



## *Honoring All Who Served*



*November 11, 2025*



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
Worship Sunday — November 9, 2025**

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Christ (variation 1) — Jan Pieter Sweeklinck

† GATHERING SONG: Come Ye Thankful  
People Come

† OPENING HYMN: Guide Me,  
O My Great Redeemer\*

† ANTHEM: You Are the Light of the World  
— Dan Kreider

† HYMN: This Is My Father's World

† OFFERTORY: Shout for Joy  
— Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

† CLOSING HYMN: This Is My Song\*

† POSTLUDE: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
— Eleanor Whitsett

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***Today's service will be recorded.***

## WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 9, 2025

PRELUDE                      Prelude Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (variation 1) — Jan Pieter Sweeklinck

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE                      Nick Zorn

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)

\*LITANY IN HONOR OF VETERANS' DAY                      Nick Zorn

ONE: Compassionate God, today we pay tribute to those who have served in the military of the United States.

**ALL: We express our gratitude for their courage and selflessness, both those among us today and those of generations past.**

ONE: This nation, built by those born of this soil and those who have come here from all corners of this good earth, is on a continual journey.

**ALL: May we uphold the values of freedom, and of the inherent dignity and worth of every human being.**

ONE: May we honor our veterans by our own right conduct and by the kindness and tolerance we show to one another.

**ALL: And may we lead the world by example, that the labors and sacrifices of these veterans be honored not by our words alone, but by our deeds. Amen.**

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.

## OPENING PRAYER

Nick Zorn

**God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places.**

**May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer ourselves in gratitude. Amen.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer — New Century Hymnal 18  
(pages 6-7)

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:18-27

Nick Zorn

A certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>21</sup>He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>23</sup>But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. <sup>24</sup>Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

You Are the Light of the World — Dan Kreider

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

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

\*HYMN

This Is My Father's World — Pilgrim Hymnal 485  
(pages 8-9)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

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.**

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Filippo deMagistris

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Shout for Joy — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

\*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**

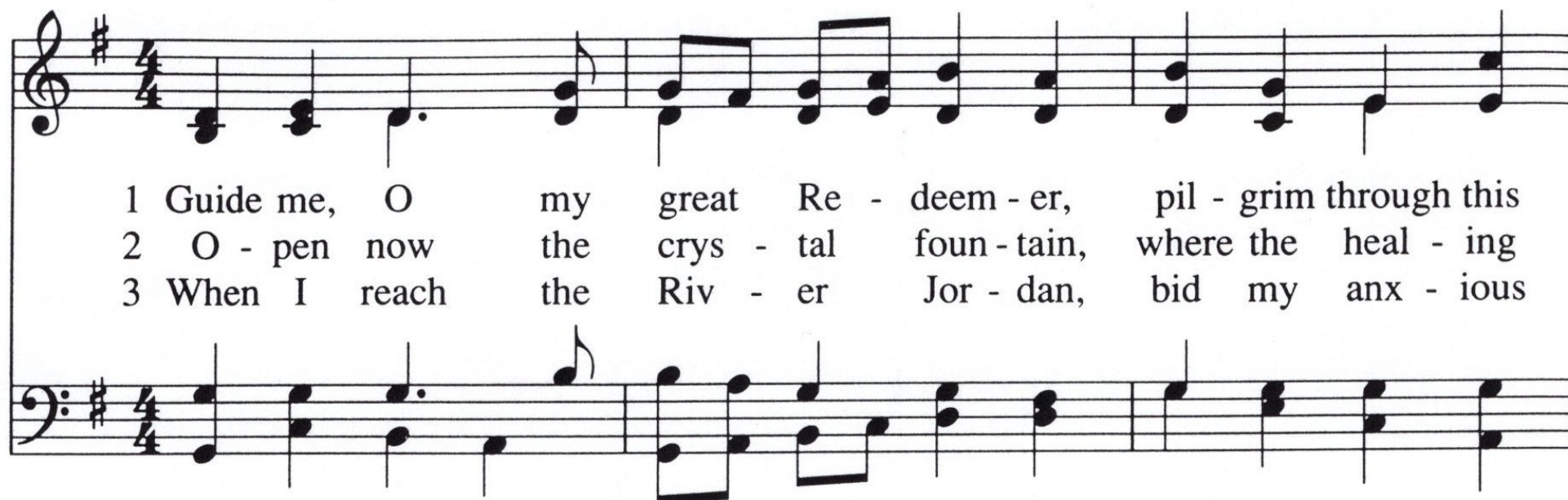
# Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

*Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39–44; Rev. 22:1–2*

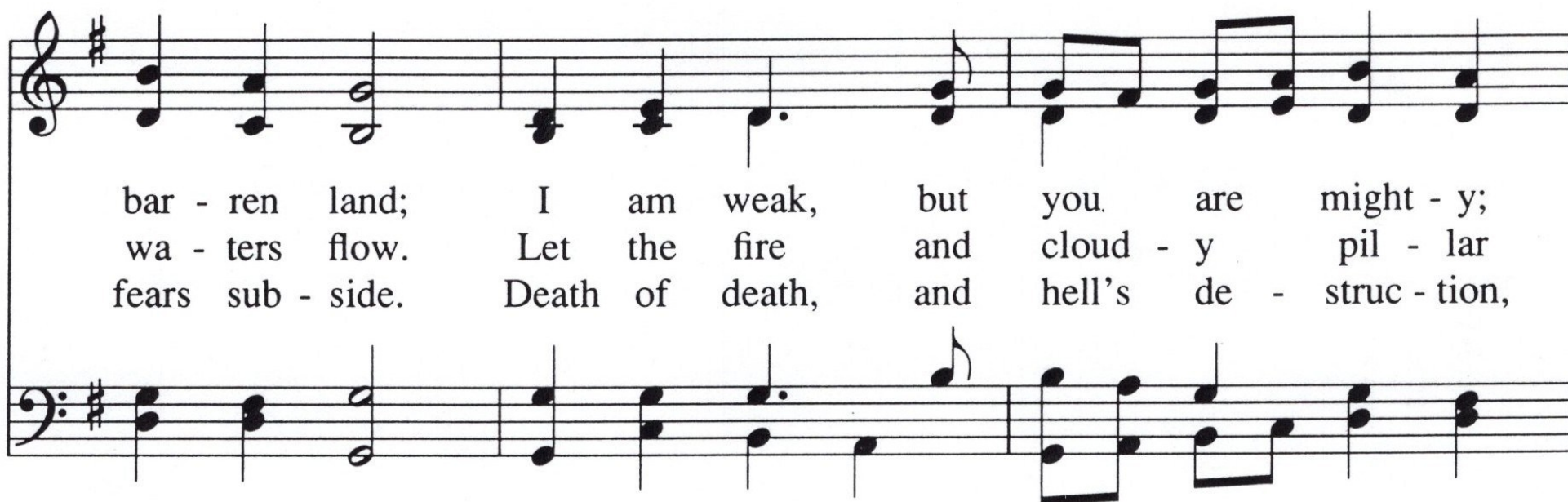
*William Williams, 1745*

*St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.*

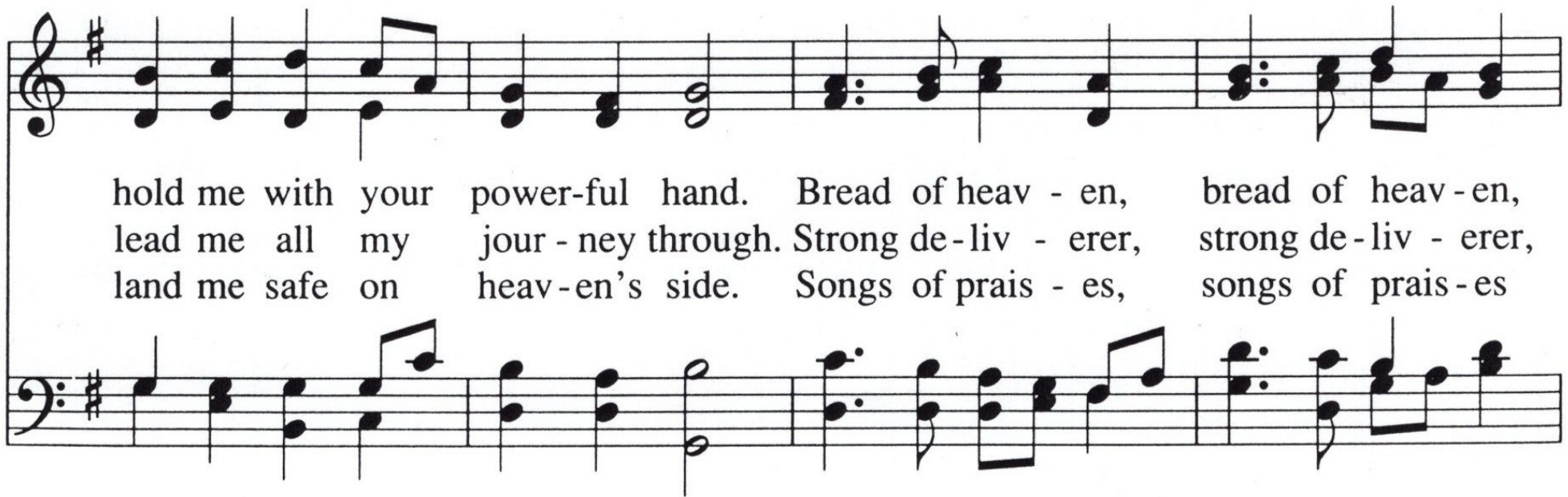
*St. 2–3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.*



1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing  
