October 19, 2025
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leaders:
Pastor Brian Entz & Kathy Quady
Music Leader:
Ralph Johansen

Please read along with all **Bold** *text*
*All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE — Rhosymedre — *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
-from the Nicene Creed

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?
A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning
God, and what duty God requires of man.
-from The Westminster Shorter Catechism

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 121

I lift my eyes up to the hills;
from where will my help come?
My help comes from God,
the maker of heaven and earth.
God will not let your foot be moved;
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Beloved, let us worship the Holy One our God!

*OPENING HYMN — **#409 God Is Here!**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Friends, we come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. So, with the confidence of children of God, let us humbly make our confession.

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved of God, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Alleluia, Amen!**

*RESPONSE ***#581 The Gloria Patri***

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts-a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 119:97-104 (NRSV)

97Oh, how I love your law!
It is my meditation all day long.
98Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.
99I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.
100I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.
101I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
102I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.
103How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104Through your precepts I get understanding;

therefore I hate every false way.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

1Then 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 opponent.' 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?"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN **#188 Jesus Loves Me**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (NRSV)

14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

1In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY Chant Donne *Maurice Durufle*

"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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*DOXOLOGY ***#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in his name. Confident in your love and mercy we offer our prayer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower the church throughout the world in our life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, that, united in your truth and love, the church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit together at one table, and serve you in one common ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war, want, and injustice. Especially, we pray for Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, and all other places in the midst of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us, who consume most of the earth's resources, the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Guide those who make and administer our laws to build a society based on trust, equity, and respect. Erase prejudices that oppress; free us from hate and violence; guard us all from the perils of addiction and over consumption. Grant us courage to confront all injustices. Give all citizens a new vision of a life of harmony. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen this congregation in our work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully serve in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those among us who need your healing touch. Especially…

Give hope to those in despair.

Comfort those who mourn. Especially…

Uphold all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit not only those we know and love but also those known only to you, that they may know the peace and joy of your supporting care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make yourself known to those who are spiritually hungry or lost. Guide those that seek that they may find in you the abundant life of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.

O God, in your loving purpose answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. In all things for which we pray, give us the will to seek to bring them about, for the sake of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray…

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN **#450 Be Thou My Vision**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary on 'Festal Song' *Daniel Berghout*

Our Mission is:
Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship comes from The Saint Helena Psalter, by the Order of Saint Helena (2004).
All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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#450 Be Thou My Vision | TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. | MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927 | Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

#458 Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet | TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984 | MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber | Text © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Company (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)/Word MusicMusic © 1984 Meadowgreen Music Company (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)/Word Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Movie Night: Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, popcorn, and a great family-friendly film! On ***Saturday, October 25th at 6pm***, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for Movie Night. Smacks and rinks will be provided! This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy a good film together, and connect with our church family. All ages welcome!

Medicare Basics & Changes: Natalie McClory will be leading another presentation about Medicare on ***October 28th at 6:30pm.***

Craft & Bake Sale: Come get an early start on your Christmas shopping on ***Saturday, November 1st from 9am-3pm.***

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

Today **October 19th**	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC~How We Speak
Monday **October 20th**	5:00pm: Deacons Meeting
Tuesday **October 21st**	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe 6:30pm: Session Meeting
Wednesday **October 22nd**	7:00pm: Adult Choir
Thursday **October 23rd**	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group via Zoom 7:30pm: Communications Committee Meeting via Zoom
Saturday **October 25th**	4:00pm: Movie Night
Sunday **October 26th**	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC~Pastor's Kids 11:30am: Worship & Music Committee Meeting

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests.

