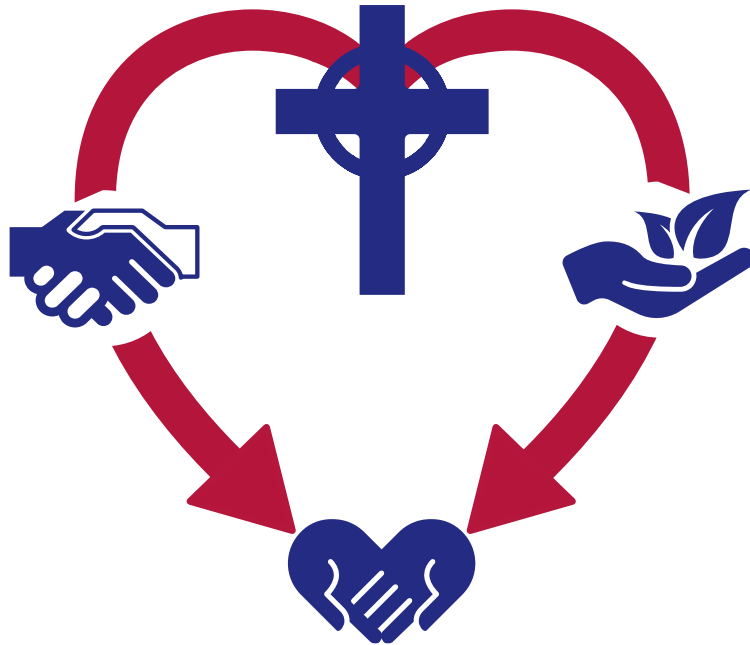
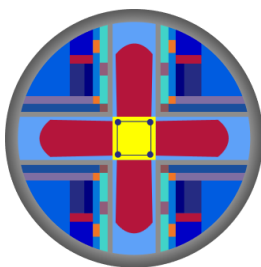


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**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026**

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

We Gather to Worship God

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be God, who loves all creation!

People: God's love has no exceptions, Alleluia!

Leader: We are the body of Christ! Justice seeking, bread breaking, hymn singing, risk taking.

People: Body of Christ!

Leader: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body

People: Many and varied in culture, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

Leader: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

People: For only together can we find wholeness.

Leader: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

People: For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Leader: Come in, all are welcome, come into worship! Come with your longings, your questions, and your fears.

People: Come with your dreams of a better day, one with dignity and safety for all!

Leader: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one!

People: Let us worship God! Alleluia!

Invocation

***Opening Hymn #27**

"Sacred the Body"

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1. Sa-cred the bod - y God has cre-at - ed,
tem-ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side.
Cher-ish each per - son; nur-ture re-la - tion.
Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a-bide.

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2. Bod-ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
pale, full of col - or; both frag-ile and strong.
Ho-ly the dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er,
so let us hon - or each sto-ry and song.



3. Love re - spects per - sons,



bod - ies and bound - aries.



