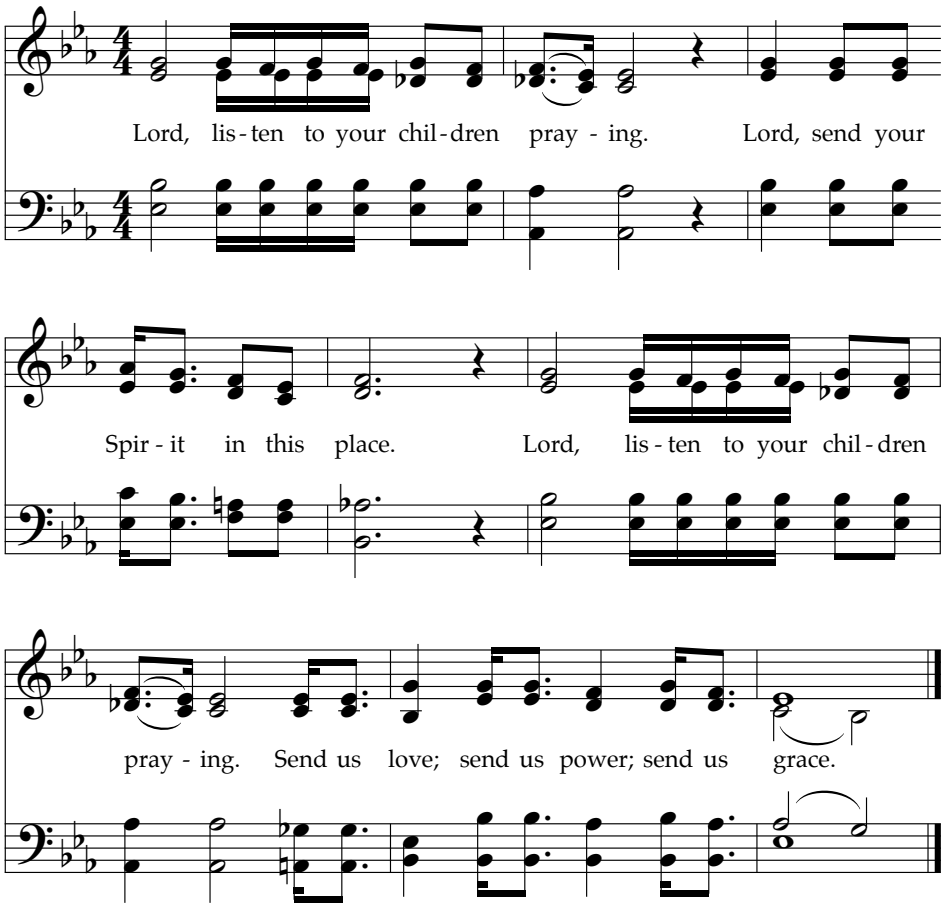


When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984
MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.
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(alternate harmonization, 347)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



