Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

P = Pastor A = Assisting Pastor C = Congregation L = Leader

Gathering Hymn 532 "Gather Us In"

GATHER US IN

Welcome and Announcements

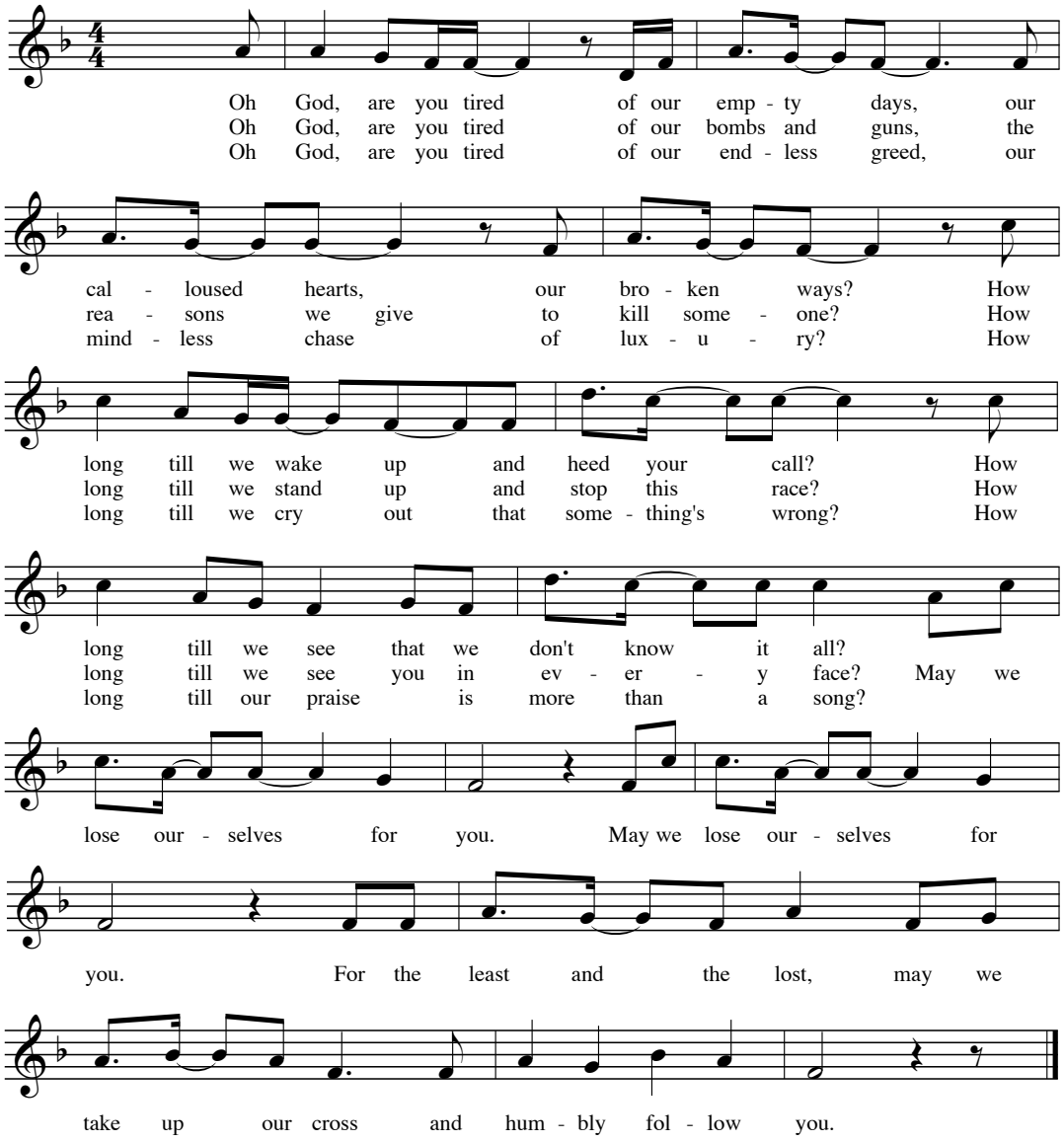
Please stand.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Song "God, Are You Tired?"



Confession and Forgiveness: *Today words of absolution and forgiveness are drawn from the second chapter of Ephesians.*

Confession and Forgiveness

A Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection.

A Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and are held by the power of sin. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may be given faith and live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

A God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Prayer

Please be seated.