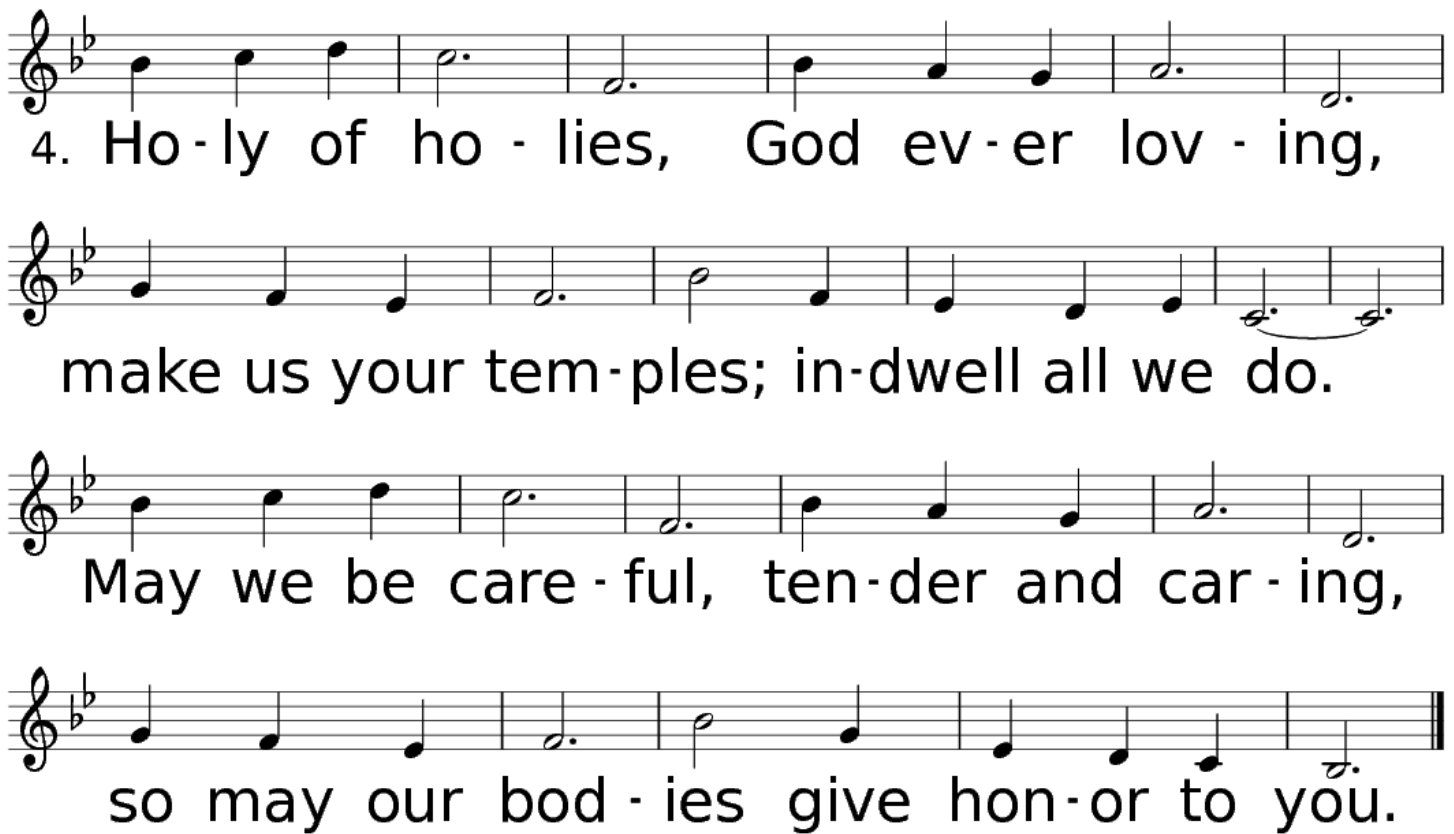
Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse.



Love touch - es gent - ly, nev - er co - erc - ing.



Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.



4. Ho-ly of ho-lies, God ev-er lov-ing,
 make us your tem-ples; in-dwell all we do.
 May we be care-ful, ten-der and car-ing,
 so may our bod-ies give hon-or to you.

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession"
 (front cover of hymnal)

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.
 Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.
 Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of relationship. You welcome us into your family no matter who we are or what we have done. Yet we use our human-made distinctions to distance and denigrate our neighbors. While you have torn down the dividing walls that separate us from one another, we build them back up repeatedly. You have told us to love our neighbors, but we make-up reasons not to. In the silence of this moment, speak to us of your acceptance of us, and our acceptance of others...