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;  
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with your power-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

*John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
 John Hughes, 1907  
 Alternate setting: ZION

## This Is My Father's World

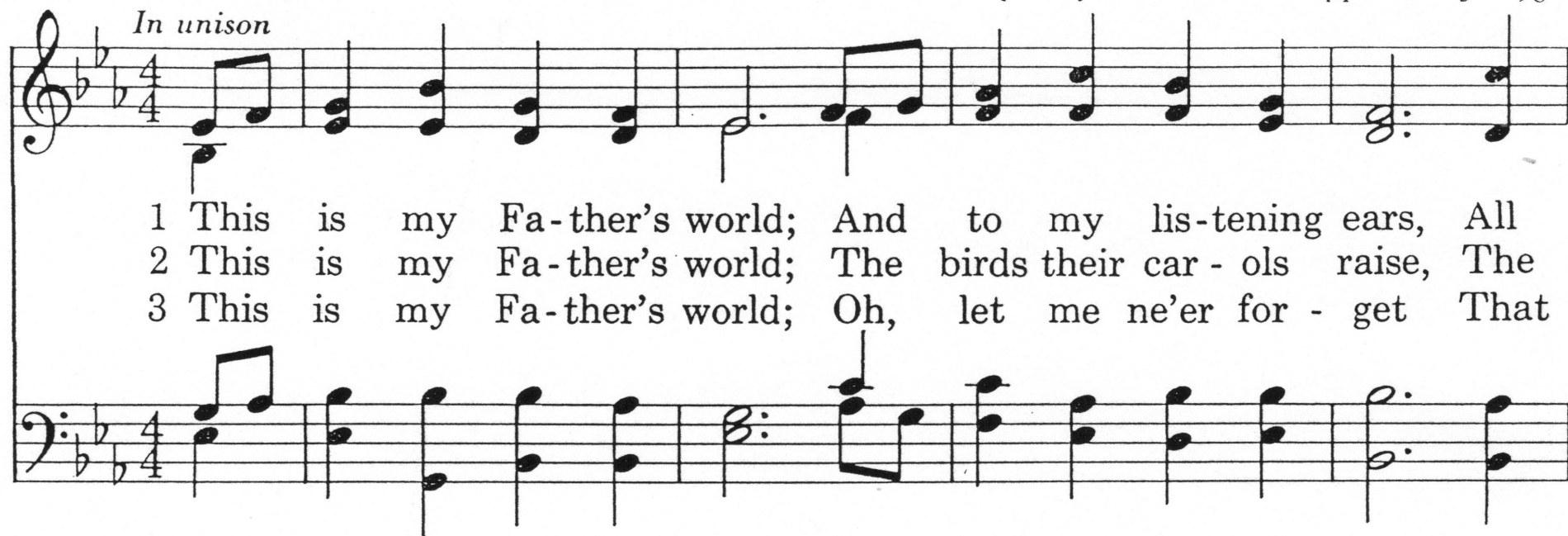
Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.

