



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday — October 19, 2025**

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— William B. Cooper
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Today's service will be recorded.

WORSHIP – OCTOBER 19, 2025

PRELUDE

Bread of Heaven — William B. Cooper

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Doug Johnston

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*GATHERING SONG

This is the Day — New Century Hymnal 84

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Johnston

ONE: Thanks be to you O God, that we have risen this day to the rising of this life itself.

The purpose of God be between us and each purpose,

ALL: The hand of God between us and each hand;

ONE: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

ALL: The Love of Christ between us and each love.

ONE: O God you brought us to the light of this new day

ALL: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come to you this morning to sing and to listen, to praise and to pray.

Meet us in this sanctuary with your wisdom and grace.

Healing God, we bring before you this morning our own anxiety and pain.

Meet us in this sanctuary with your healing and your compassion.

Peacemaking God, we come to you this morning praying for peace

in our homes and peace in our world.

Meet us in this sanctuary with your love and hope

and send us forth to bring your peace to everyone we meet. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past — New Century Hymnal 25
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SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 18:1-8

Doug Johnston

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

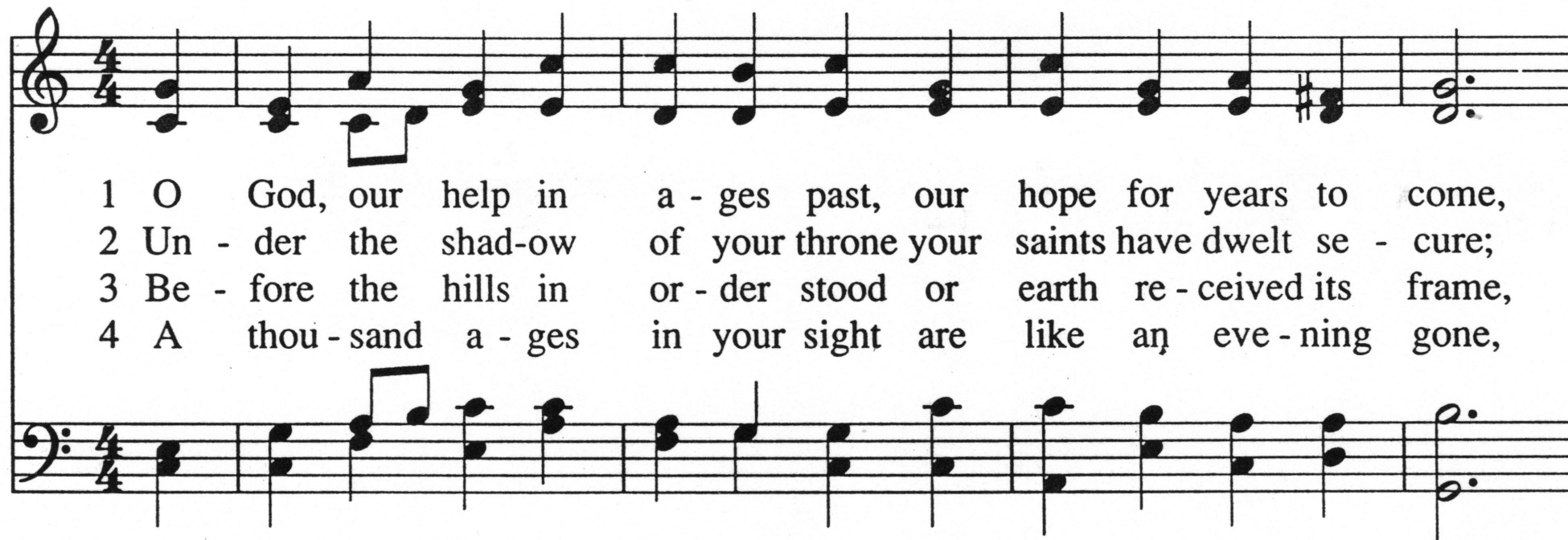
³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