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Beloved child of God, you are created in the image of the Divine. God knit you together from the beginning just as you are. Go off queen, because you are carefully and fabulously made.. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Transition Hymn #40 (Refrain)**

God's Word Is Upright

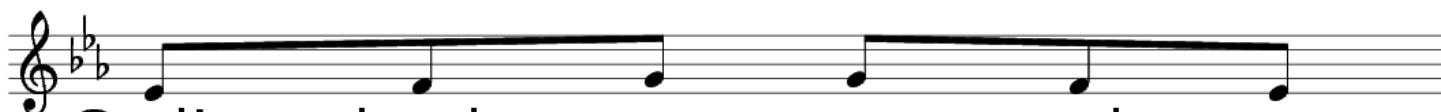
"God's Word is Upright"

Glory to God #40



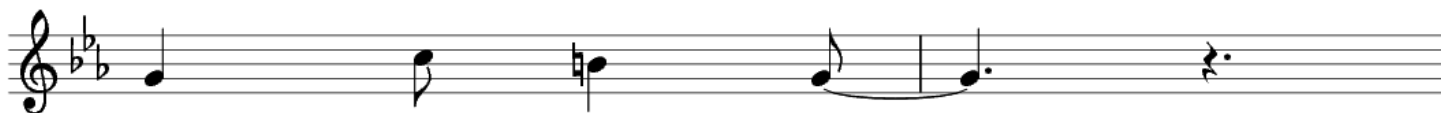
God's word is up-right and true and faith-ful.

La pa-la-bra del Se-ñor es rec-ta



God's deeds are mar-vel-ous

y sus o-bras son ma-



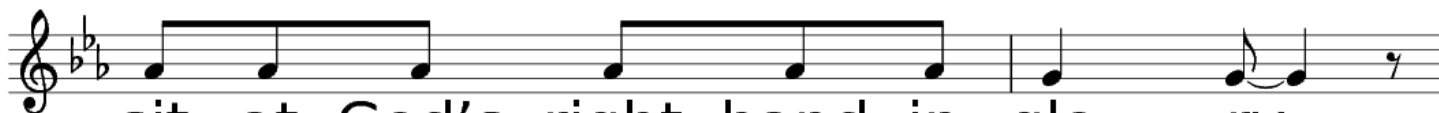
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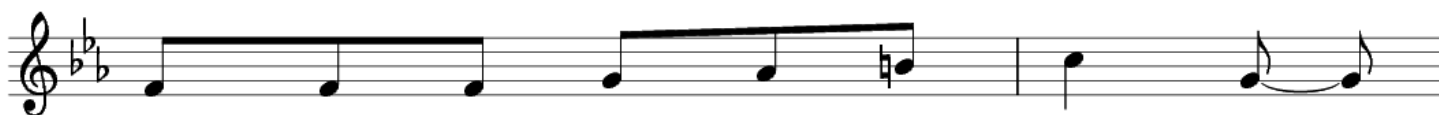
Righ-teous-ness, jus-tice, and hon-or

La jus-ti-cia y el de-re-cho



sit at God's right hand in glo-ry.

tie-nen tro-nos a su dies-tra



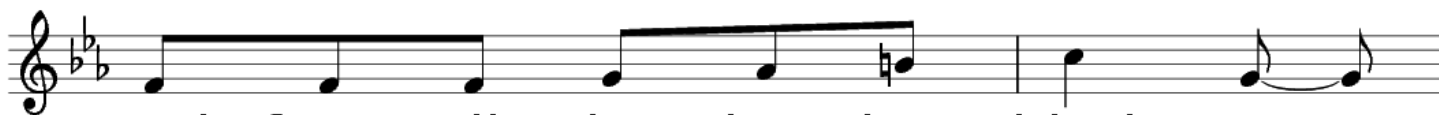
And from di-vine lov-ing-kind-ness

y de su mi-se-ri-cor-dia



all the earth is filled with mer-cy.

lle-na es-tá to-da la tie-rra;



And from di-vine lov-ing-kind-ness

y de su mi-se-ri-cor-dia



all the earth is filled with mer-cy.

lle-na es-tá to-da la tie-rra.

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources

(see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

*Doxology (#606)

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.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

Special Music

AJ Ochart

"Born This Way"
Lady Gaga

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. AJ Ochart

"What is to Prevent Me?"