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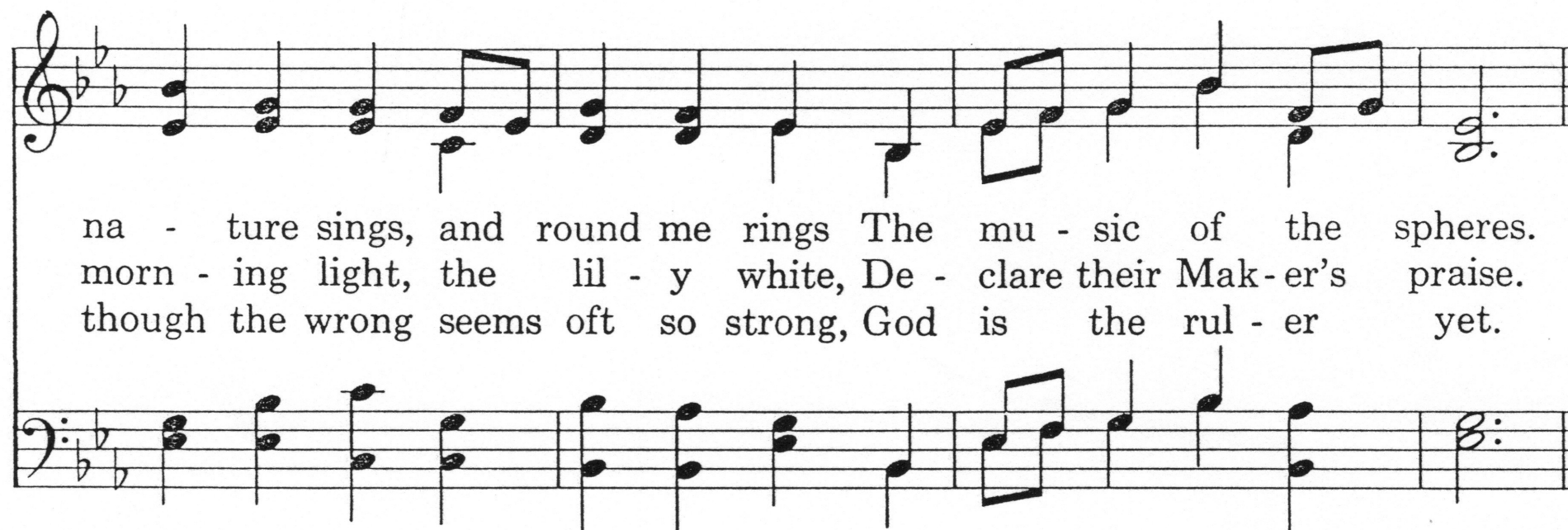
Traditional English Melody