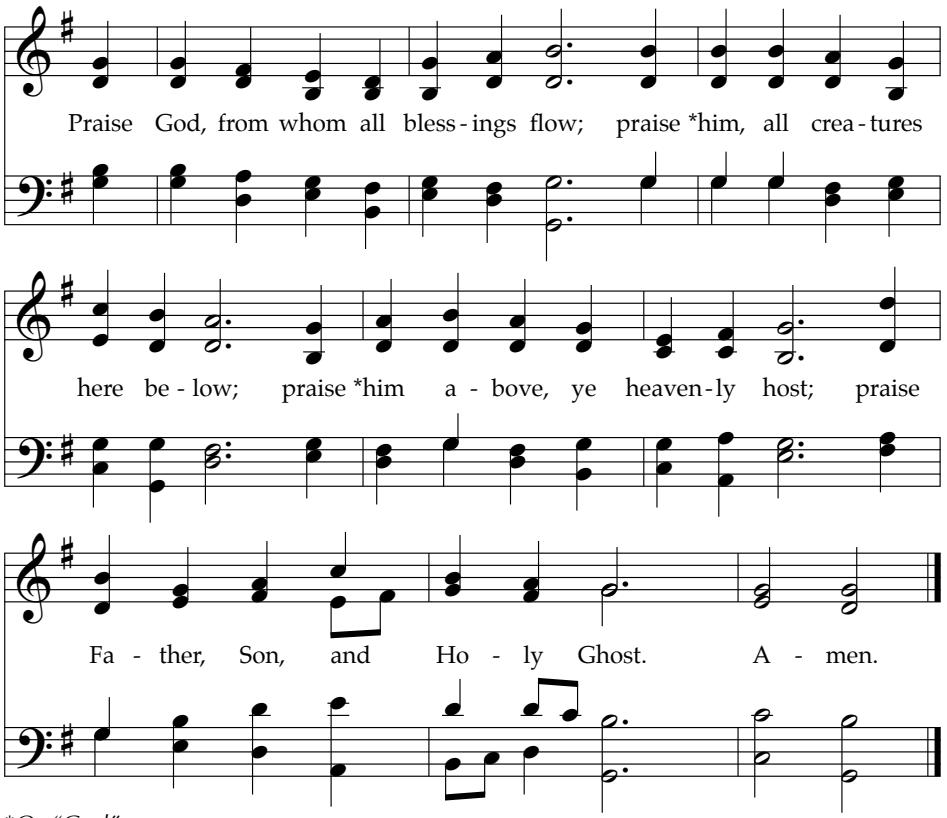
This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970
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CHILDREN PRAYING
Irregular