Responding to God's Word

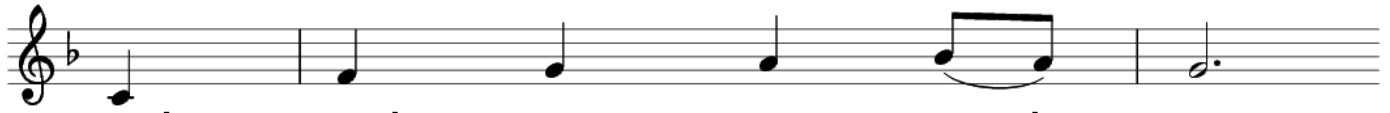
*Hymn #301

"Let Us Build a House"

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safe - ly live,
a place where saints and chil - dren tell
how hearts learn to for - give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end di - vi - sions:
all are wel - come; all are wel - come;
all are wel - come in this place.



2. Let us build a house where proph-ets speak,



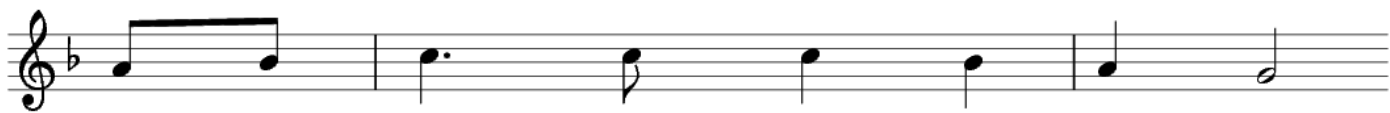
and words are strong and true,



where all God's chil-dren dare to seek



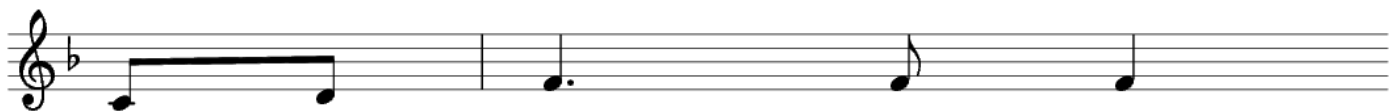
to dream God's reign a - new.



Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness



and as sym - bol of God's grace;



here as one we claim



the faith of Je - sus:



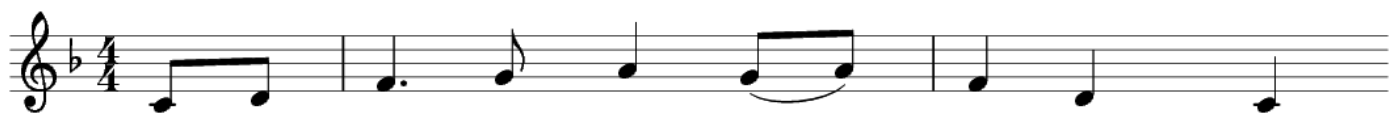
all are wel - come; all are wel - come;



all are wel - come in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in wa - ter, wine, and wheat;
a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
where peace and jus - tice meet.
Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
is re - vealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ
the feast that frees us:
all are wel - come; all are wel - come;
all are wel - come in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
be - yond the wood and stone
to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the out - cast and the strang - er
bear the im - age of God's face;
let us bring an end
to fear and dan - ger:
all are wel - come; all are wel - come;
all are wel - come in this place.



5. Let us build a house where all are named,



their songs and vi - sions heard



and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed



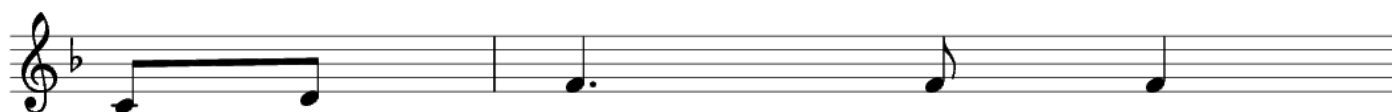
as words with - in the Word.



Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



prayers of faith and songs of grace;



let this house pro - claim



from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come;



all are wel - come in this place.

***Affirmation of Faith (Proposed New Confession)**

Heeding the voice of the Spirit, we remember who we are: God's beloved ones, made in the image of the only true, living God of abundant life, Holy One and Holy Three. Set free in Christ by the Spirit from the falsehood of sin and death, we are the beggar whose pockets are full; the rich man who gives away all he has; the immigrant who has found her home; the soldier who beats their sword into a plowshare...