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

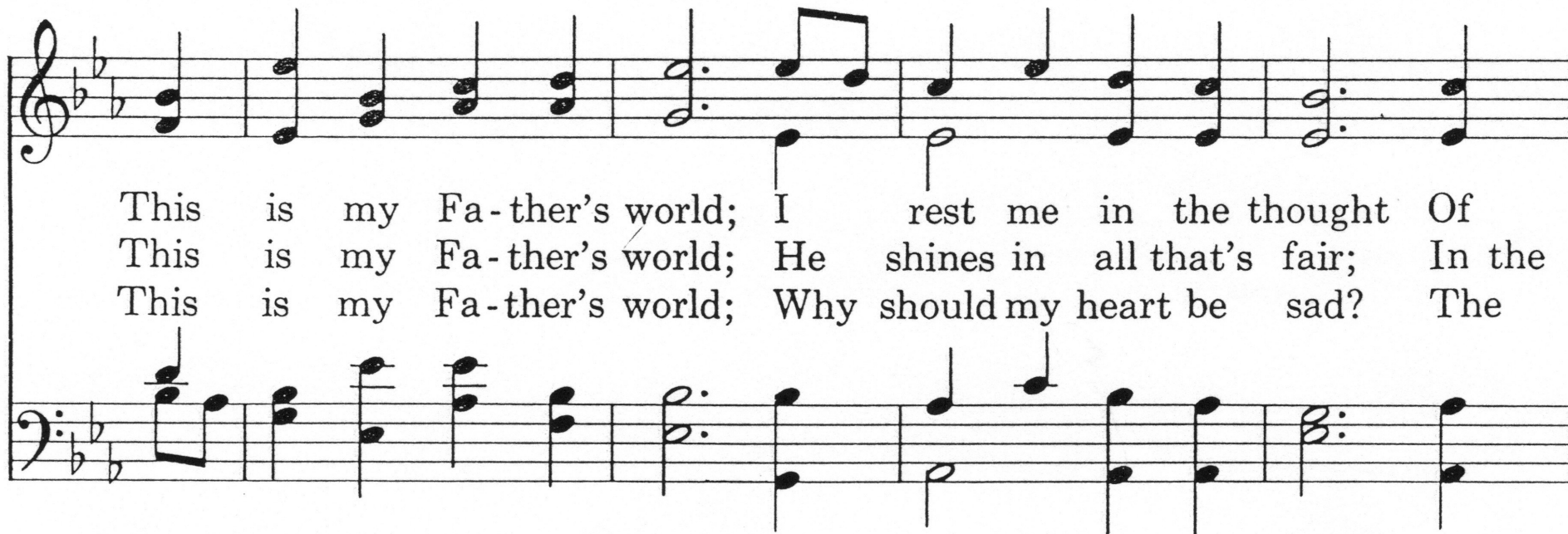
*In unison*



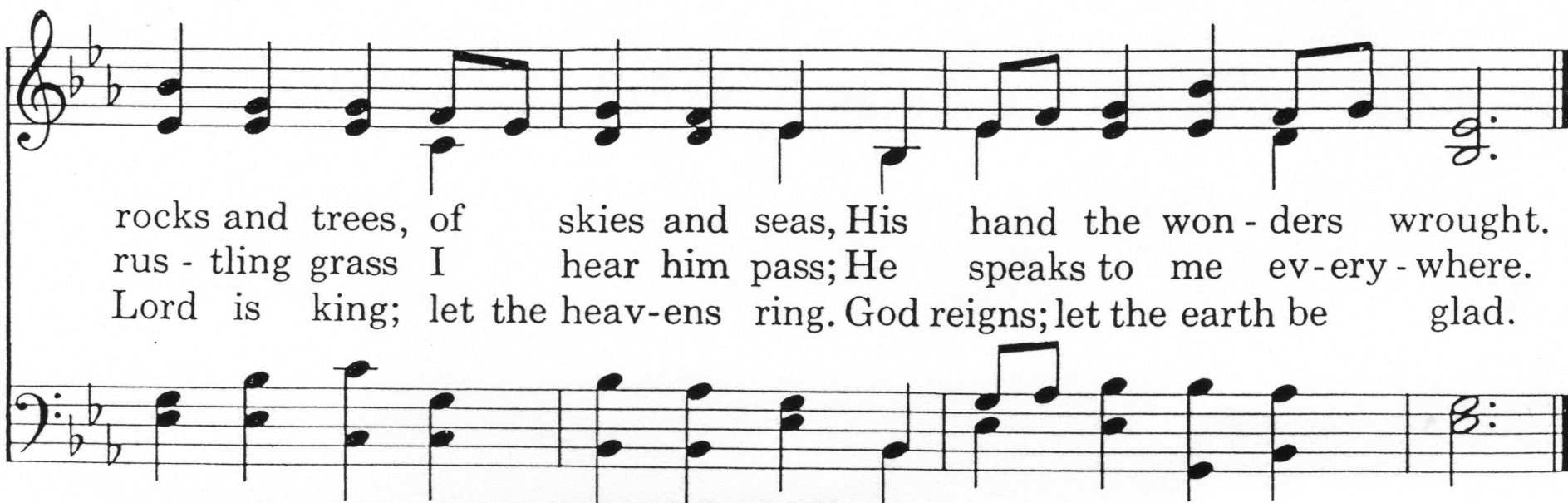
1 This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-tening ears, All  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won-ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev-ery - where.  
 Lord is king; let the heav-ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Heavenly Father, we are grateful that with you nothing is impossible. Receive our gifts and multiply them by your love so that we may serve our neighbors with compassion and kindness. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

