

Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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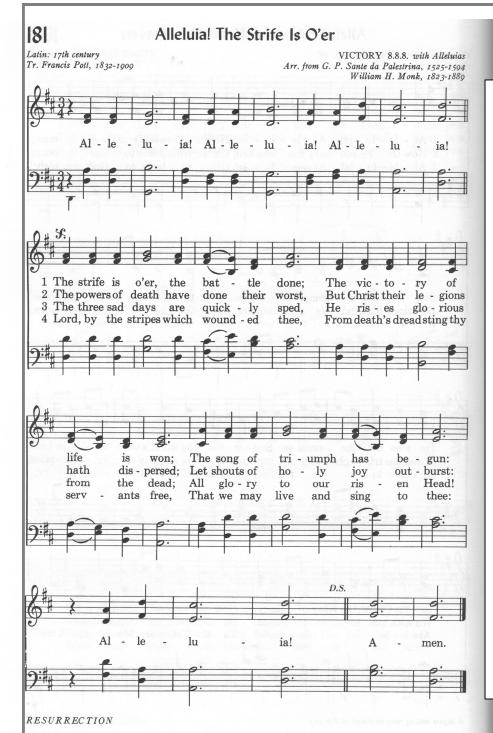
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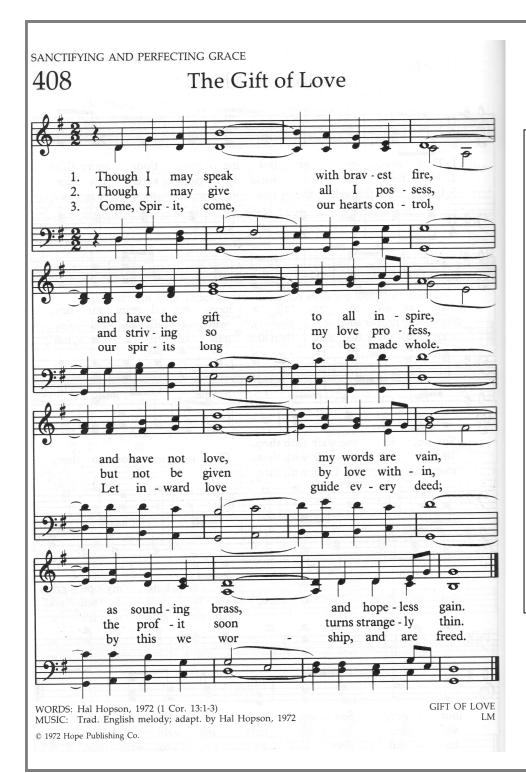
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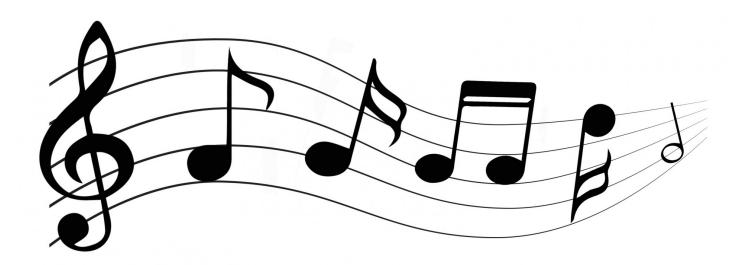
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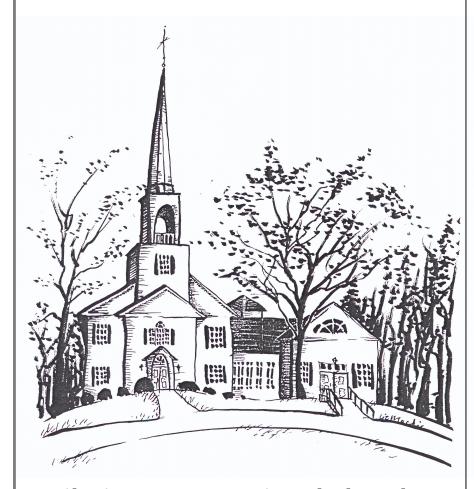