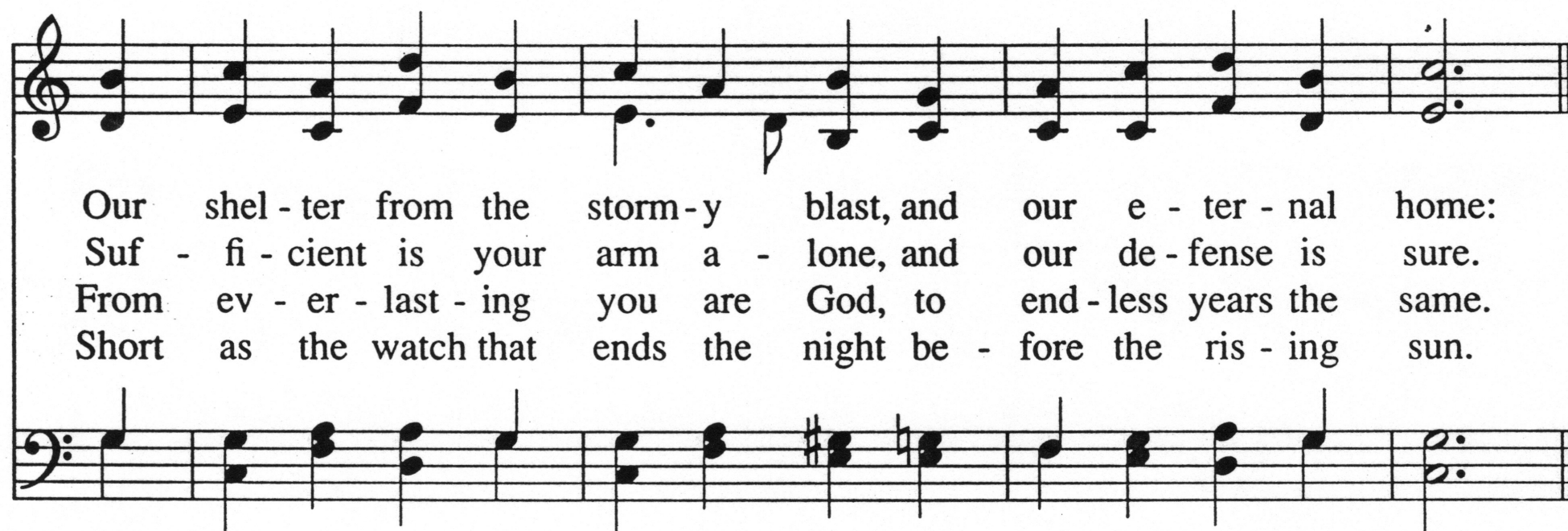
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

ONE: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Road Home — Stephen Paulus
Pilgrim Choir

*Children are invited to a service project at this time.
Please join Sarah Jane and Izzy at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story — New Century Hymnal 522
(pages 6-7)

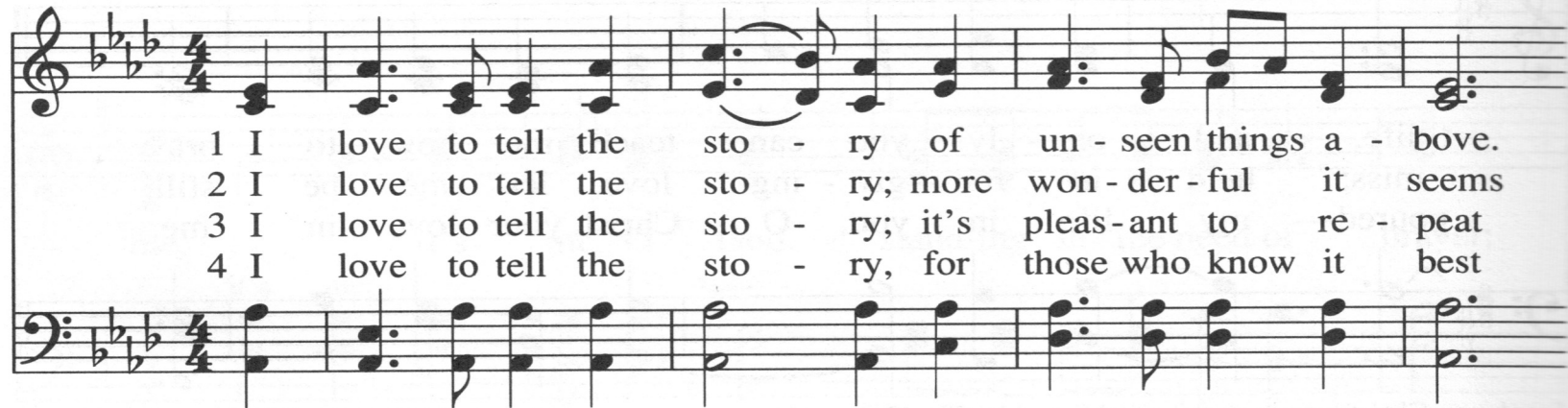
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

