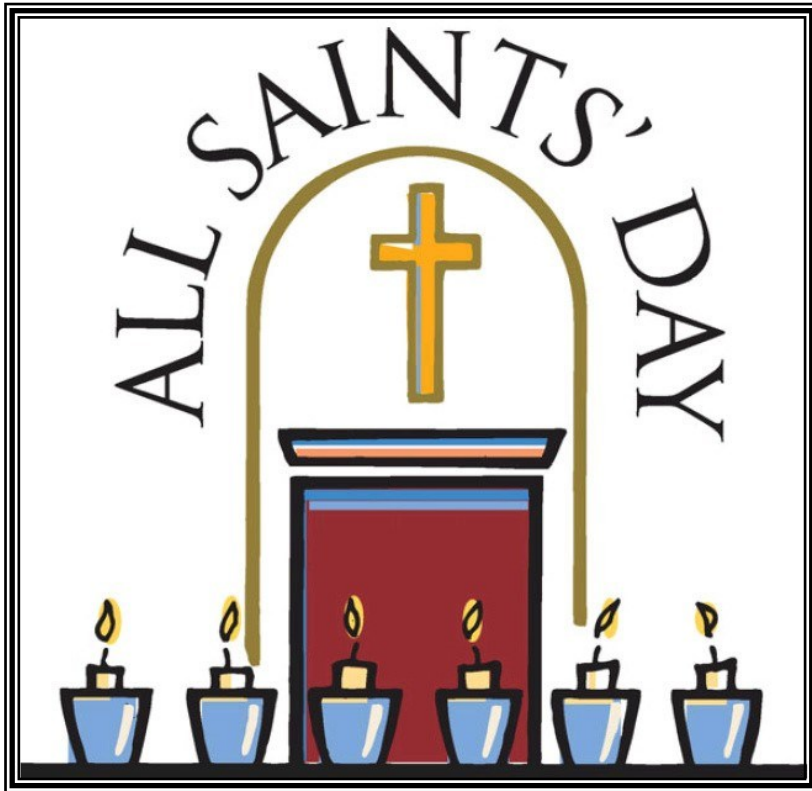




**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Communion Sunday — November 2, 2025**

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Today's service will be recorded.

WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 2, 2025 COMMUNION SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Variations — Douglas Wagner

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Duncan Todd

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

Come Ye Thankful People Come — Pilgrim Hymnal 461 (verse 1)
(following page)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Duncan Todd

ONE: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!

From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

ALL: God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

ONE: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,

ALL: we gather together, united by God's Spirit,

to celebrate God's glory and proclaim God's praise!

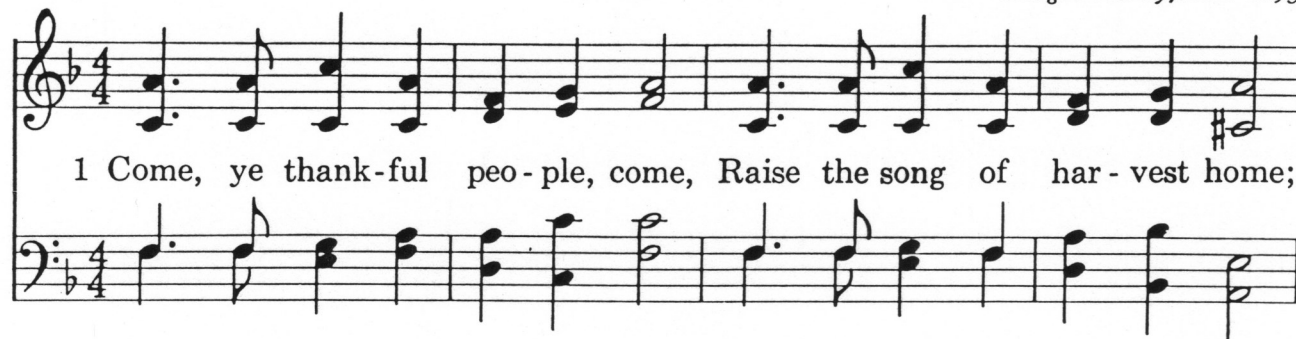
ONE: Let's worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN

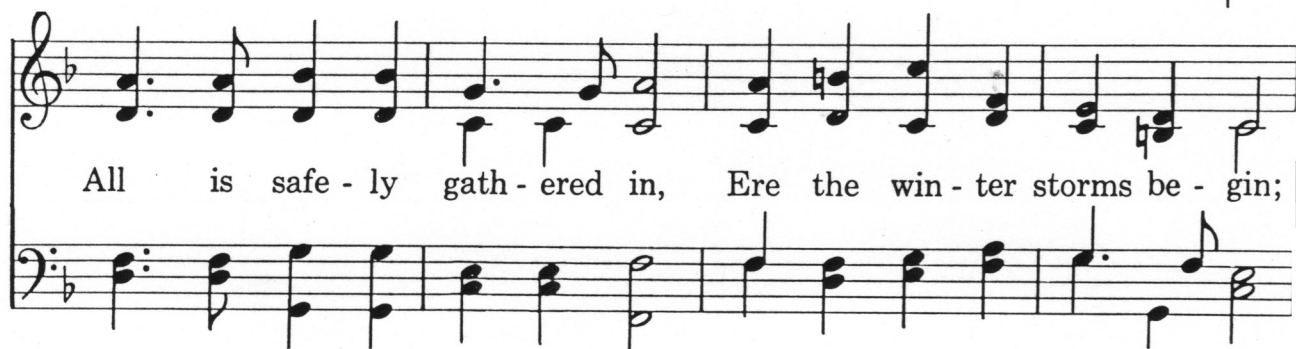
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God — New Century Hymnal 295
(pages 4-5)

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

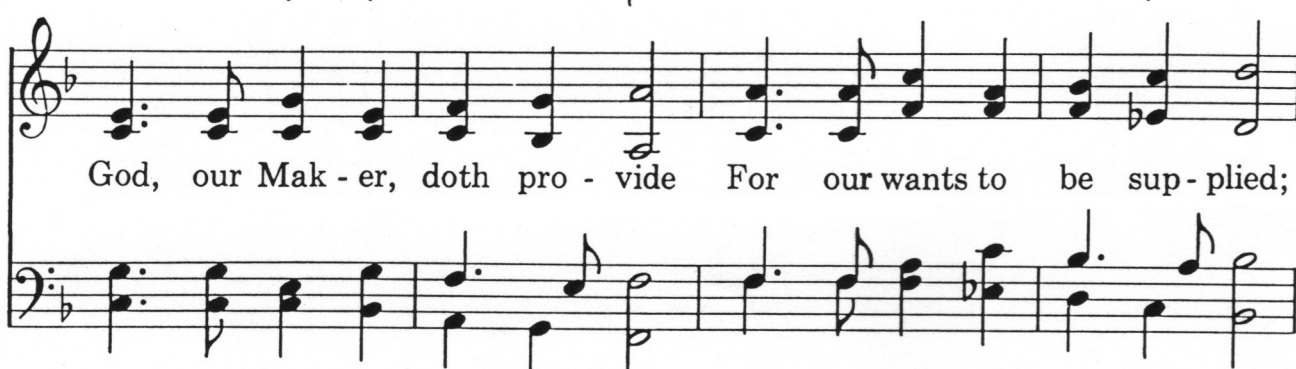
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7.D.

George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

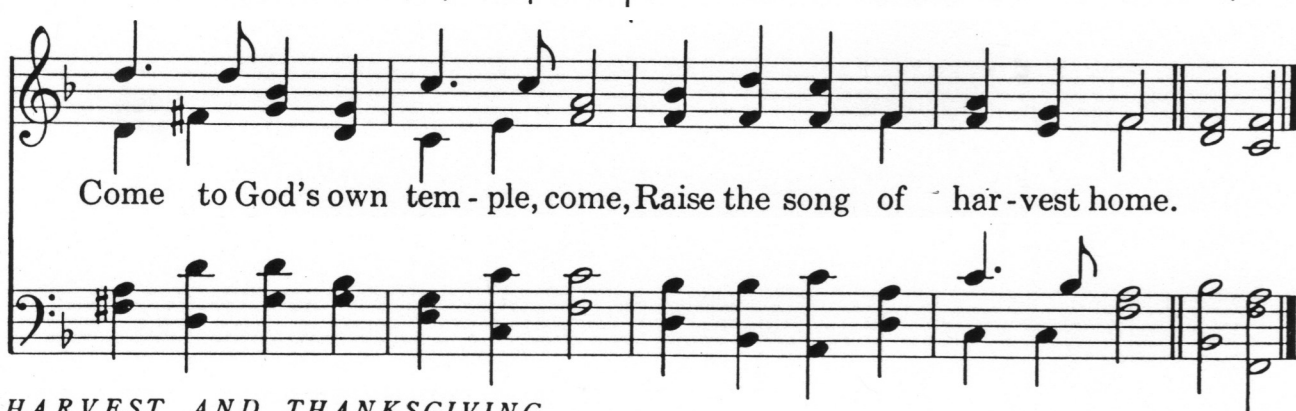
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home;



