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

November 8,2026 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

People of God, listen: the Lord has done marvelous things. Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live in hope and die in peace.

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 363 *"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus' name. 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	*Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*	Old Testament pg 215
New Testament Lesson	*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*	New Testament pg 204
Psalter	*Psalm 78:1-7*	Old Testament pg 537

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

Gospel Lesson	*Matthew 25:1-13*	New Testament pg 28

Message "What's your plan B?" Dr. Paul Yoder

*Hymn 757 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

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

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Eternal God, **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

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.

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 175 *"Seek Ye First"*

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

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

Postlude

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 8 -Dr. Paul Yoder
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; **10:00 a.m. -** Fellowship**; 10:30 a.m.** – Worship
Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; **1:00 p.m**. - Clothes Closet Open;
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
Wednesday, November 11
10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; **6:00 p.m.** - Choir Practice
Saturday, November 14
6:00 p.m. - Presbyterian College Fellowship
Sunday, November 15 -Dr. Paul Yoder
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School; **10:00 a.m. -** Fellowship**; 10:30 a.m.** – Worship
Tuesday, November 17
9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group
Wednesday, November 18
10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; **6:00 p.m.** - Choir Practice
Thursday, November 19
5:15 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting
Saturday, November 21
10:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet open to the public; **1:00 p.m. -** Laundry Day at Scrubby Duds;
6:00 p.m. - Presbyterian College Fellowship

Attendance November 1, 2026

In person - 50
Online - 2

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday - Wednesday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
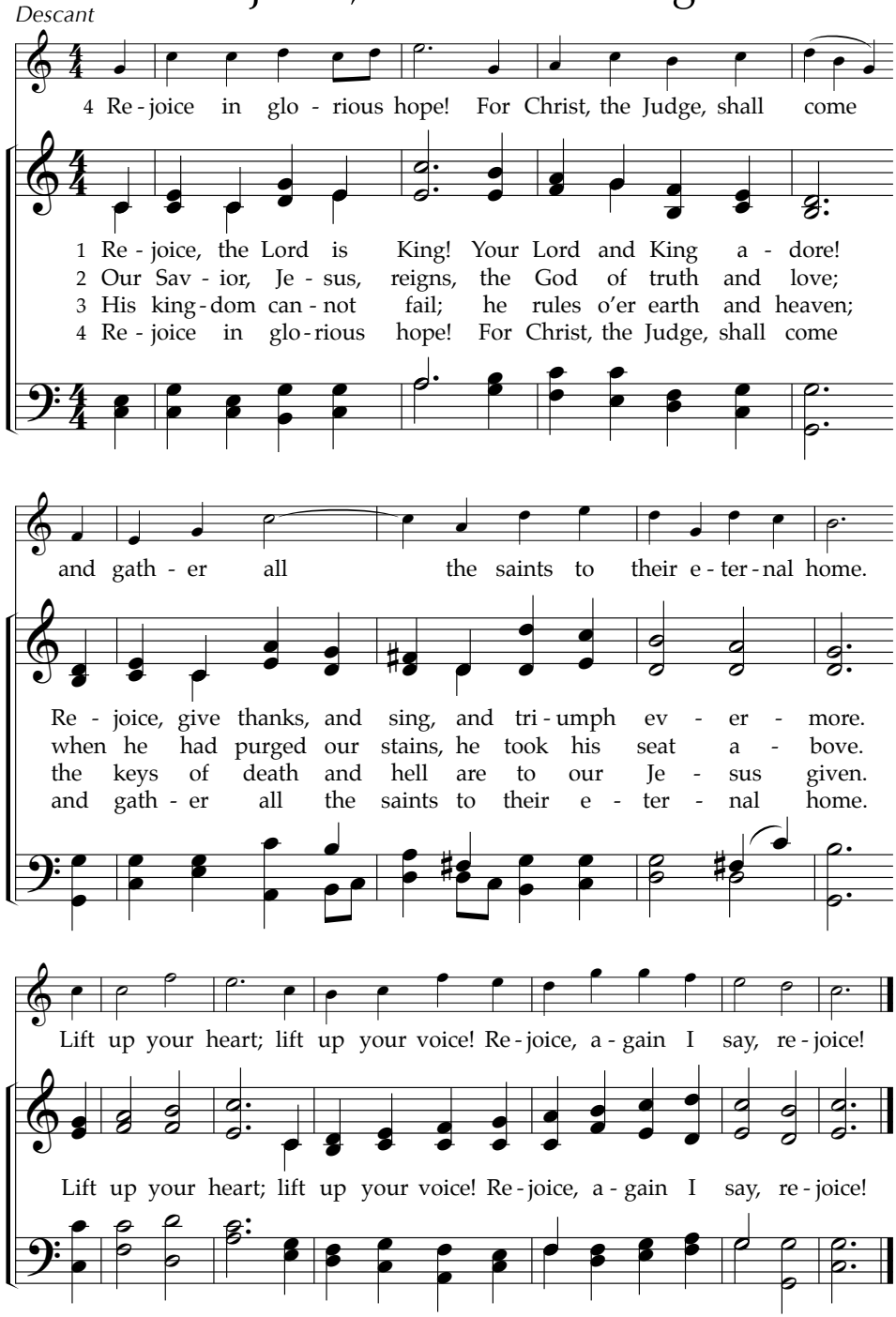
November Food of the Month for PAC