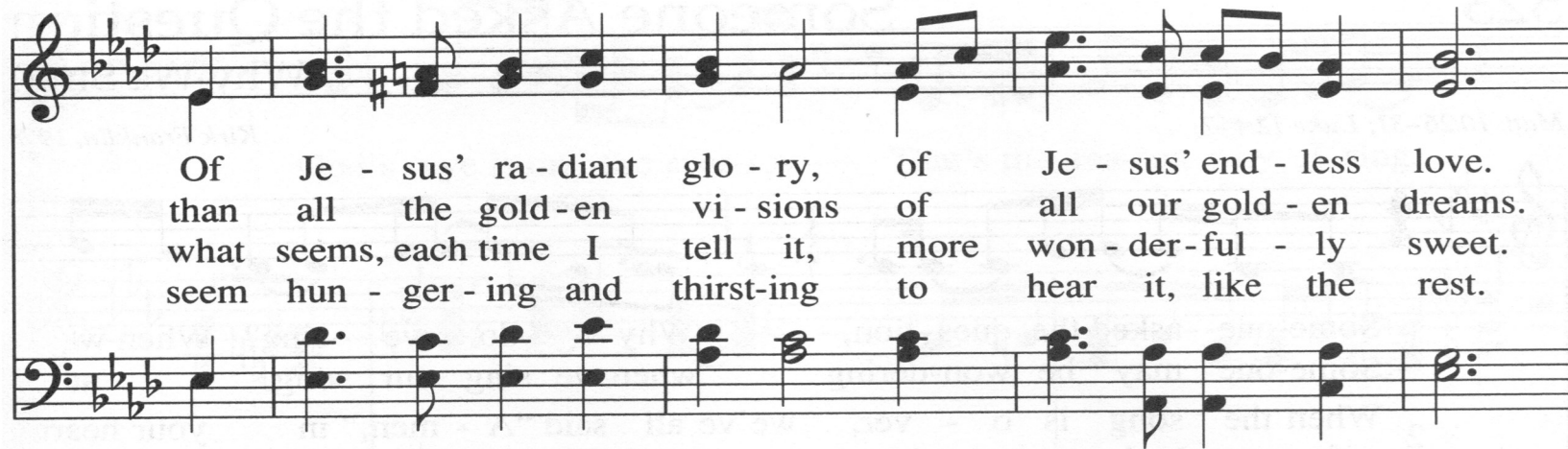
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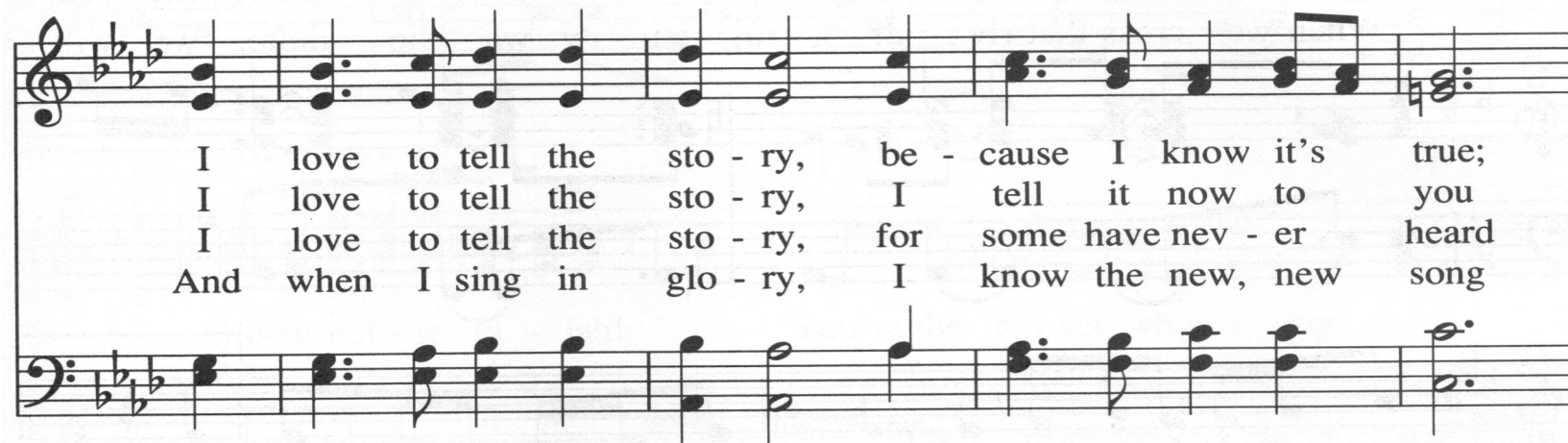
I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.