First Reading: *The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 OT page 629 in the pew Bible

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-12 *(read responsively)*

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.
My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?
One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,
in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading: *Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

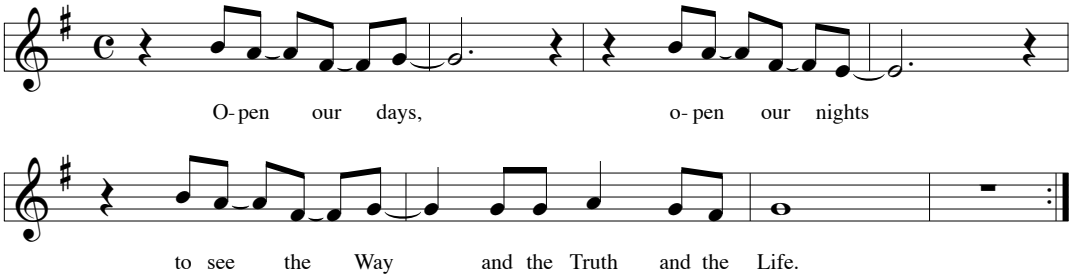
Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11 NT page 193 in the pew Bible

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: *In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

✣ Denotes this reading as today's preaching text.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21 ✣ NT page 70 in the pew Bible

Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

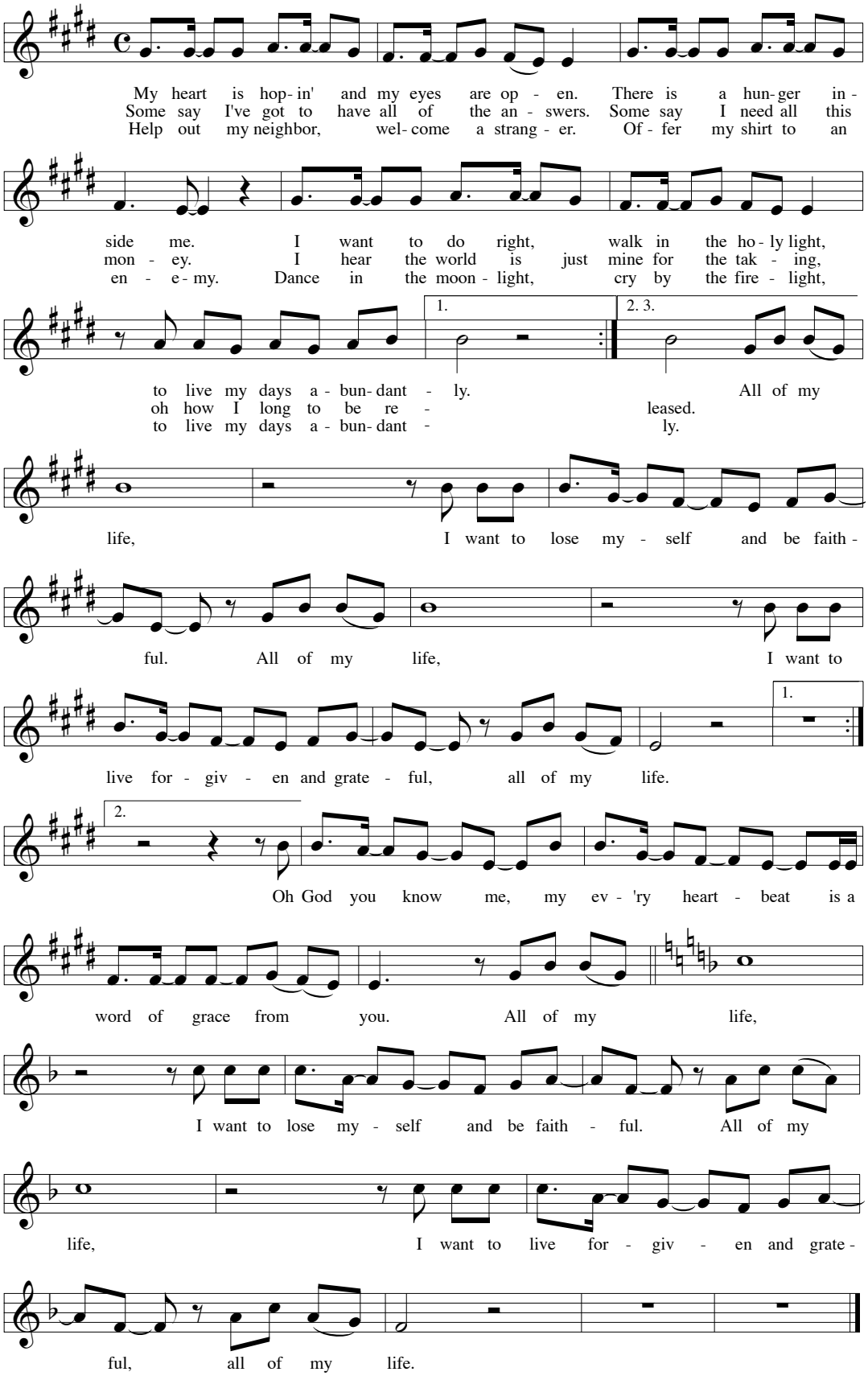
Sermon Pastor Jeff Backer

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

Song of the Day

"All of My Life"