All is safe-ly gath-ered in, Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;

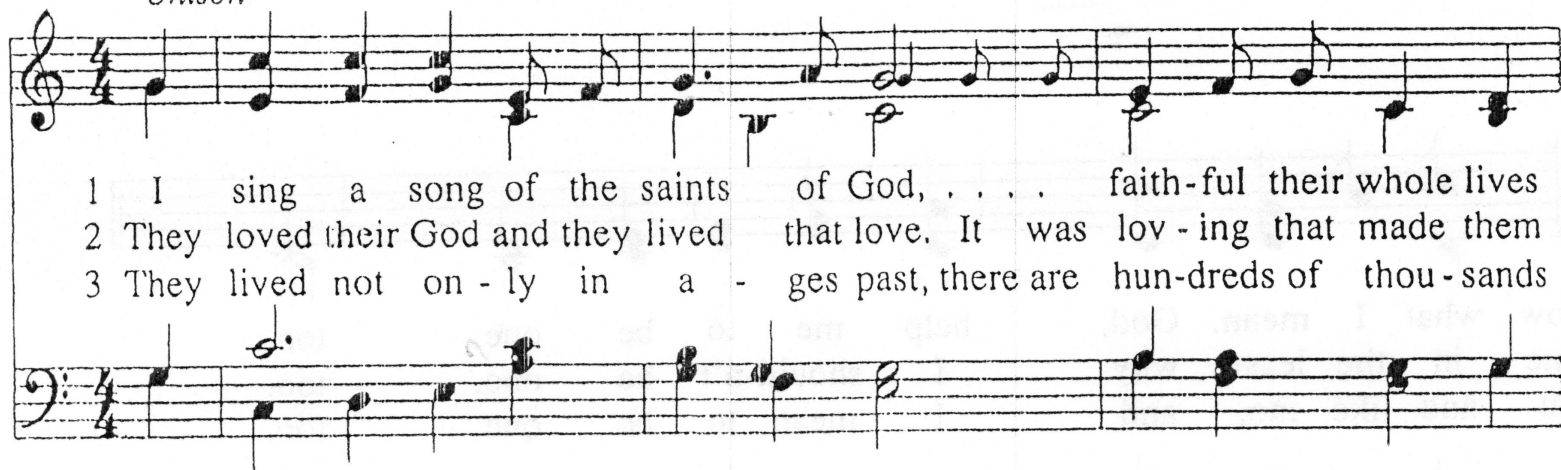


God, our Mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied;