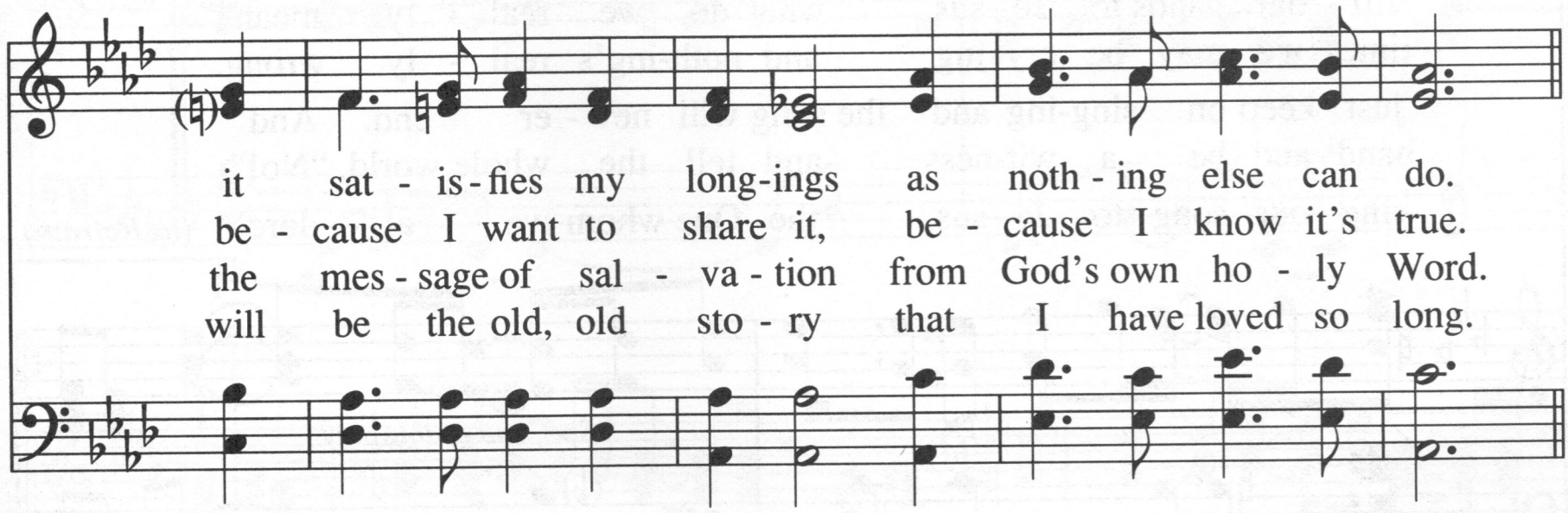
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove.
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry; it's pleas - ant to re - peat
 4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



Of Je - sus' ra - dian glo - ry, of Je - sus' end - less love.
 than all the gold - en vi - sions of all our gold - en dreams.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