Apostles' Creed

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Following each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

A Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

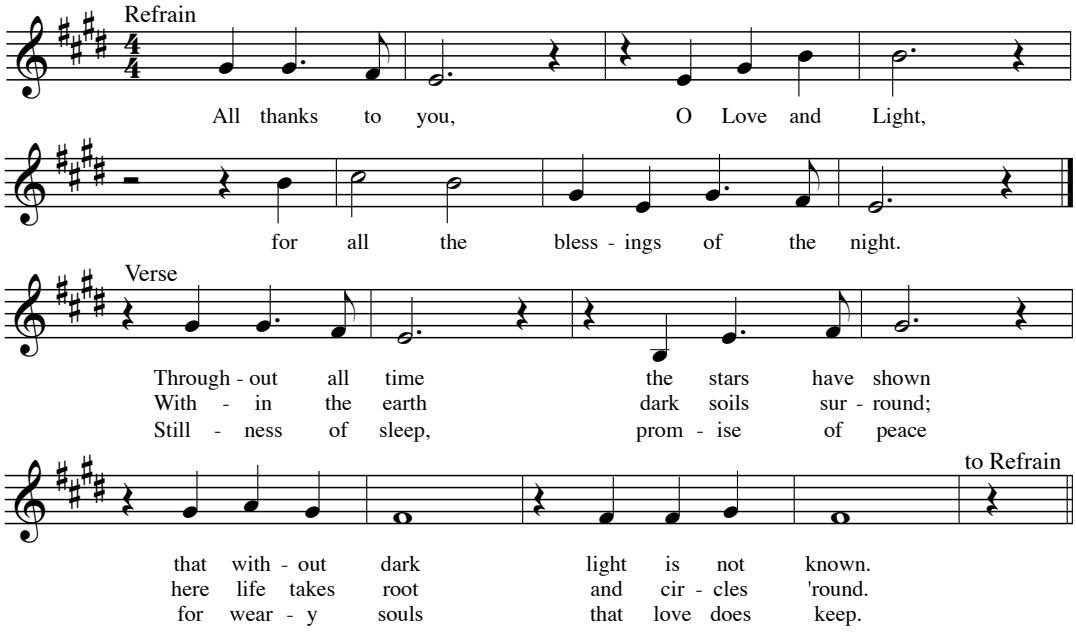
C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offering: *Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you. Children may bring their offering forward at this time.*

Offering

Offering Song — "All Thanks to You"



Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your word of life, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

A Let us pray. You are indeed holy ... with all your saints.

C **Amen.**

Words of Institution: *Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion: *All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the ushers' direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

Communion

Hymn 838

"Beautiful Savior"
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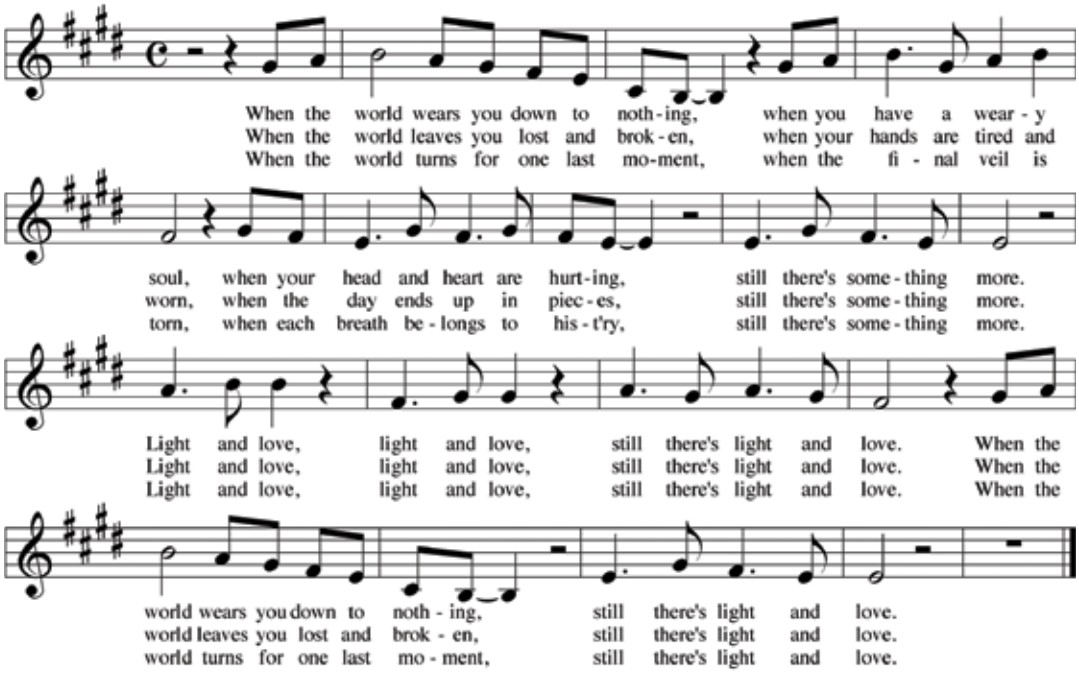
"Light and Love"