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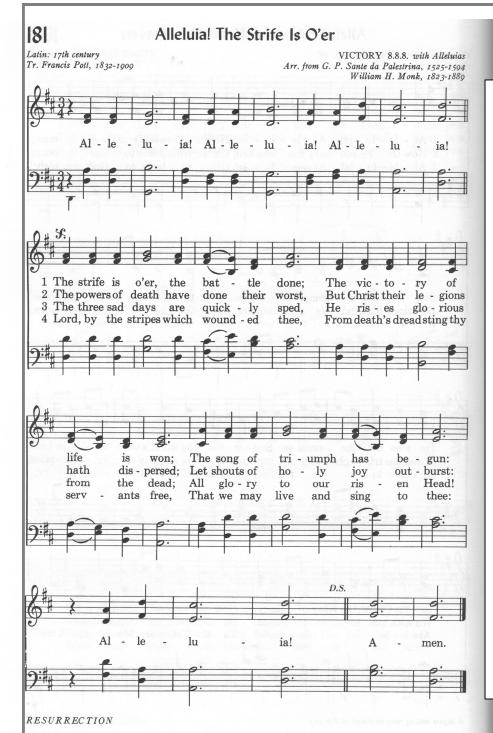
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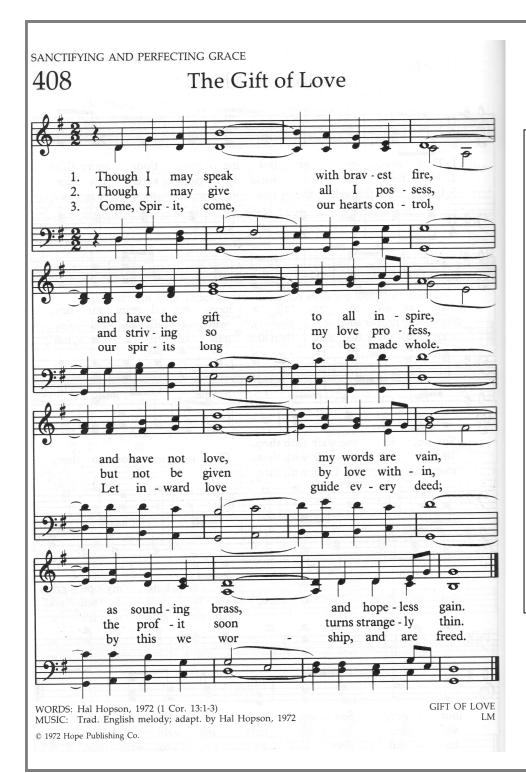
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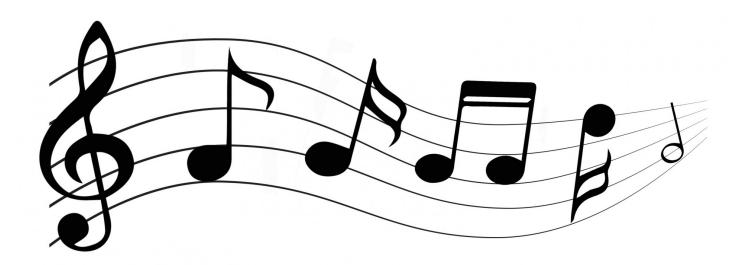
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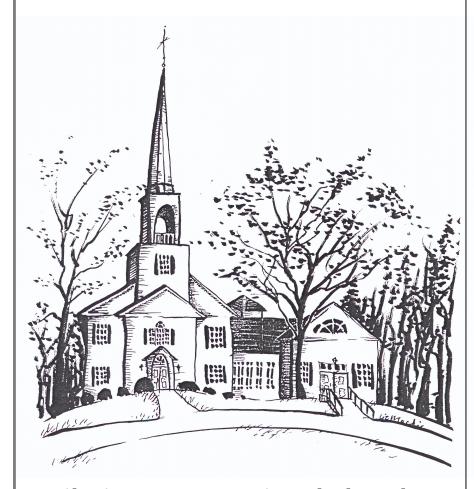