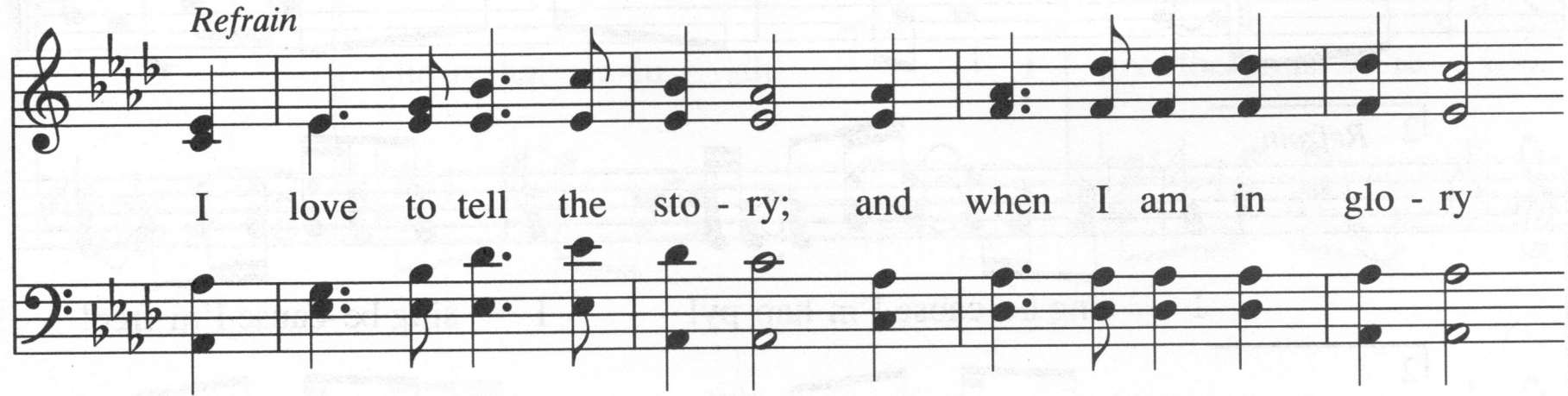


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, I tell it now to you
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when I sing in glo - ry, I know the new, new song

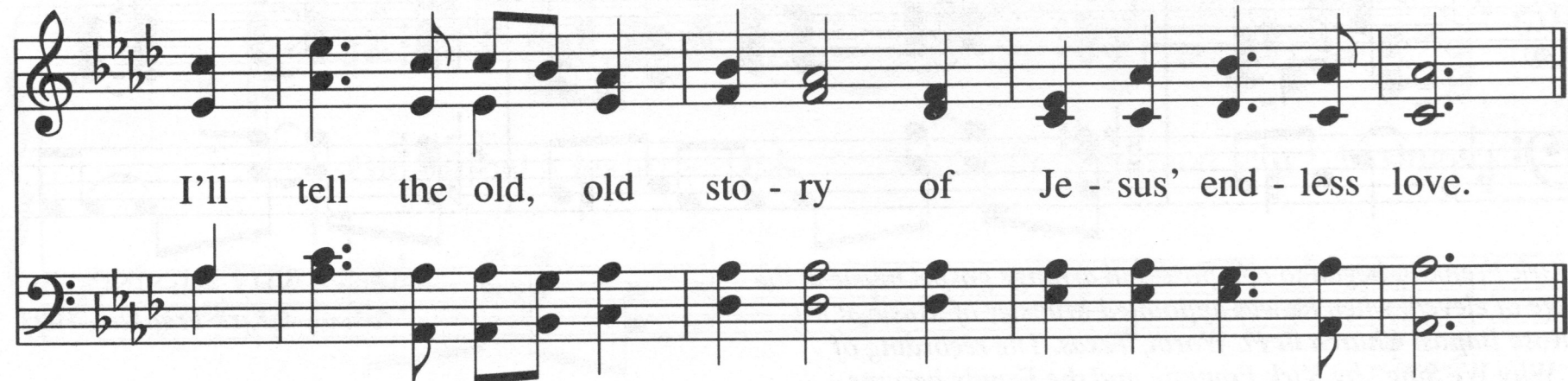


it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
be - cause I want to share it, be - cause I know it's true.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
will be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; and when I am in glo - ry



I'll tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus' end - less love.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

God Has Chosen Me — Bernadette Farrell

*DOXOLOGY

Pilgrim Hymnal 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

or

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

We treasure you, O God, and we offer you our treasures.

May this offering draw our hearts nearer to you, and may we use them to do your will this day and always. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending — New Century Hymnal 565
(pages 10-11)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

POSTLUDE

Gigue — Douglas Wagner

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

Please note: *The video of this service is posted online. If you prefer not to be filmed, please sit near the rear of the sanctuary.*

SOURCE NOTES

The Call to Worship is from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

Thank you to our greeters, the Morrisons, our Liturgist, Doug Johnston, our coffee hour hosts, the Snipe Family and our Zoom host, Mia M.