Monetary Gifts for Blessings Boxes

Fellowship Time

Today -Youth
Next Sunday - Catered

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363
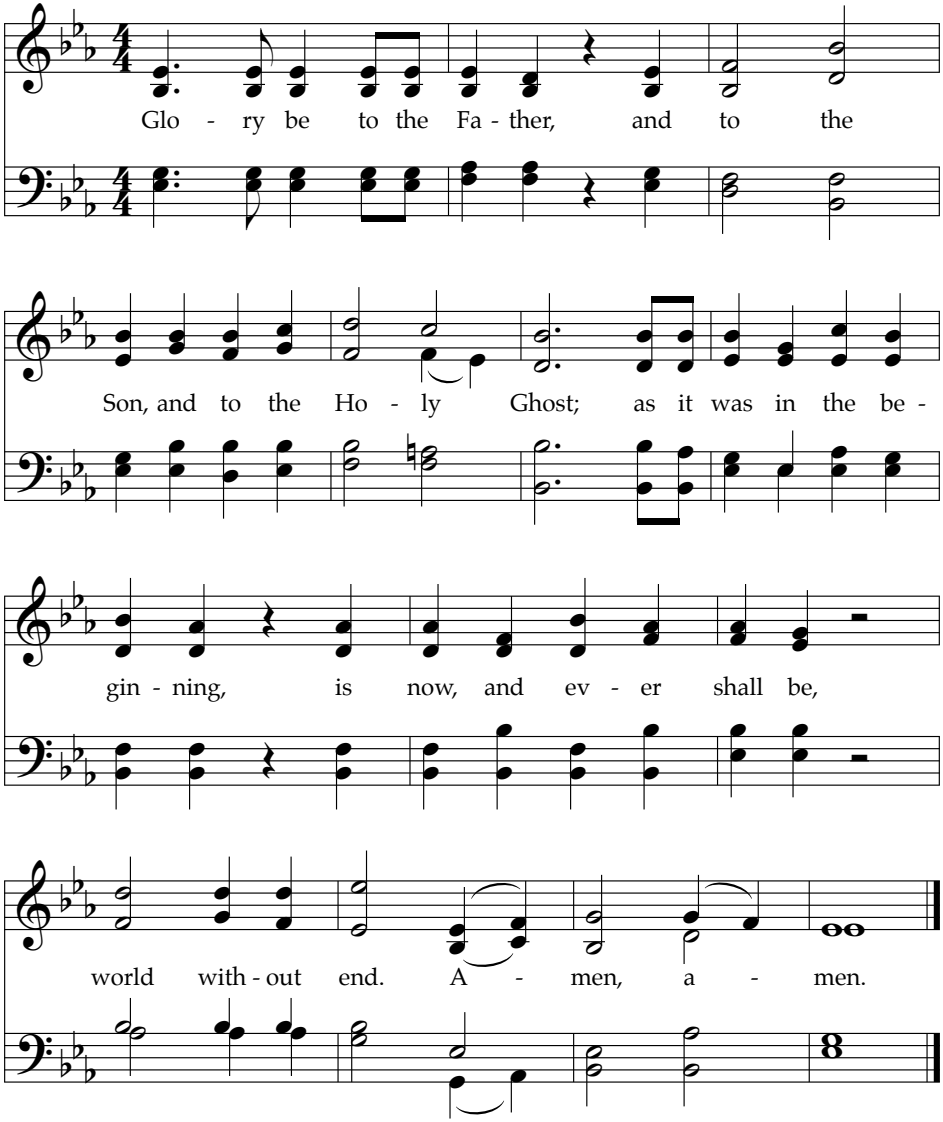


Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.
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DARWALL'S 148TH
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Glory Be to the Father 581
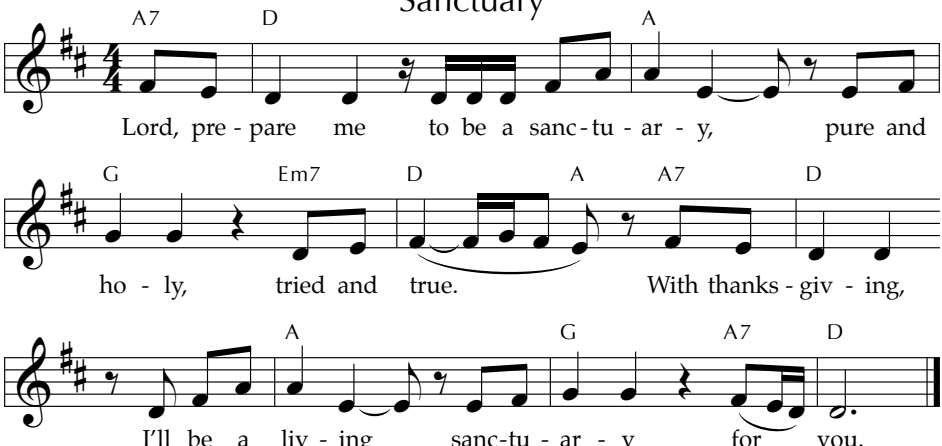


TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Lord, Prepare Me

Sanctuary
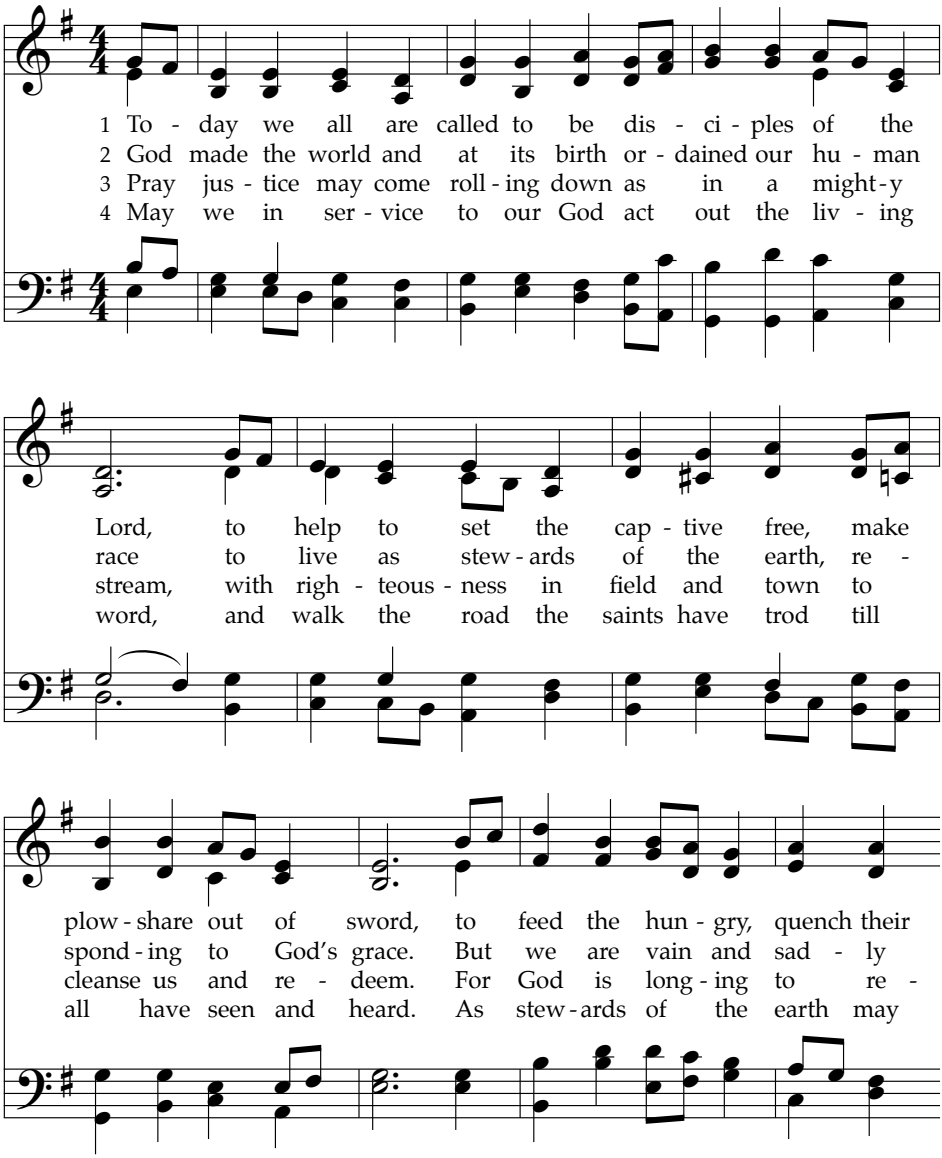


The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore
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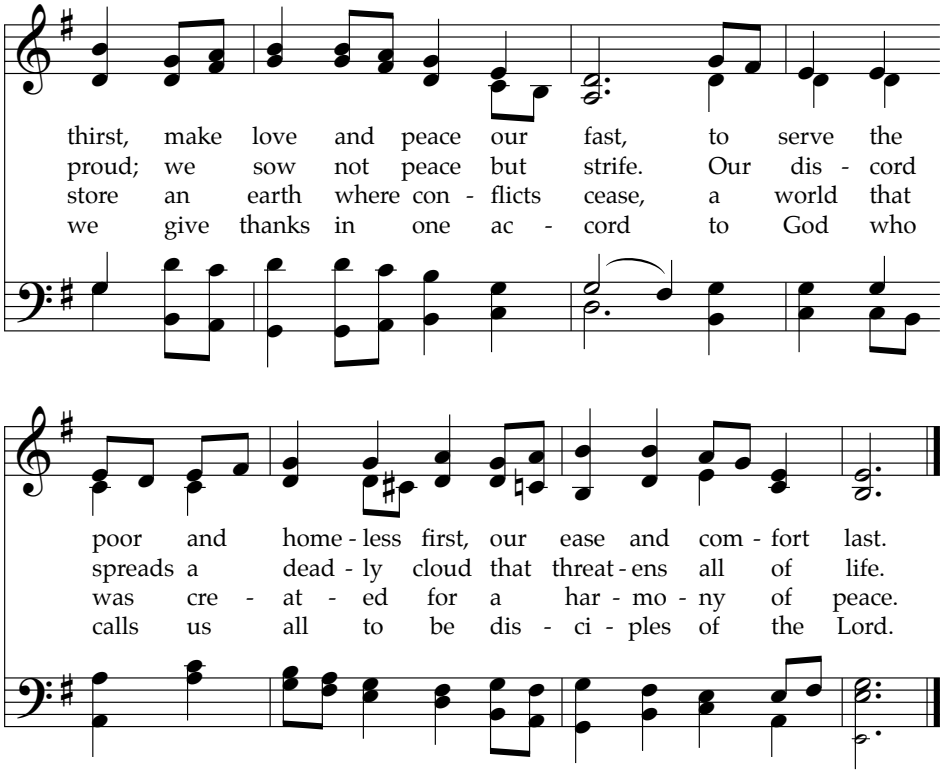
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757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
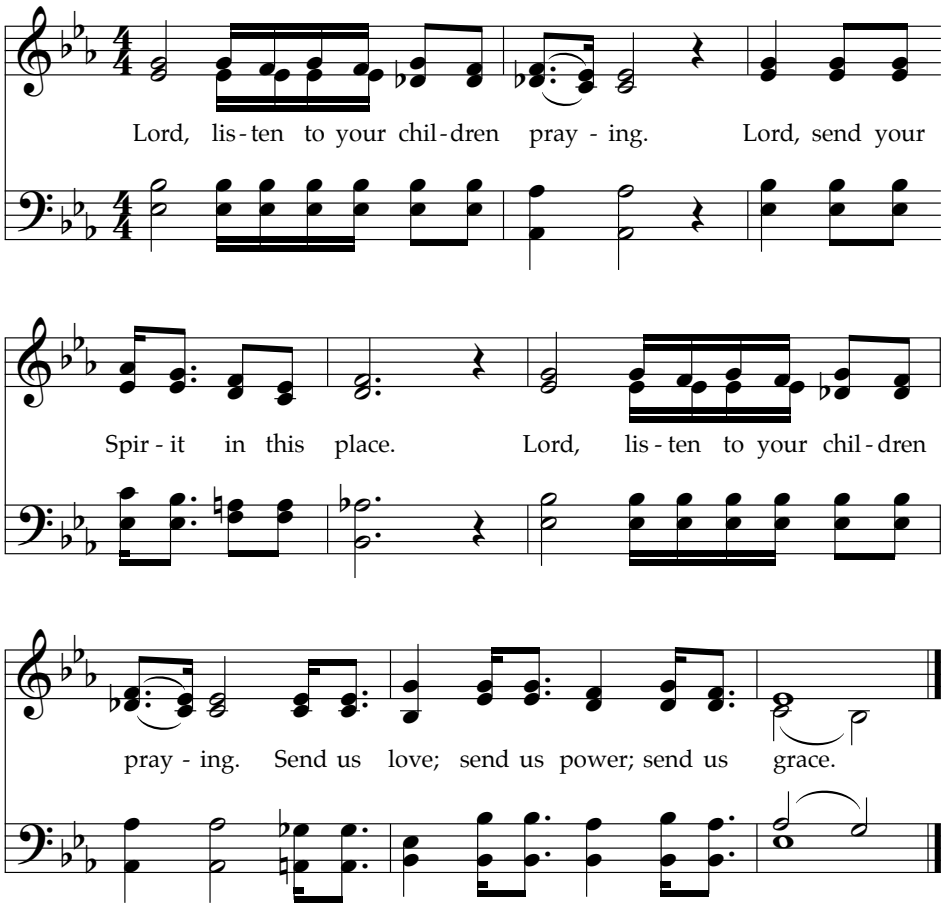