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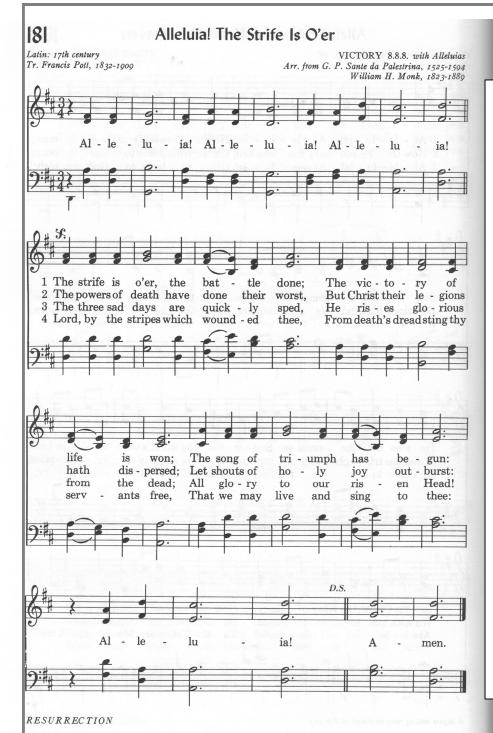
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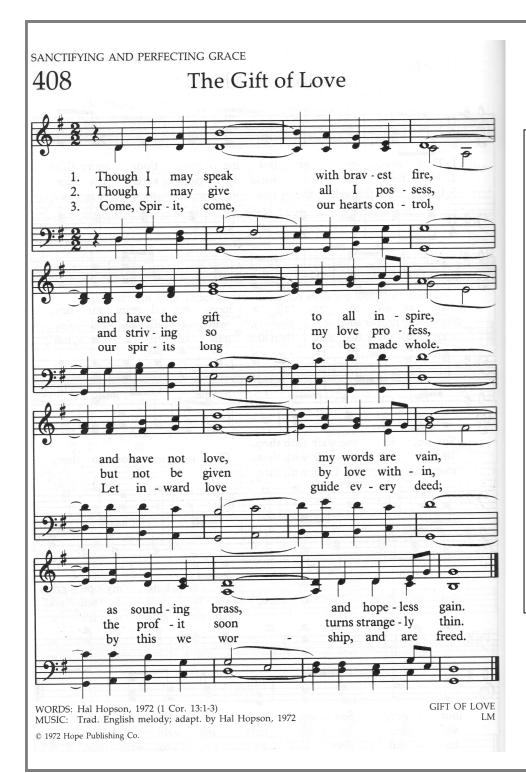
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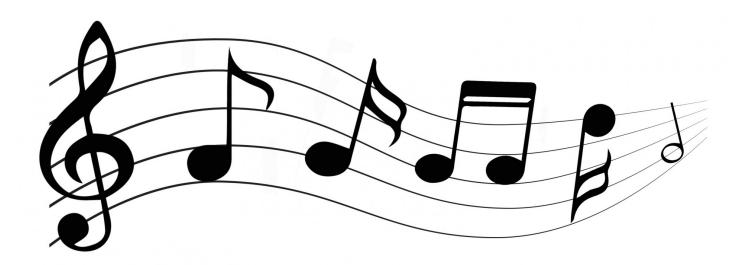
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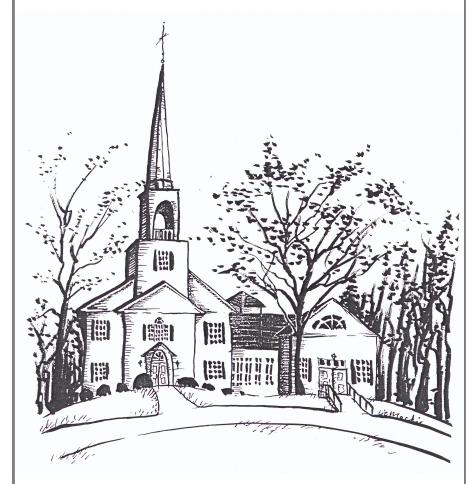