BPC Prayer List:

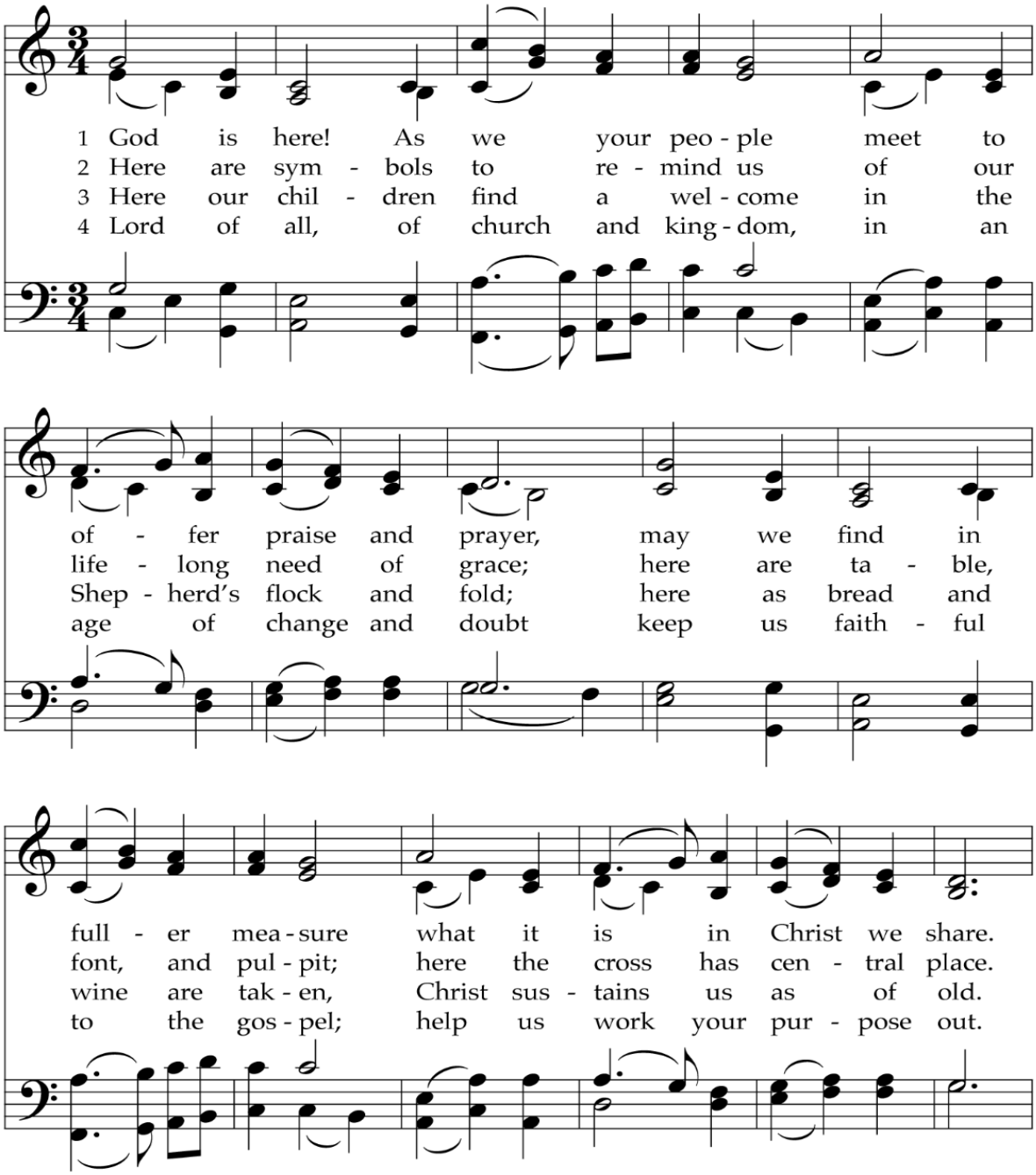
- Christy Wood
- Rich Dahl
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Dennis, Kate, Daniel, Alicia, and Delbert, Del Vanderheiden's family
- Arthur James, Tanya's niece's baby
- The students, staff, and families of Annunciation Catholic School and Parish
- Diane Ellis
- Family of Don Olsen
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Daniel & Gloria Elliot, Bonnie Morek's brother & sister-in-law
- Family of Lisa Johnson
- Larry Pattee
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Milla Spike, Kevin's granddaughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has a terminal illness
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jim and Jodi Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