This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985 KINGSFOLD
MUSIC: *English County Songs,* 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 CMD
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thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who
poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469
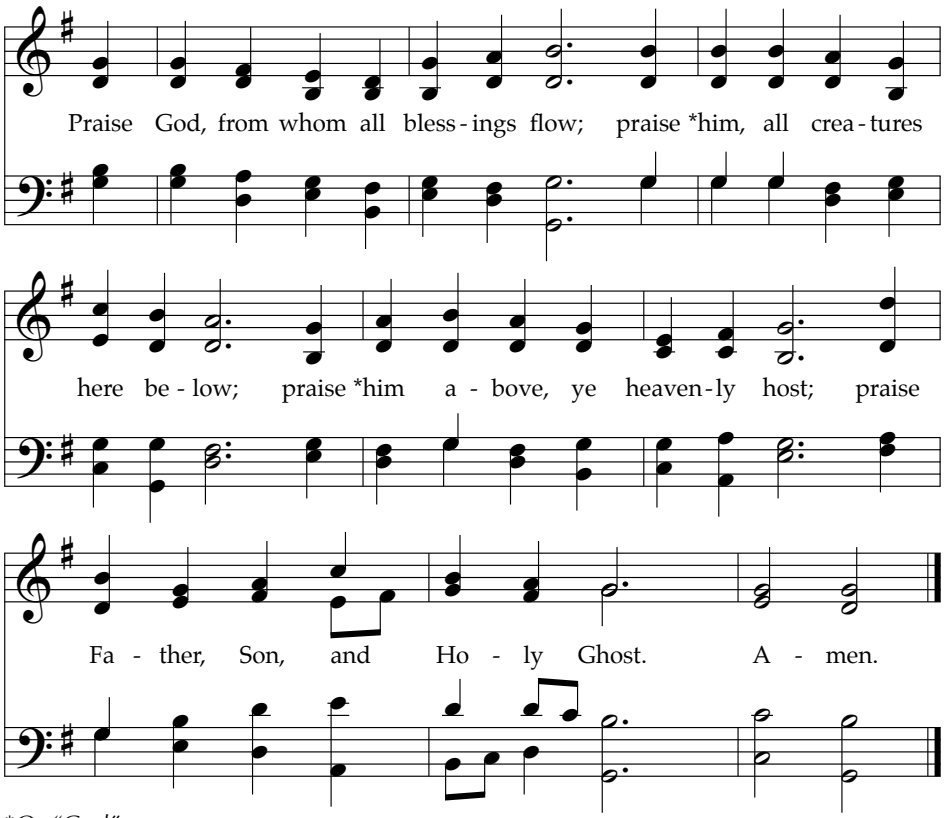