Together as the body of Christ, forgiven and forgiving one another, we break down boundaries established by worldly powers, see those deemed invisible, touch those deemed impure, name and denounce false gods, and embody the table-turning power of divine love. As stewards of God's creative work, we repair and nurture the earth we have harmed, tending it for future generations, and we honor our own life-giving connection to the rest of creation. As we feel the earth groaning in labor pains, we proclaim our steadfast hope that a new creation is being born, and we eagerly await the new heaven and earth, when the home of God is among mortals and death will be no more.

To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Ephesians 2:13-16

Respond: Weaver of Life, Ancient and Unfolding,
How sacred is your Presence!

We lean on your guidance. We seek your love.

We open to your transformation.

Provide us bread in body and spirit
to sustain us in faith and solidarity.

Companion us with grace

as we seek to live lives of forgiveness and compassion,
repair and accountability.

We remember those who have supported us
as we seek to support others

in all the mess and glory of this human journey.

Guard our minds and hearts from the temptations of domination
and turn our loyalty away from all systems of evil.

For the whole cosmos hums with your wisdom.

Everything that lives, returns to your care.

Our thanks and honor to you,

Gracious Web of Existence,

Our Source and our Home.

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #769

"For Everyone Born"

1. For ev - ery - one born,
a place at the ta - ble,
for ev - ery - one born,
clean wa - ter and bread,

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a shel - ter, a space,
a safe place for grow - ing,
for ev - ery - one born,
a star o - ver - head,



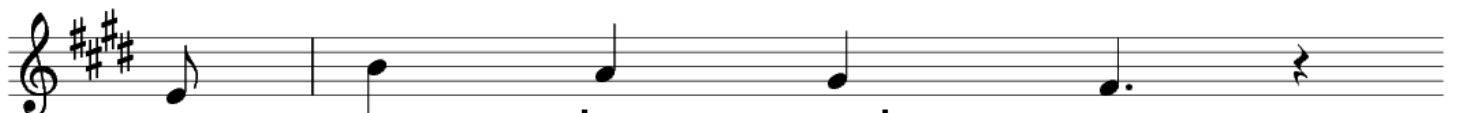
and God will de - light




when we are cre - a - tors



of jus - tice and joy,




com - pas - sion and peace:



yes, God will de - light



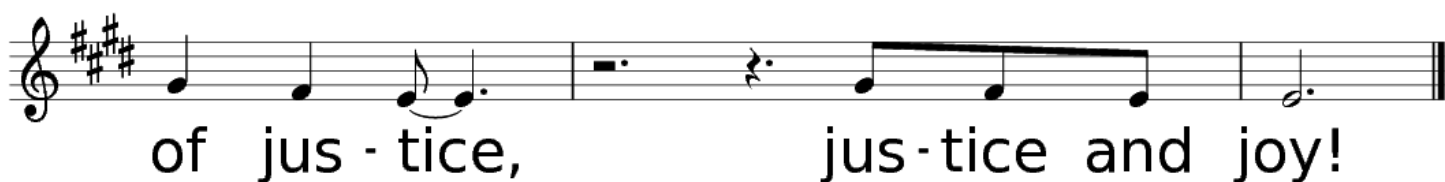
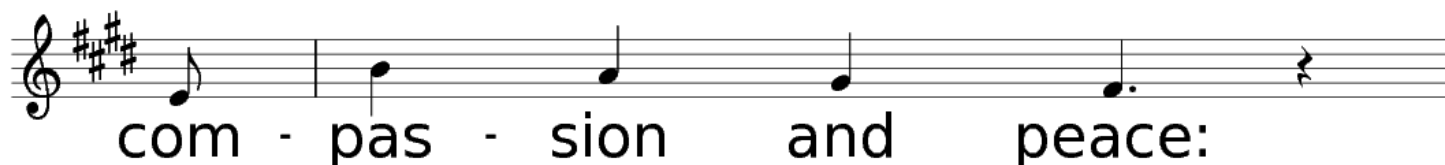
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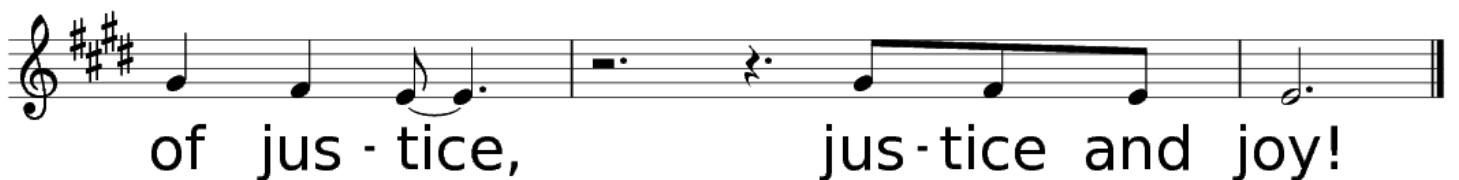
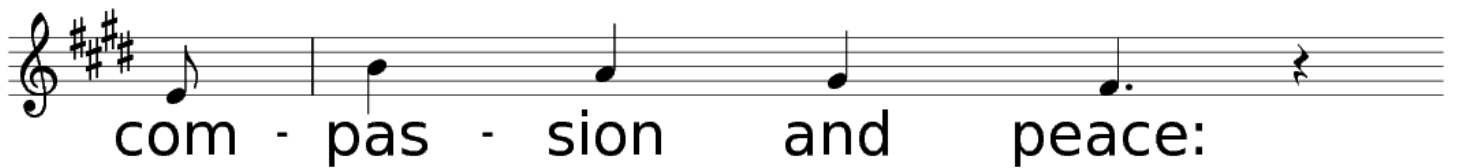
of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy!