GATHERING

409 God Is Here!



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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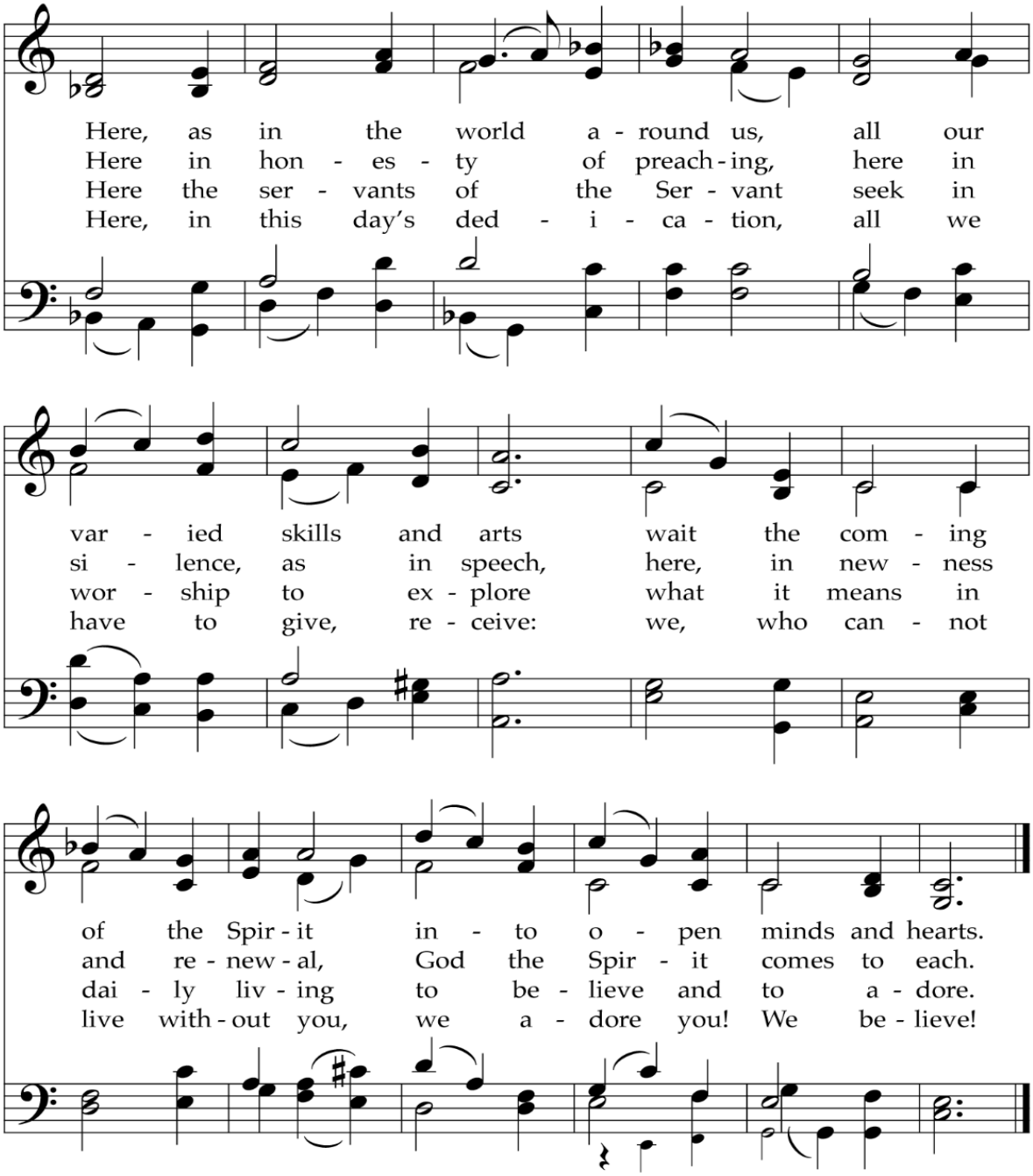
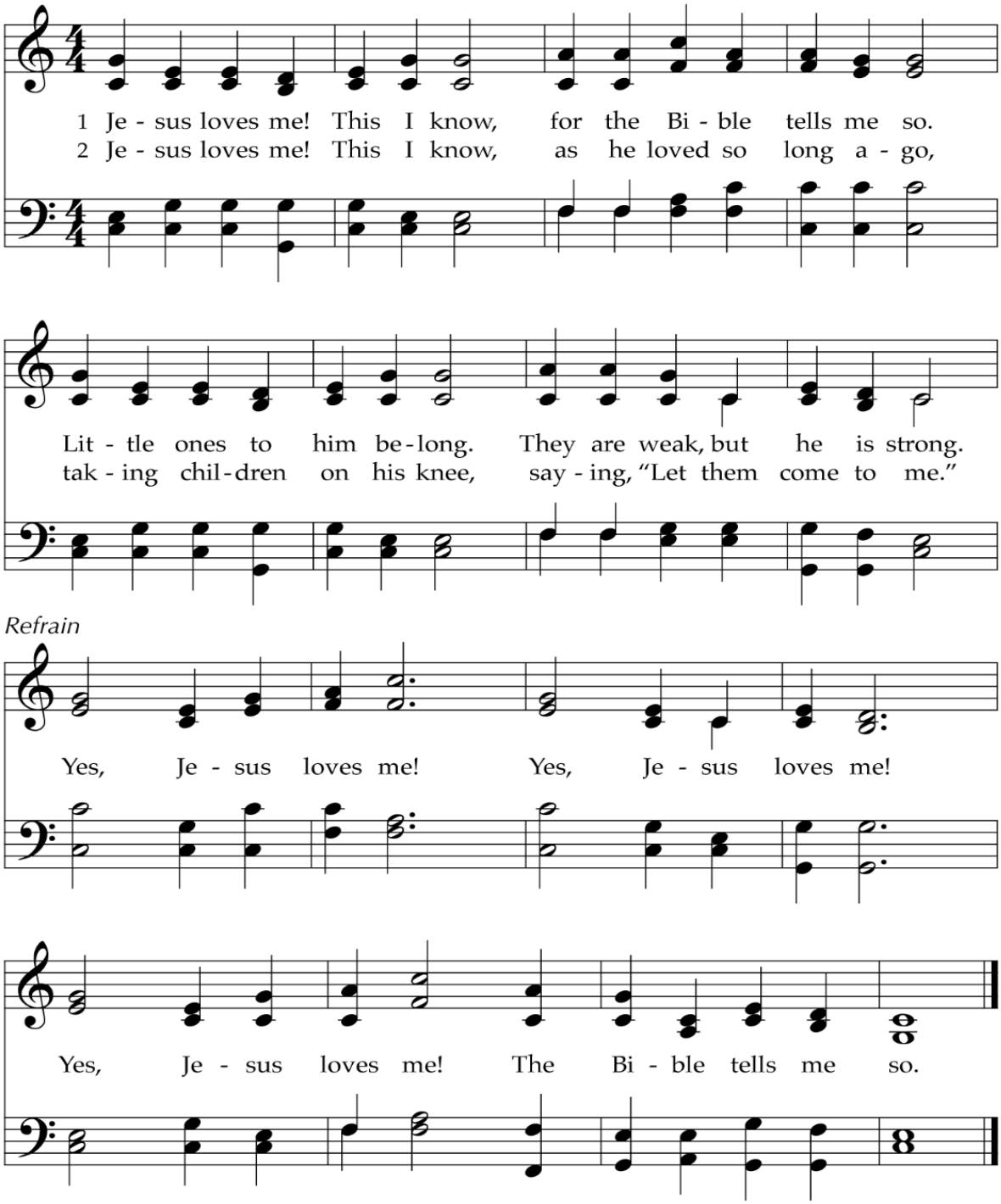

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not
of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

188 Jesus Loves Me!



Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.