This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970
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CHILDREN PRAYING
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606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology
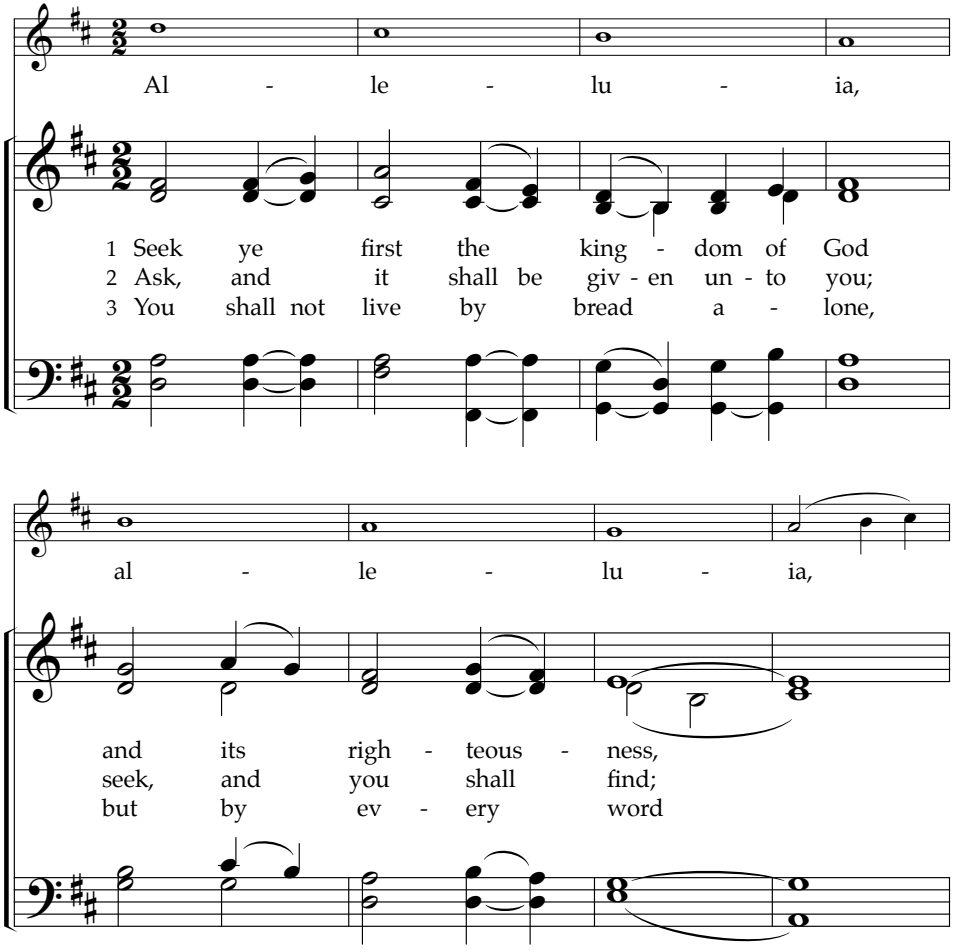


**Or "God"*

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
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175 Seek Ye First