2. For wom - an and man,
a place at the ta - ble,
re - vis - ing the roles,
de - cid - ing the share,
with wis - dom and grace,
di - vid - ing the pow - er,
for wom - an and man,
a sys - tem that's fair,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,". The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are hyphenated to fit the syllables of the notes.

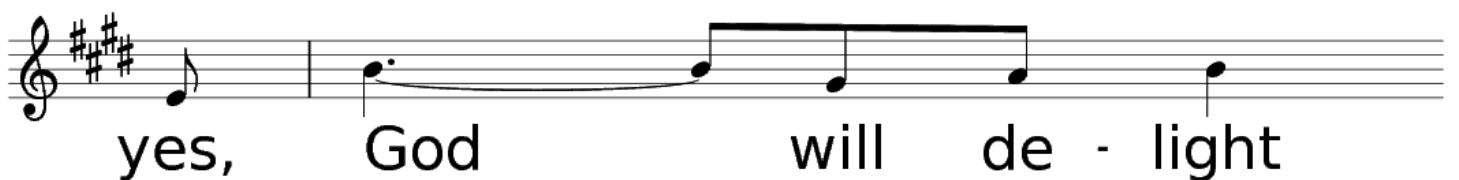
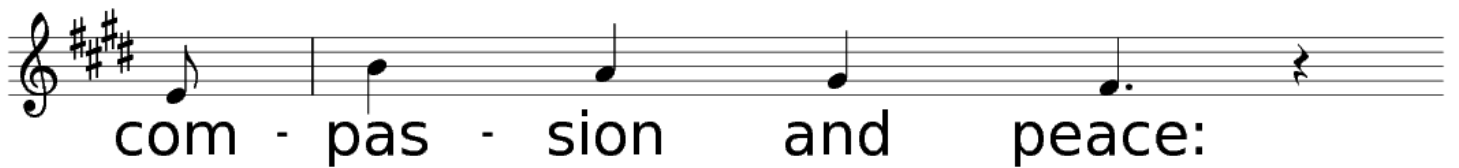



3. For young and for old,
a place at the ta - ble,
a voice to be heard,
a part in the song,
the hands of a child
in hands that are wrin - kled,
for young and for old,
the right to be - long,



4. For just and un - just,
a place at the ta - ble,
a - bus - er, a - bused,
with need to for - give,
in an - ger, in hurt,
a mind - set of mer - cy,
for just and un - just,
a new way to live,