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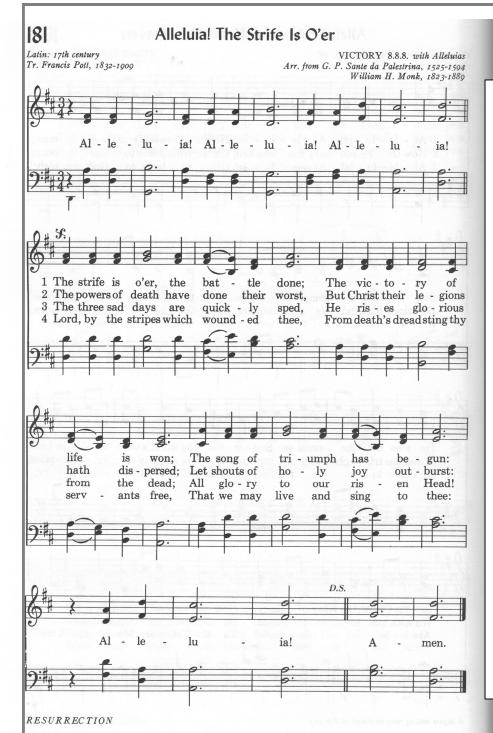
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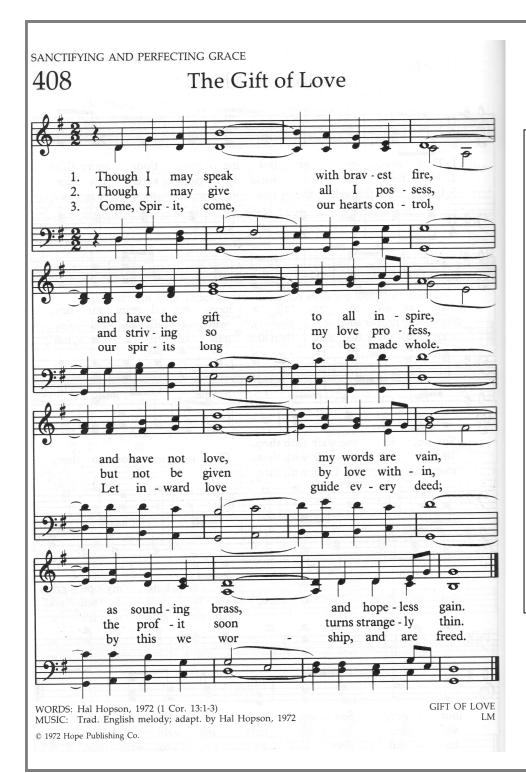
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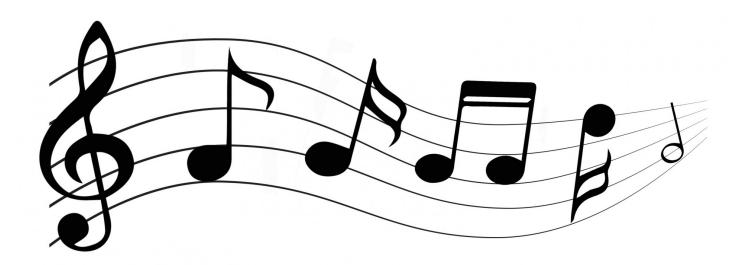
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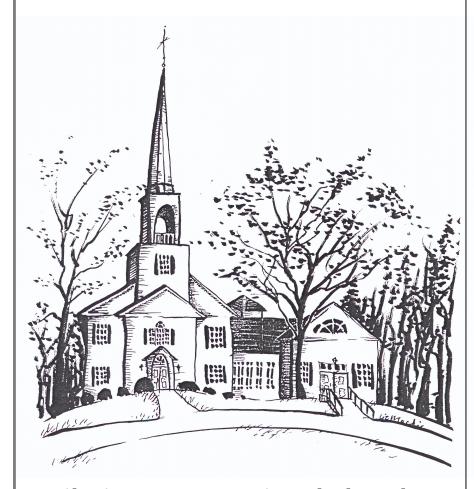