This Is My Song — New Century Hymnal 591  
(pages 12-13)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Reebee Girash

**POSTLUDE**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing — Eleanor Whitsett

*\*Please be in a posture of praise.*

Thank you to our greeter Derek Gardiner, our Liturgist, Nick Zorn, Marjorie Kelland for receiving the Offering, our Zoom host, Mia M., our Stewardship Speaker, Fillipo deMagistris and our Fellowship hosts, the Morrisons.

**SOURCE NOTES**

Veterans' Day Liturgy adapted from Rabbi Dr. Laurence Milder, "Veterans' Day Prayer" and re: Worship, and previously used at Pilgrim Church in 2016. The Opening Prayer is adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers.



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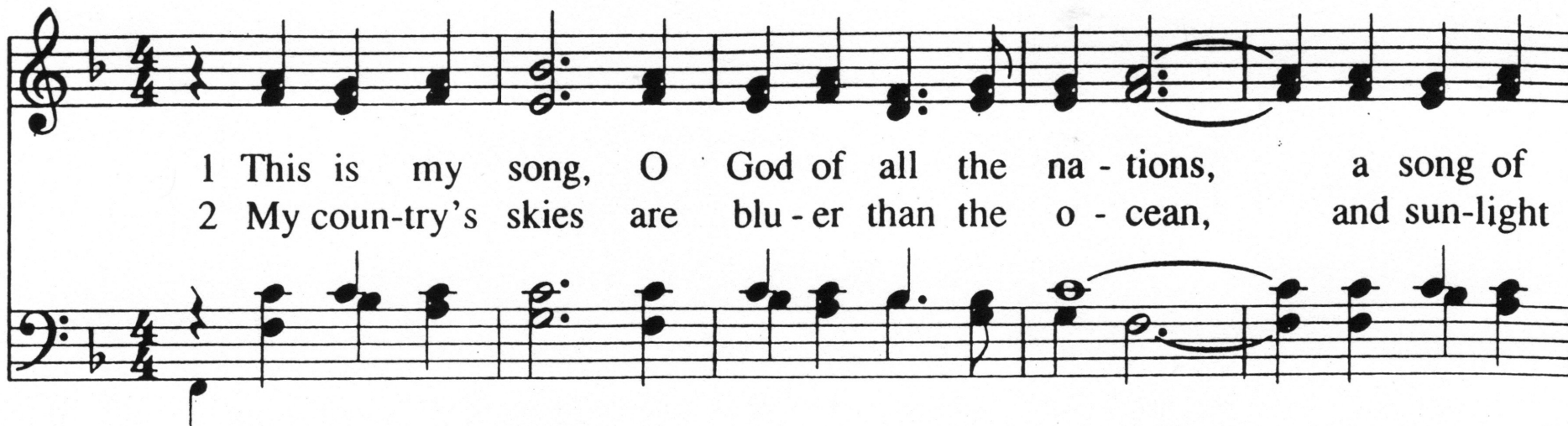
CITIZENSHIP

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Ps. 82:8

# This Is My Song

Lloyd Stone, 1934



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses of text aligned with the musical notes.



peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

The second system of the song continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves, with two verses of text aligned with the musical notes.

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
 sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
 where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We honor the Biblical call to love one another as God first loved us.  
We welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people of any race,  
nationality, religious background, educational background, ethnicity,  
age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status,  
and physical, mental, and emotional abilities.



## MISSION STATEMENT

*A welcoming home to all spiritual seekers Making a difference in our world,  
By fusing our Christian faith with everyday life and Serving God by serving others.*



## CHILDREN AT PILGRIM

Children are a beloved part of our worshipping community,  
and we welcome them as full participants in God's presence,  
helping them feel at home at Pilgrim.

Professional childcare for infants and toddlers  
is available in the nursery from 10:15 to the end of the service.

*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.*



## VISUAL AND HEARING AIDS

Hearing devices may be picked up from the table in the narthex.  
Large Print bulletins and Sermons texts are available.