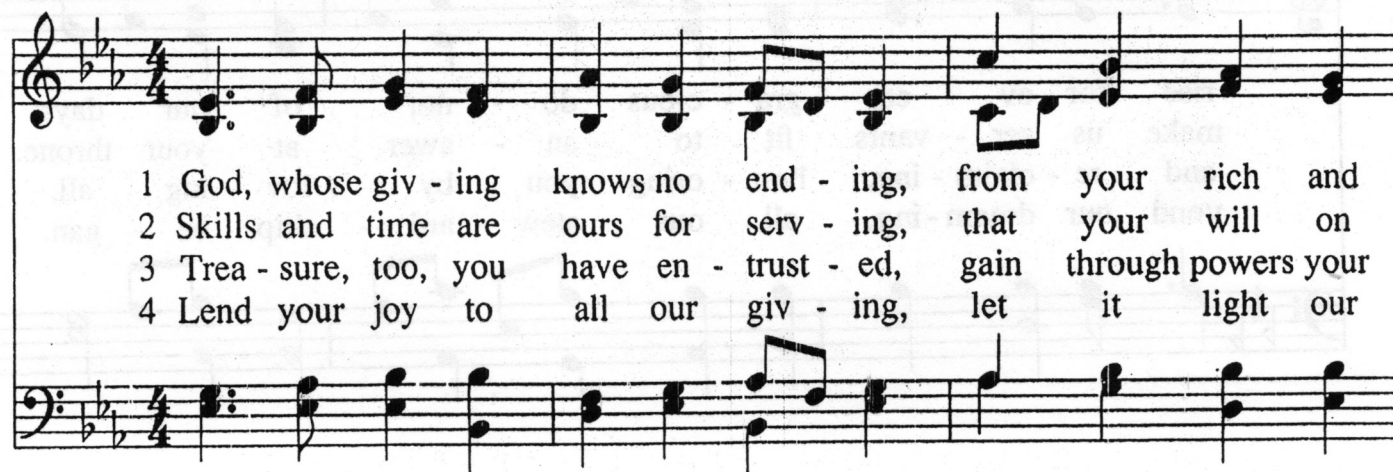
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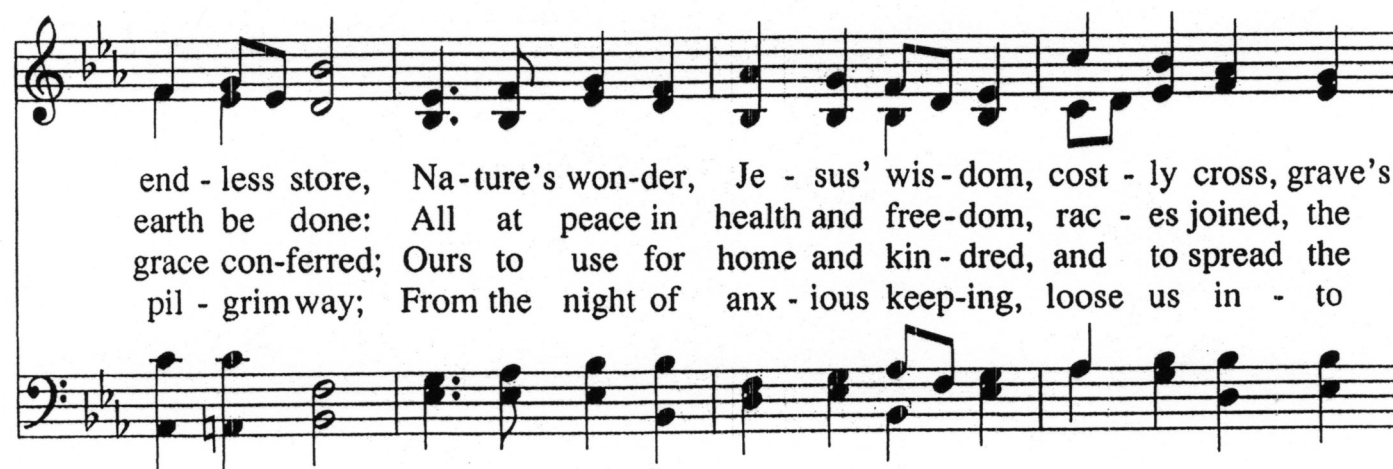
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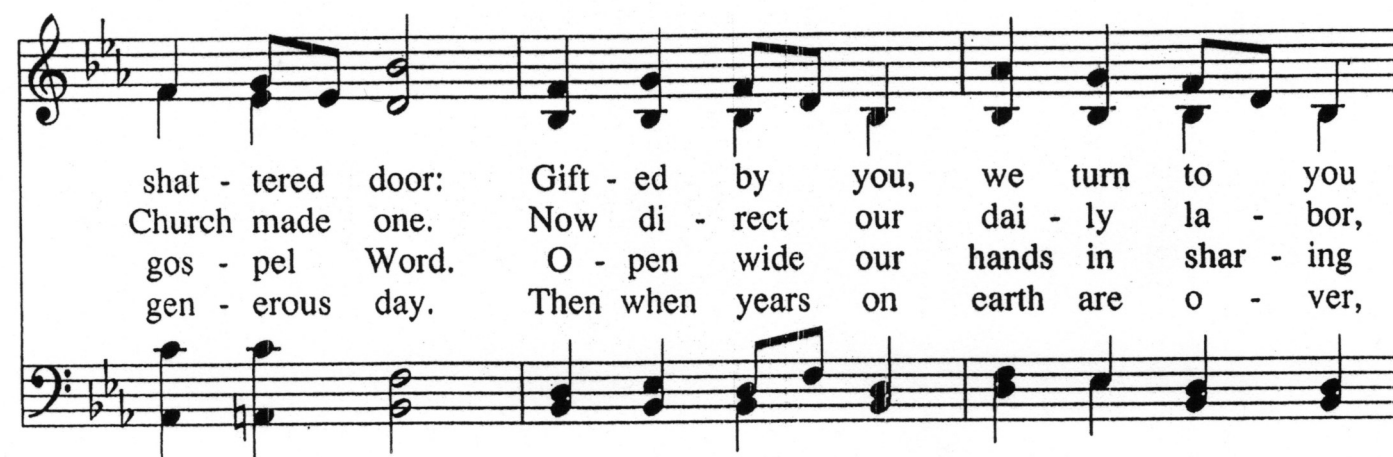
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.