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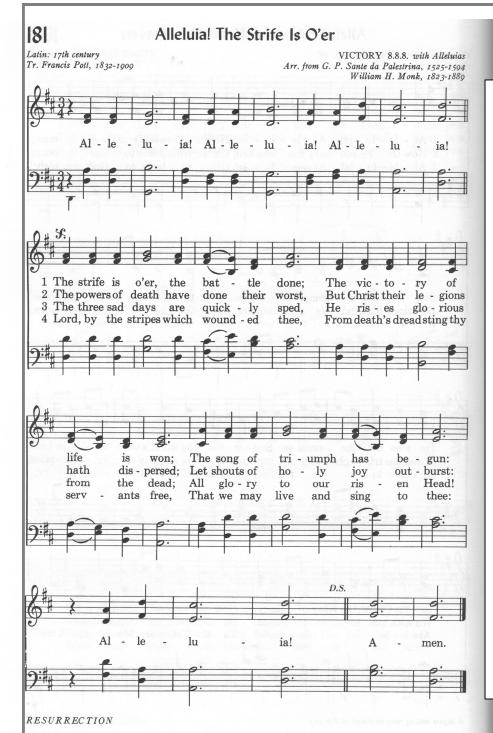
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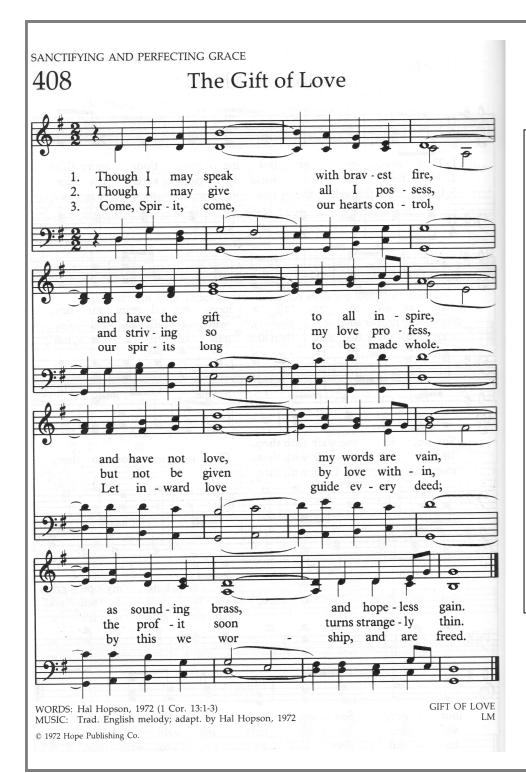
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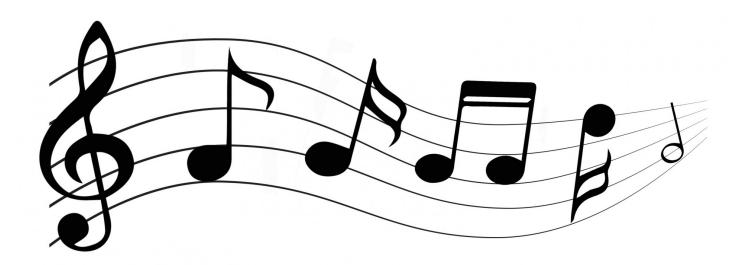
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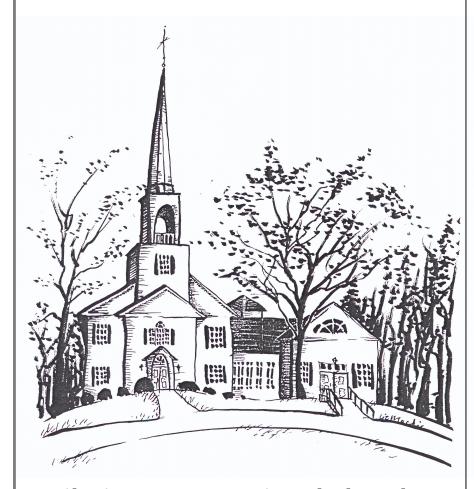
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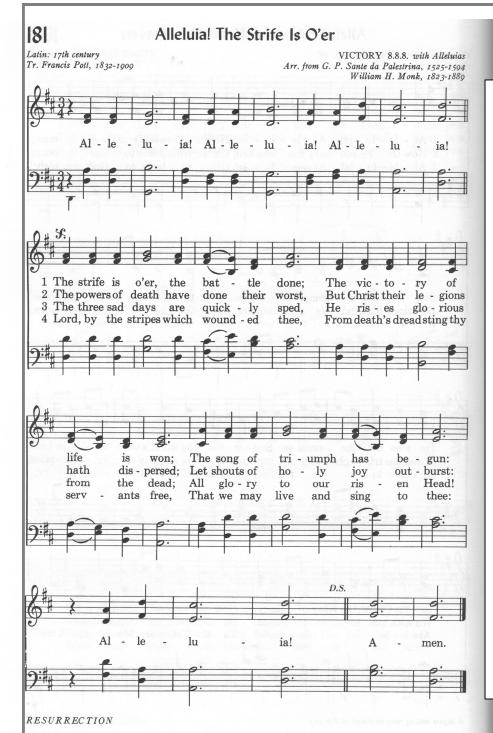