JESUS LOVES ME
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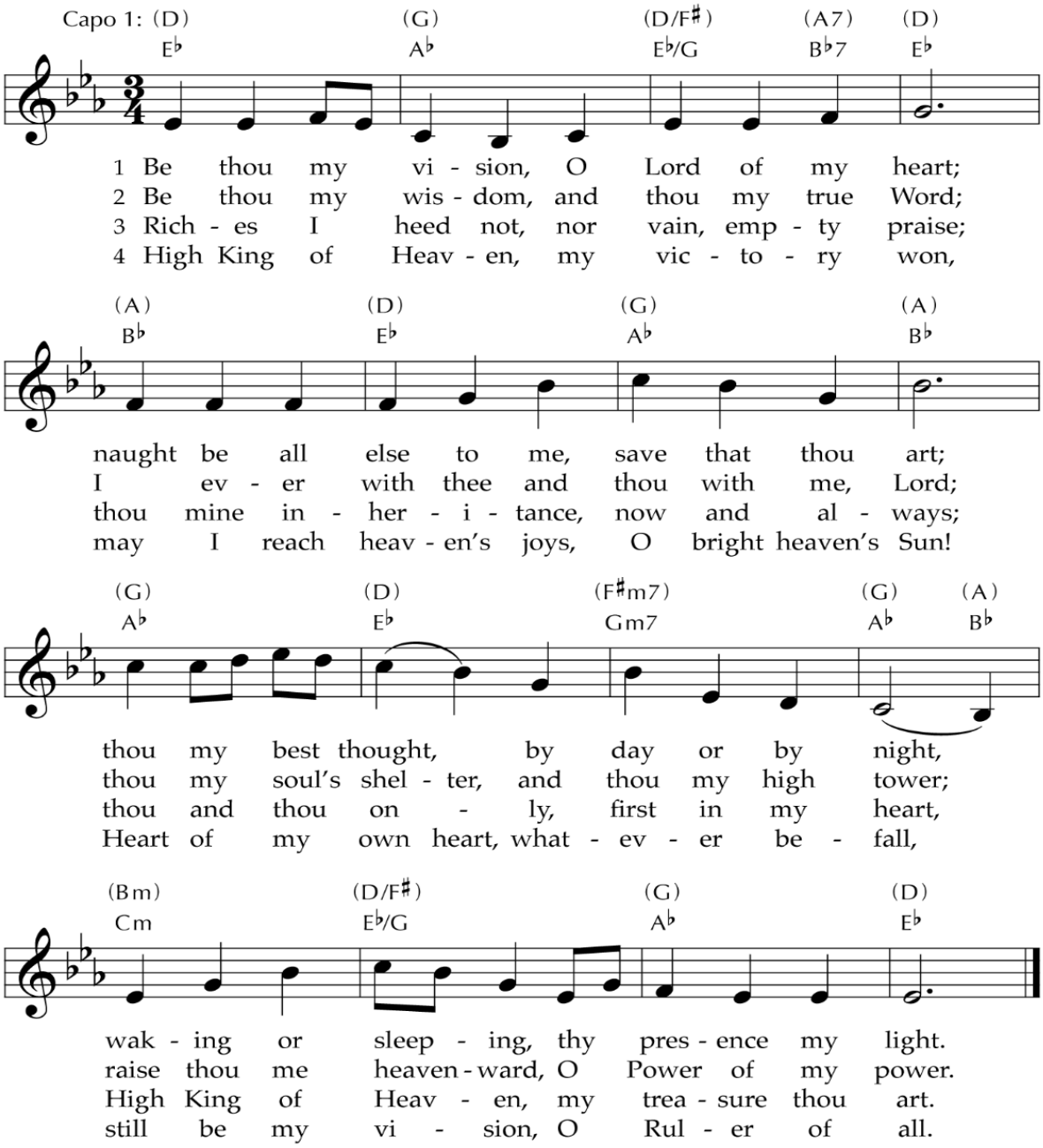