1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our



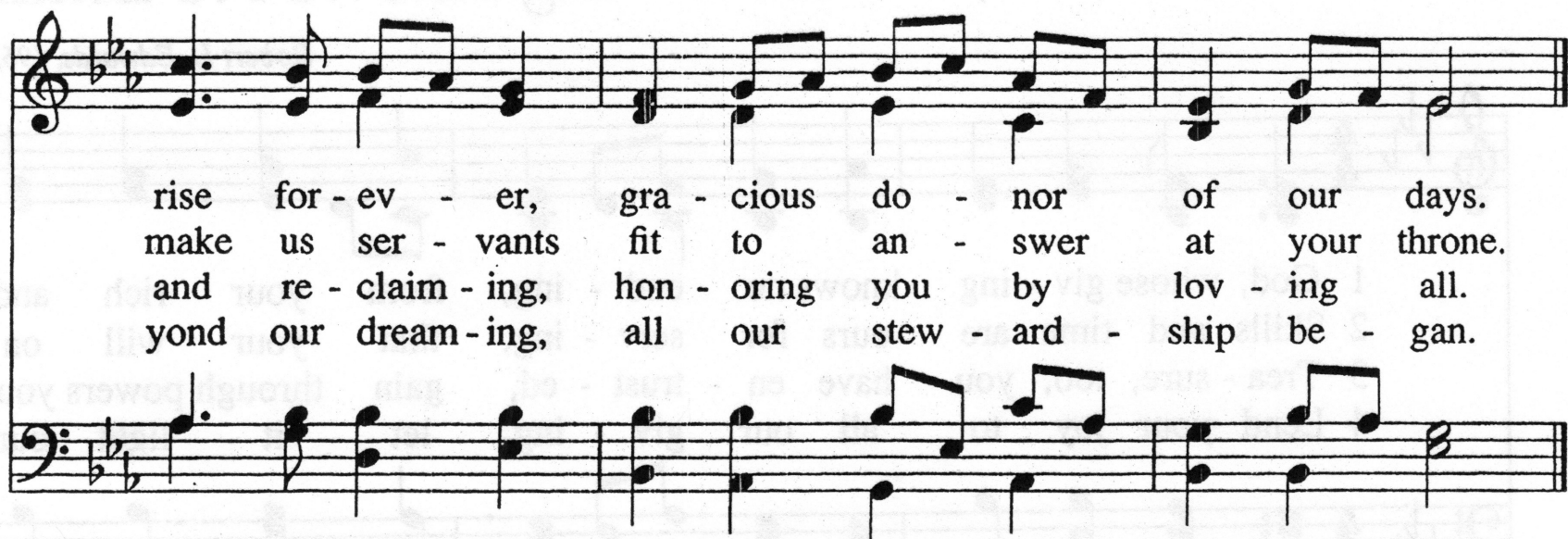
end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to



shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,



of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

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