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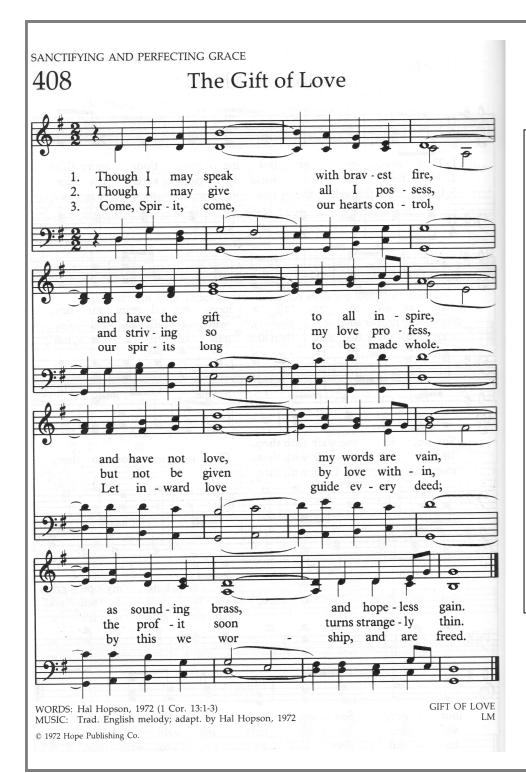
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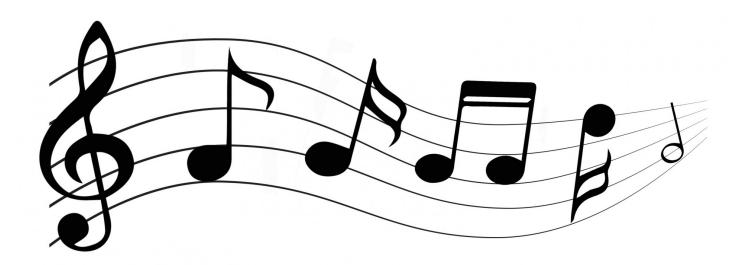
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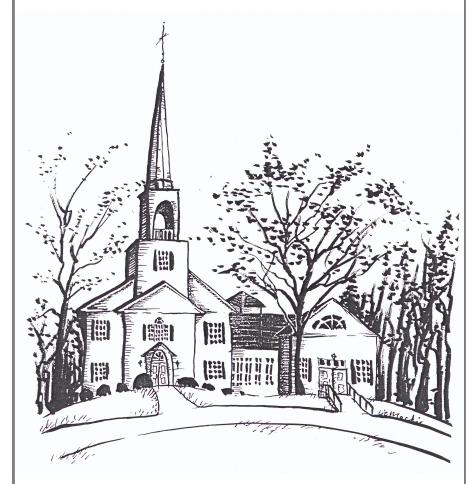
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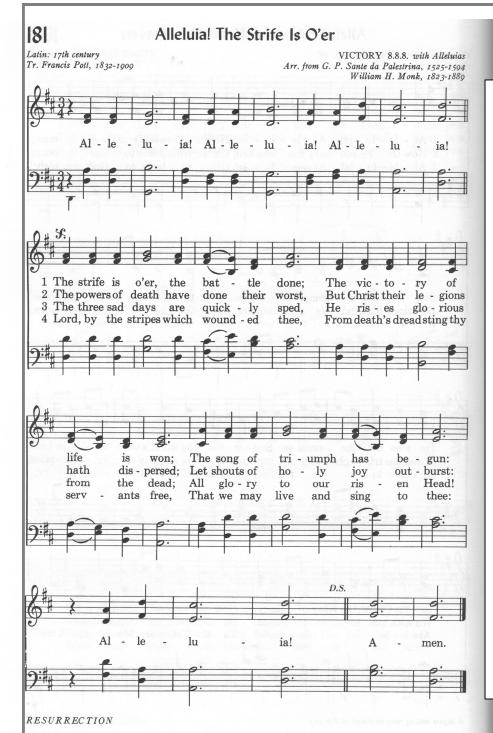