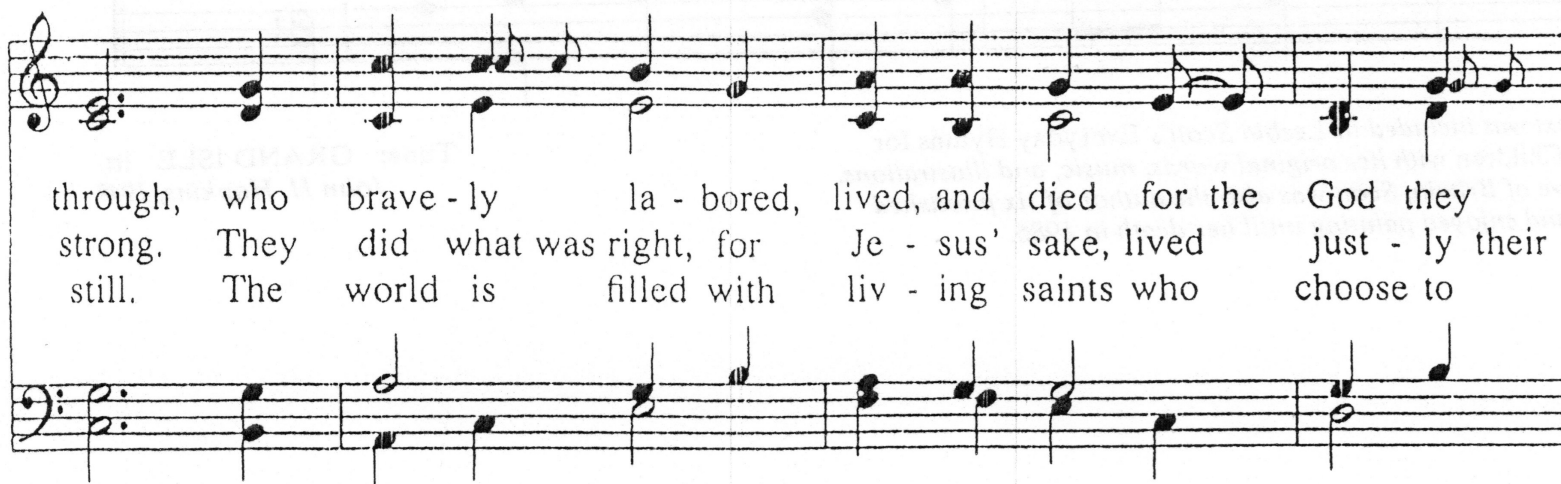


Come to God's own tem-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home.

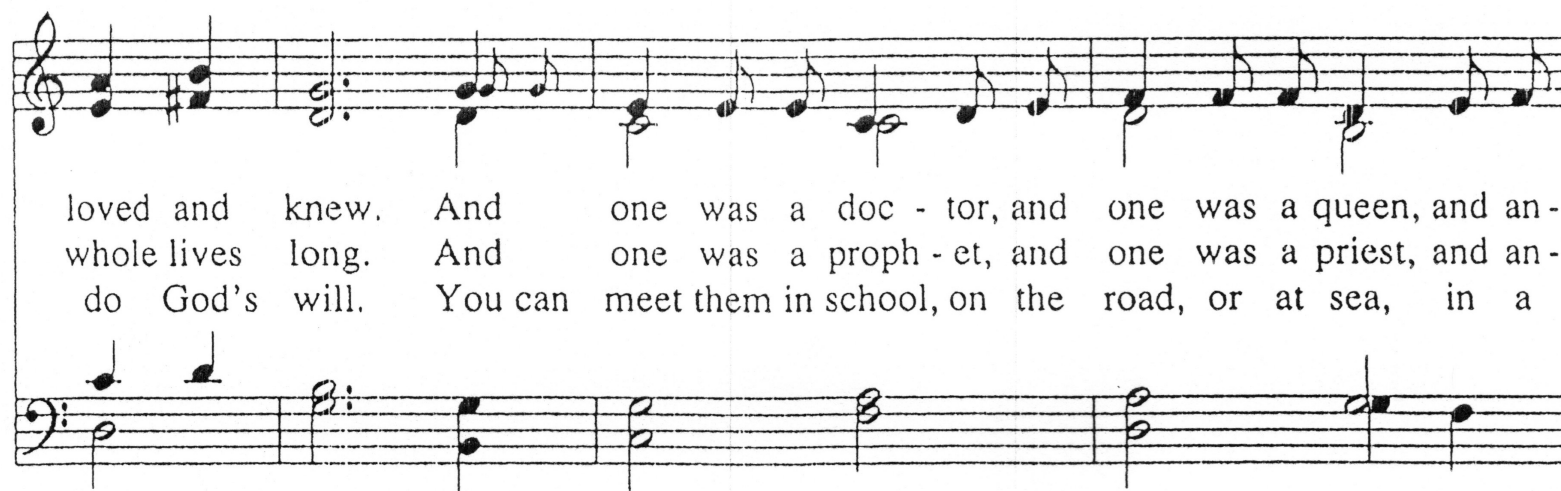
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.**Unison*


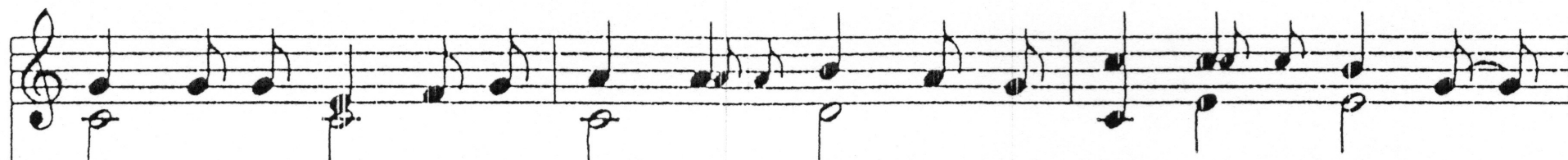
1 I sing a song of the saints of God, . . . faith-ful their whole lives
 2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov-ing that made them
 3 They lived not on-ly in a - ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou-sands