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
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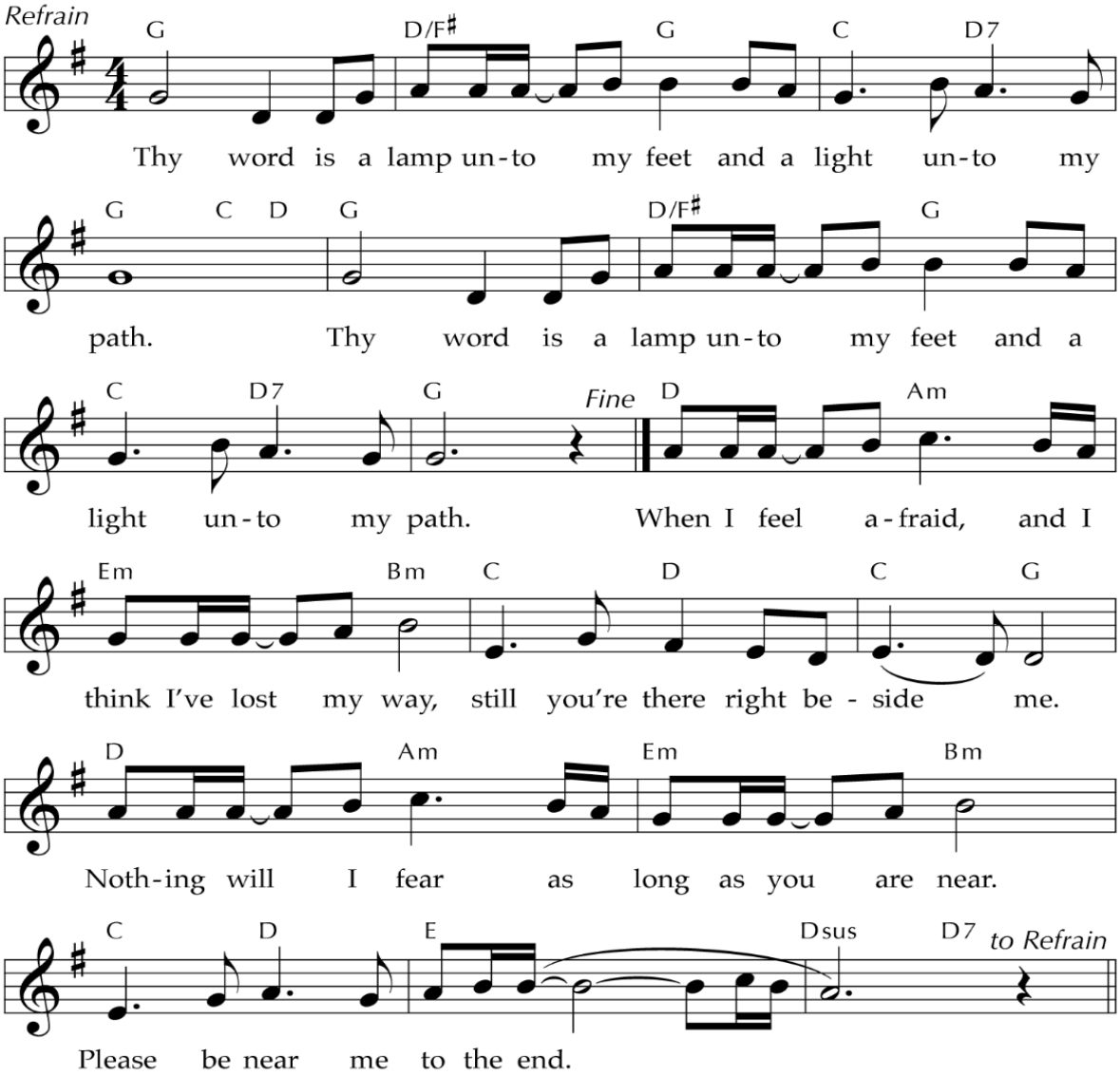

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

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THY WORD
Irregular