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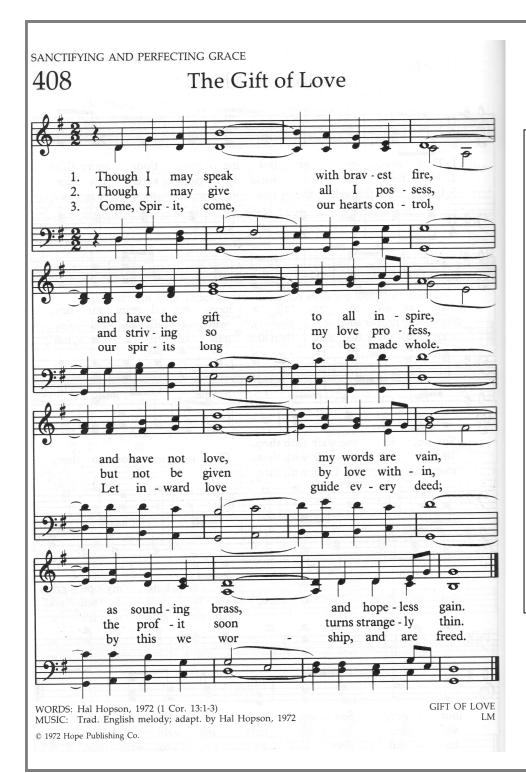
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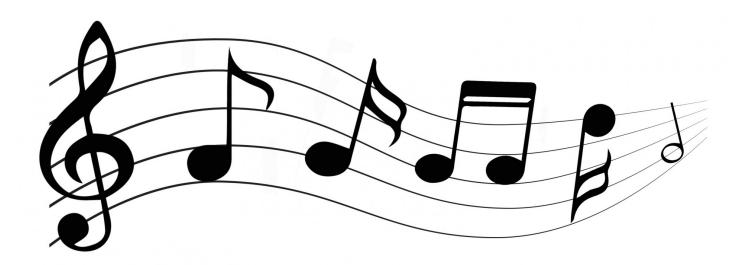
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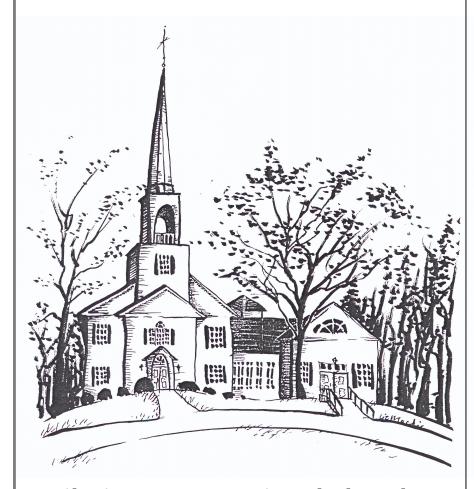
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Please join Sarah Jane and Izzy at the rear of the Sanctuary.