Descant
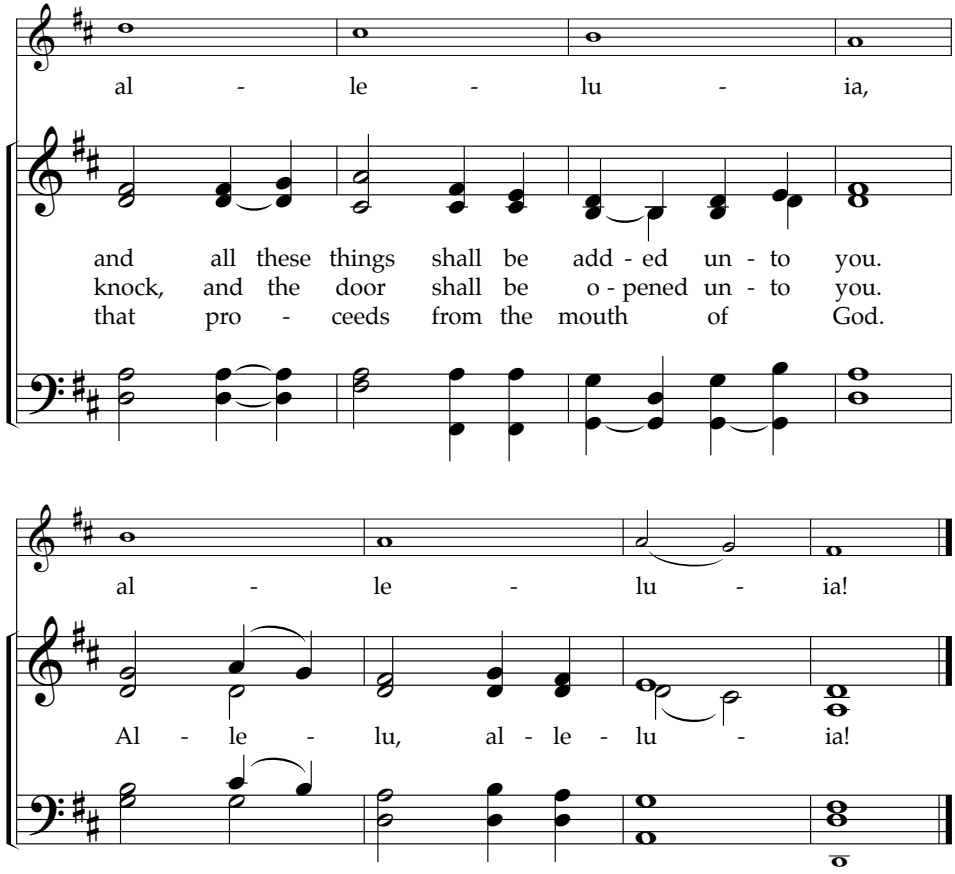


The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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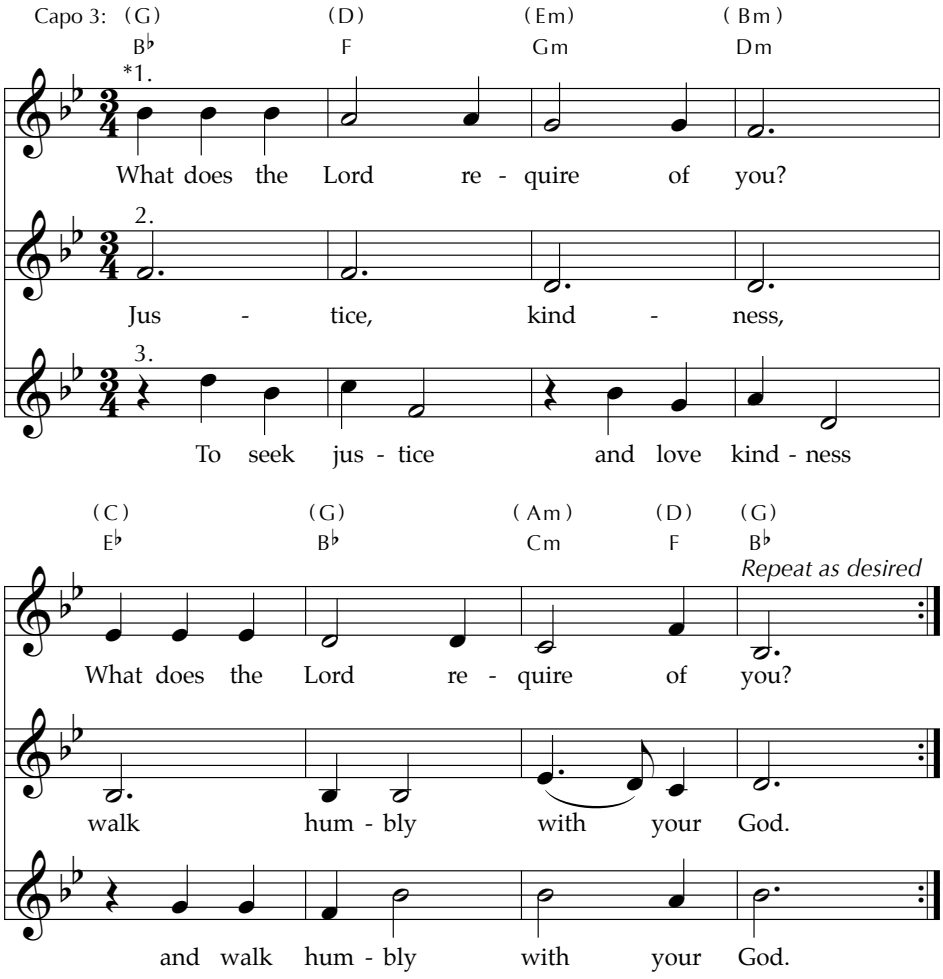


SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios*
y su perfecta justicia,
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
Alelu, aleluya.

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
그의를 구하-면
이모든것 네게 더하시리라
알렐-루 알렐루야

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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