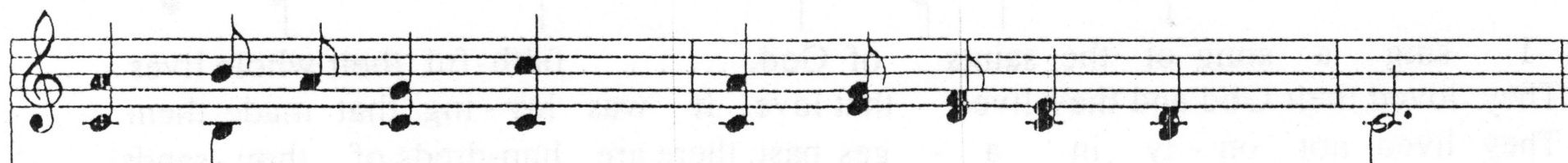
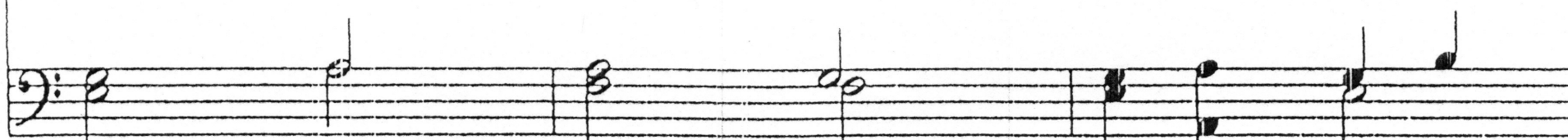
through, who brave-ly la-bored, lived, and died for the God they
 strong. They did what was right, for Je-sus' sake, lived just-ly their
 still. The world is filled with liv-ing saints who choose to



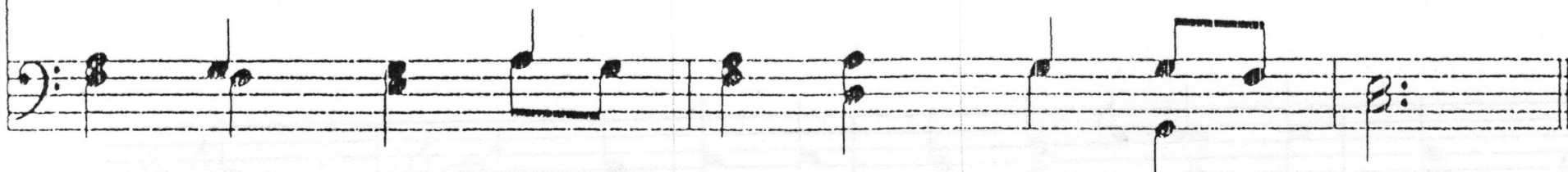
loved and knew. And one was a doc-tor, and one was a queen, and an-
 whole lives long. And one was a proph-et, and one was a priest, and an-
 do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a



oth - er a shep-herd in pas - tures green: they were saints of God, if you
oth - er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth-ly rea - son,
church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like



know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.
none in the least, why I should-n't be one, too.
you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.



SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

Dev A.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

ONE: Here ends the reading. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace arr. Jay Althouse

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

A STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

Marty Saradjian

OFFERTORY

Rejoice in the Lord Always — Henry Purcell



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***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**

**And I mean to be one, too. God we are thankful for all our ancestors in faith
who served you joyfully and gave generously to support this community
and the wider community. We mean to do so, too. Amen.**

***HYMN:**

I Come With Joy — New Century Hymnal 349
(pages 8-9)

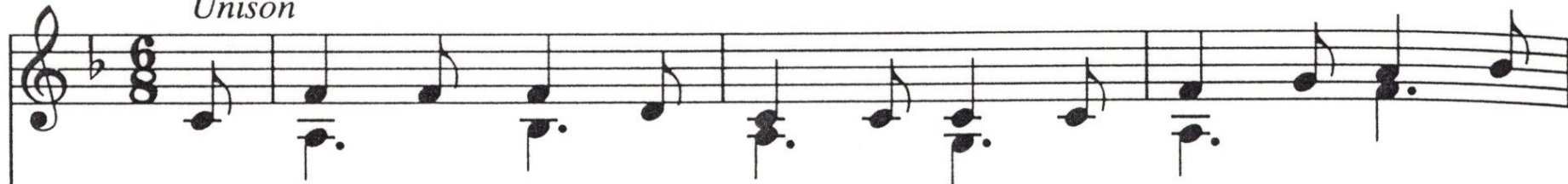
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

***COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate.
The sacrament is a gift from God and all are welcome to receive it.*

I Come with Joy

*Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994**Unison*

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are, friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PASTOR REEBEE: We gather at this table, God's table

ALL: The table has been set long before we were born

ONE: There are places for all who have gone before us

ALL: We take their hands as we approach to be received

ONE: You are welcome at this table, Christ's table

ALL: The faithful ones are gathered with us from all generations

ONE: We lift up the memories of loved ones we no longer see

**ALL: We open our hearts to the presence of loved ones who are with God,
 for God is present with us**

ONE: This is the table of reconciliation, of forgiveness, of restoration

ALL: This is the table for all the saints of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people — courageous, faithful, and steadfast. Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us. Our memories are dim. Our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you. Open us to the past and to the bold testimony to faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's justice and compassion in our own time.

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.

ASSURANCE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table
where along with your saints we receive all Christ's gifts.**

Provide for your church on earth a strong faith and increased love for one another.

Give us the grace to praise you with our lives in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

What A Friend We Have in Jesus — Pilgrim Hymnal 335
(pages 12-13)

UNISON BENEDICTION

Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We're Marching to Zion — Gordon Young

**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

Today's liturgy is drawn from Christine Longhurst, *Enfleshed*, and from Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Henrietta Stith, and UCC Worship Ways.

Thank you to our greeter, David Nuss, our Liturgist,
Duncan Todd, our Zoom hosts, Dev A. & Mia M. and to
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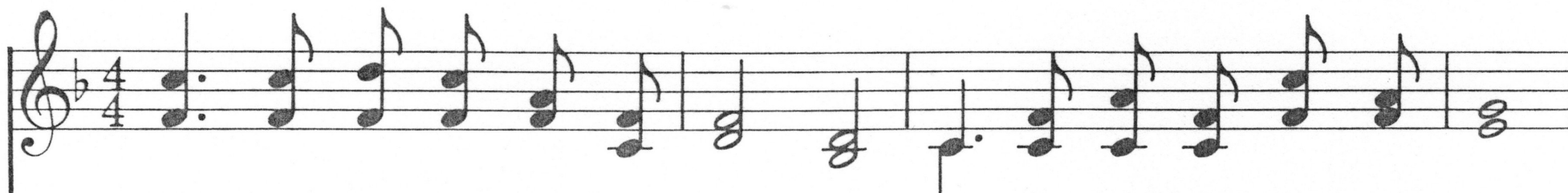
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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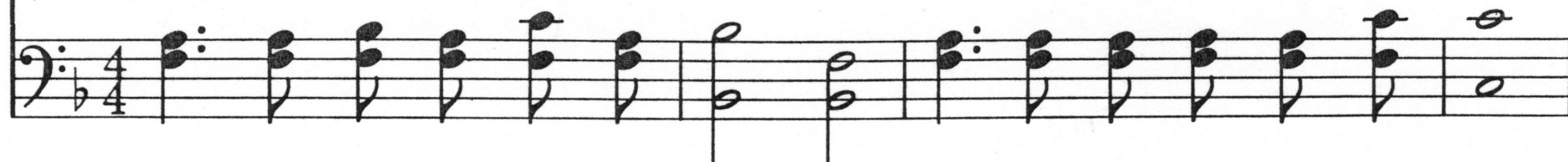
Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886

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Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

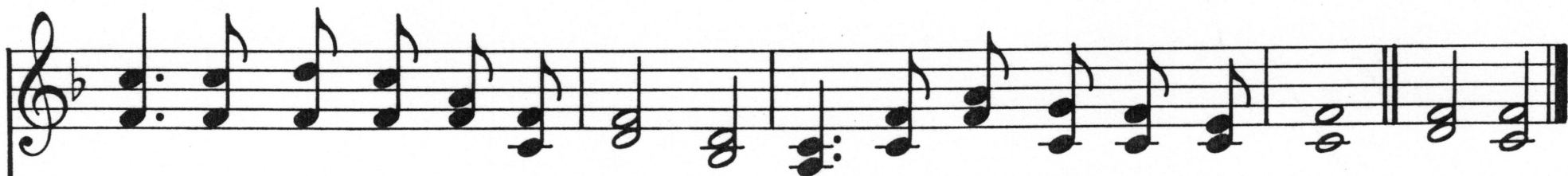


What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer!





Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A-men.



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