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

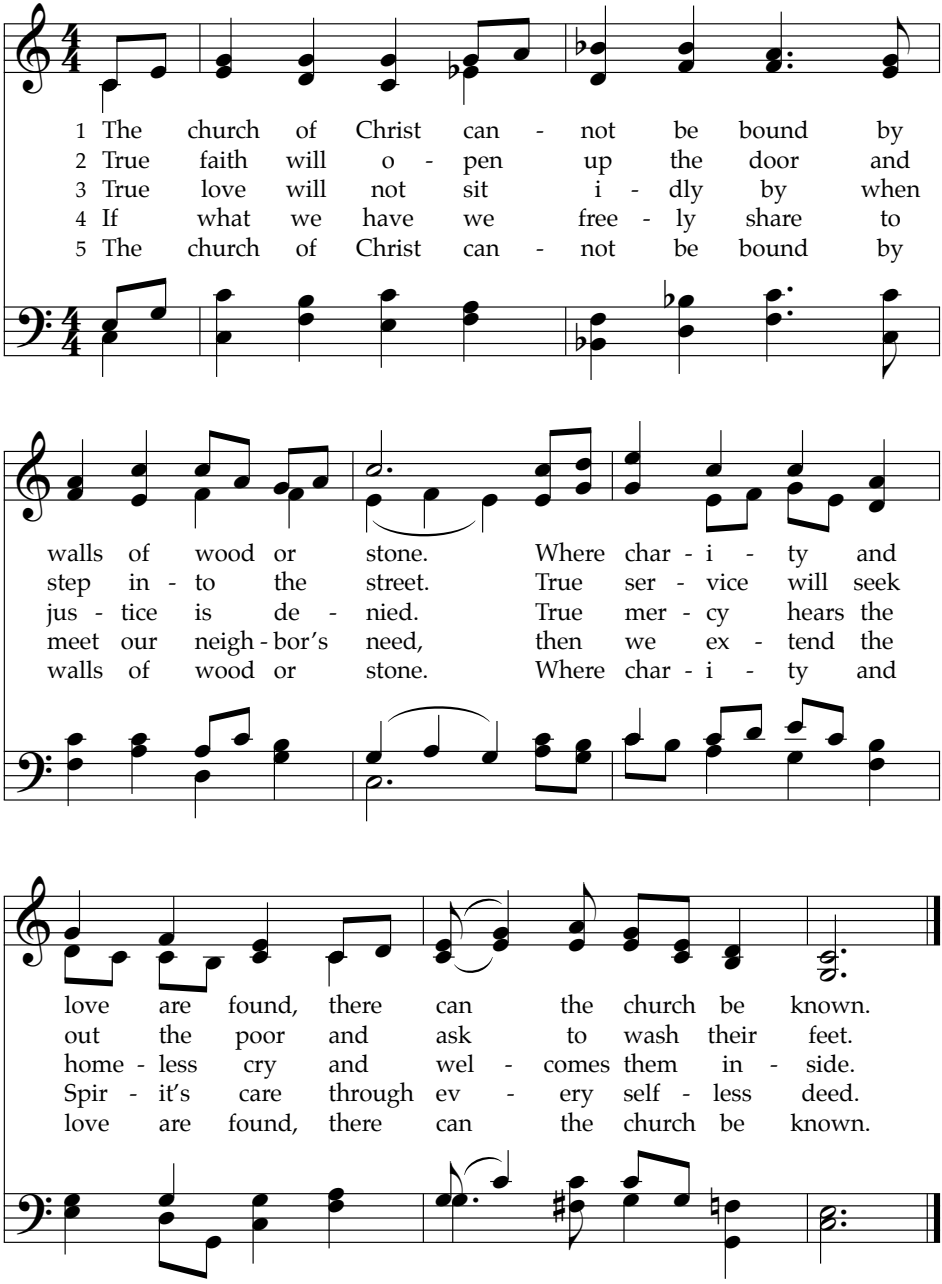


**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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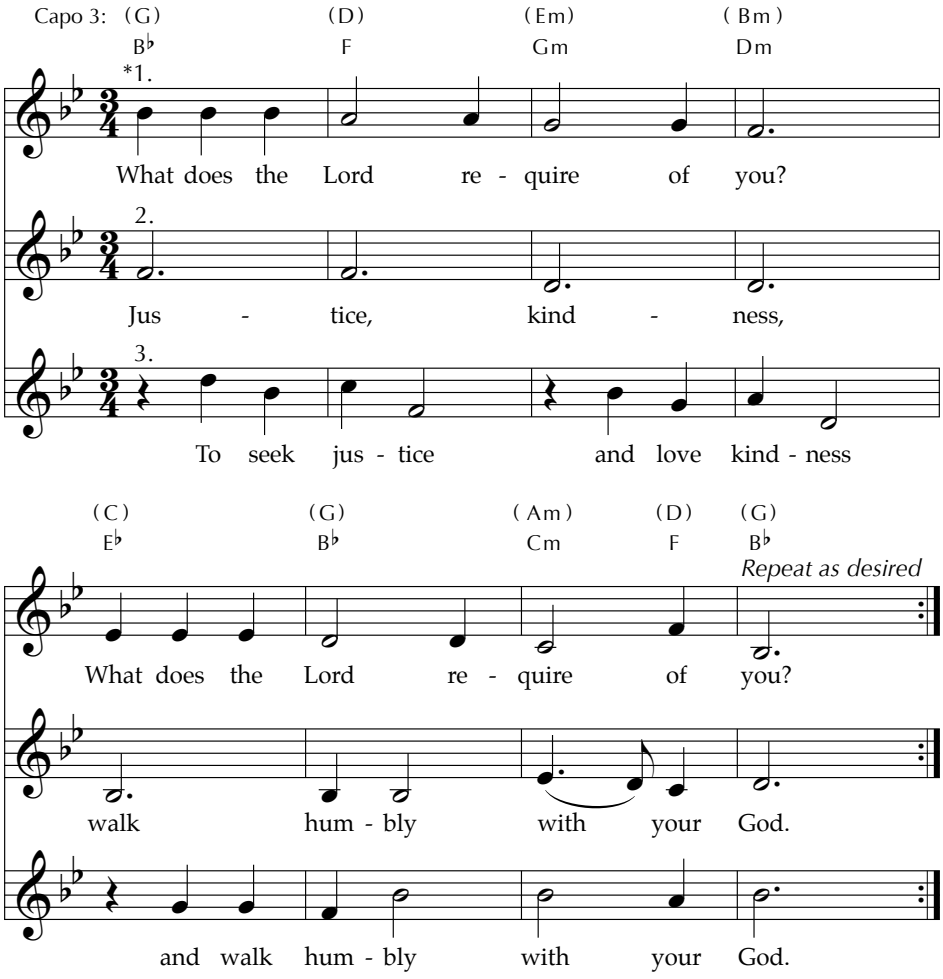
766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005 MC KEE
MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs,* 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940 CM
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What Does the Lord Require of You? 70



**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1986
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