Blessing

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

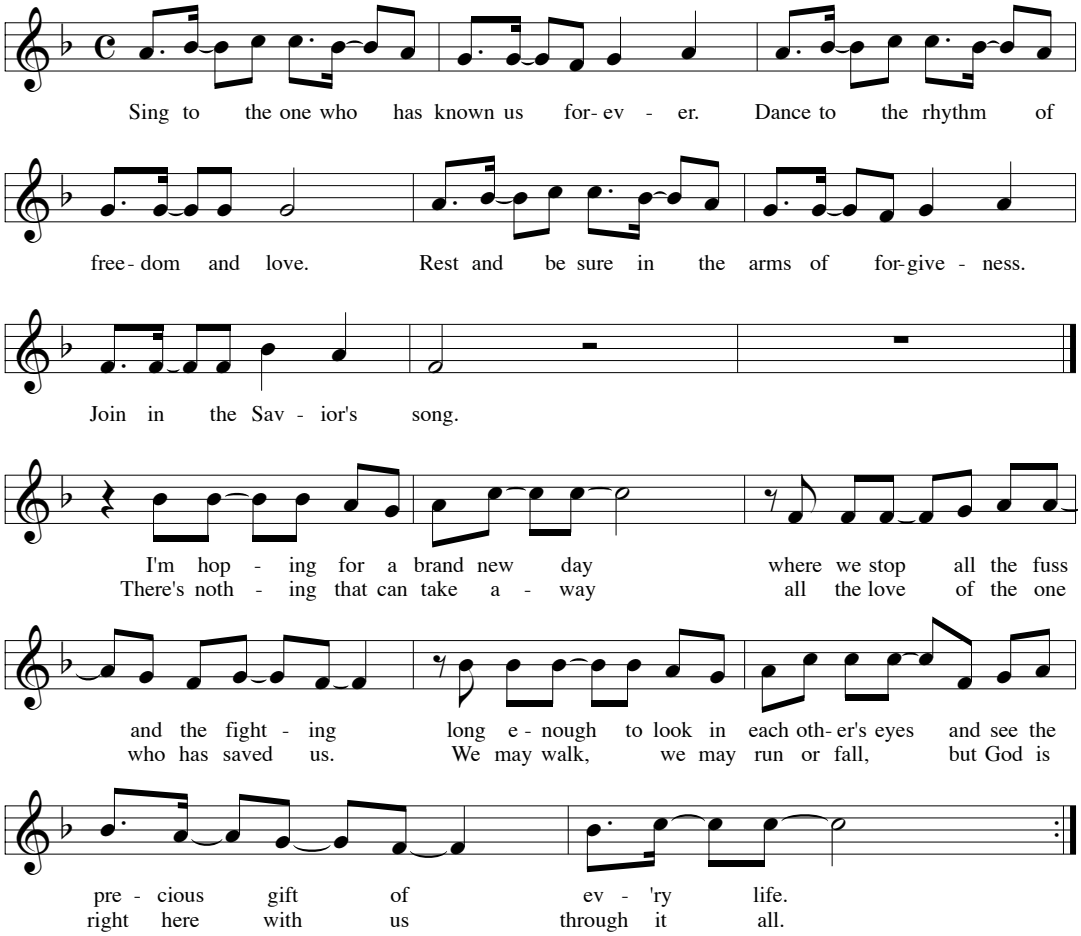
Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Savior's Song"



Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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- Large print bulletin
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- If your child becomes restless, you may view the service in the Welcome Center.
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