PASSING THE PEACE Jeff Boehm

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GATHERING SONG Halle, Halle

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(From Psalm 98)

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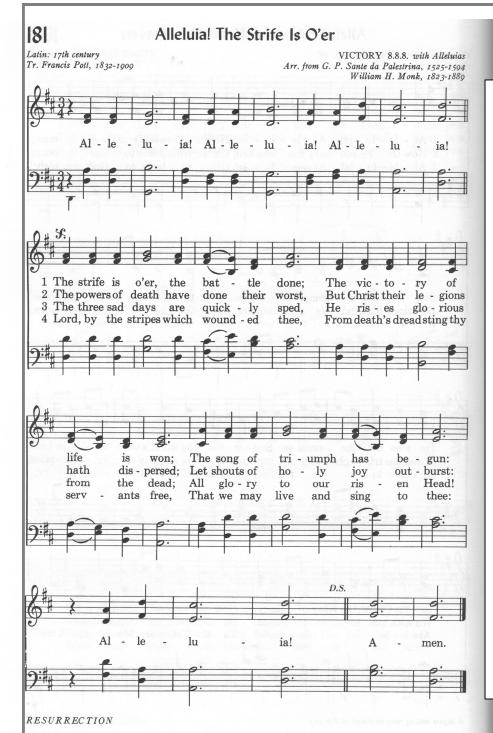
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God of Love, we come to worship today
to hear your good news,
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can shake even the strongest.
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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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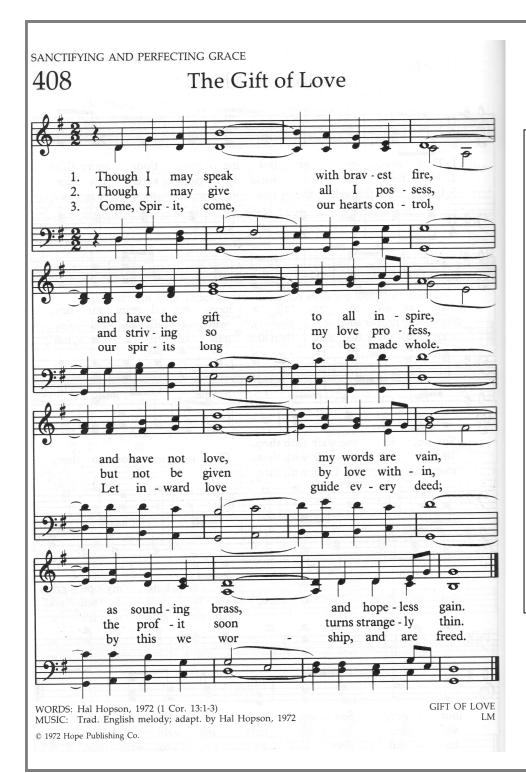
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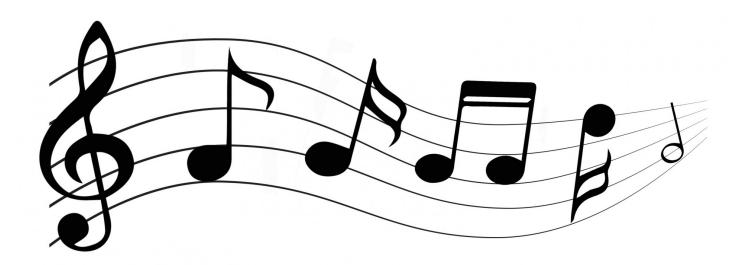
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