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5. For ev - ery - one born,



a place at the ta - ble,



to live with - out fear,




and sim - ply to be,




to work, to speak out,



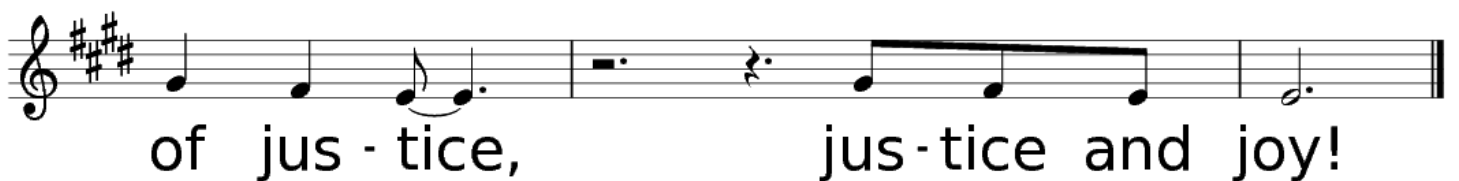
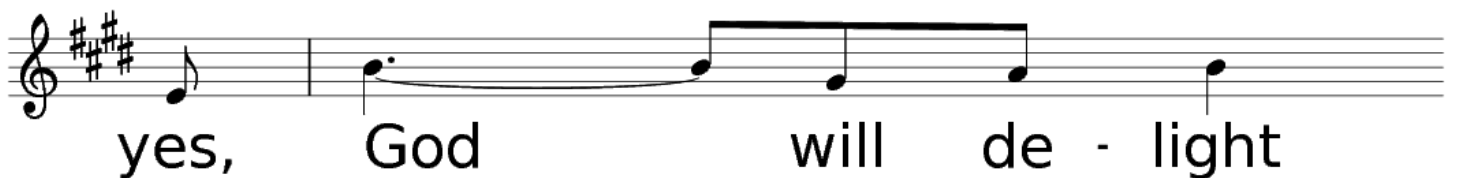
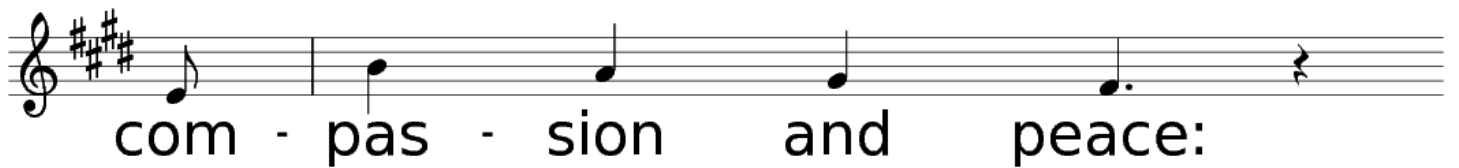
to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born,



the right to be free,



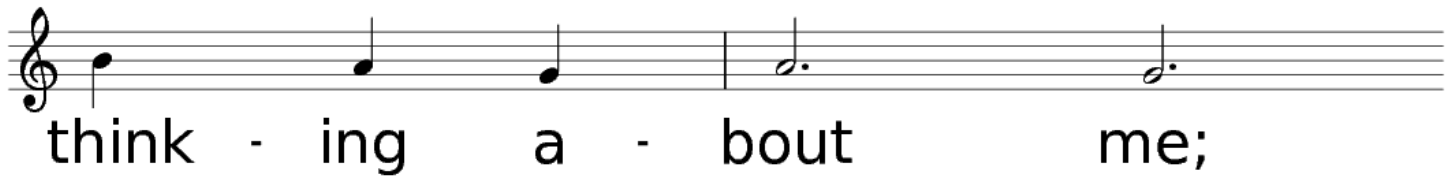
*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #702 (v.3)

Christ Be Beside Me

“Christ Be Beside Me”

Glory to God #702



*Postlude

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor
Kenneth Jones, Director of Music
Shannon Bryan, Accompanist
Jennifer Massey, Lay Leader

