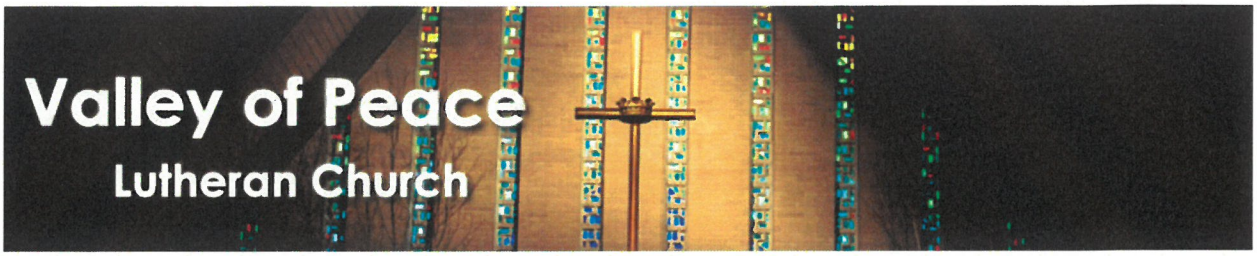

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 14, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather for worship let us come to God in silence offering in prayer our sighs and breath.
Moment of silence to breathe prayers of praise and longing.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. (Ph 4:6)

God responds to the prayers of the destitute and will not reject their plea. (Ps 102:17)

I will give you the treasures of darkness and the riches hidden in secret places. (Ps 45:3)

All creation groans in labor pains; and we groan too, awaiting the redemption of our bodies. (Rm 8:22-23)

For Jesus said: Where two or three gather in my name, I am there among them. (Mt. 18:20).

We are gathered together, let us worship our God.

OPENING HYMN #641 All are Welcome

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

God promises us new life through Jesus.
In the waters of baptism,
we journey with Christ into this new life
and all of it is a free gift from God.
Let us give thanks to God for this gift.

Like Nicodemus, we may not fully understand,
but your love for us—for the world—is endless. (John 3:1-21)
Thank you for loving us to life.
We thank you for your love.

Like the Ethiopian eunuch, we ask for guidance,
and you remind us that your grace is abundant. (Acts 8:26-40)
Thank you for washing us with your grace.
We thank you for your grace.

Like the woman whose tears wash Jesus' feet,
we seek forgiveness,
and you forgive us and see us for who we are. (Luke 7:36-50)
Thank you for your boundless mercy.
We thank you for your mercy.

Friends, nothing can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus
and for that we give our thanks! (Romans 8:38-39)
God, we thank you.

God's gift to us is forever.
May we remember these gifts of love, grace, and mercy
in times when we do not feel our best.
And may we see one another as beloved children
of our loving God—made in the Imago Dei.
Amen

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be persistent in prayer and give us the courage to ask plainly what we need from you, that we might respond in your name by the power of the Spirit through the ministry entrusted to us for the sake of the gospel.
Amen.

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10: 46-52

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #779 Amazing Grace

APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
After each petition please respond to 'Lord in your mercy' with ***'Hear our prayer.'***

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 forever. Amen.

OFFERING PAUSE

There are a variety of gifts and we give thanks for all of the gifts God has first given and the gifts that all people steward to the ministry of Valley of Peace. If you are able to give a financial gift you can drop your gift off in the offering box, give online by visiting www.valleyofpeace.org, or you can text to give. To text to give a financial gift please text 763-402-9174 and in the compose box put the amount you want to give (20 for $20). You will then receive a prompt to complete the transaction. Thank you.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #597 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers are given by Elaine and Marv Lofquist is celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary!

Thank you to our Worship Volunteers

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Keeping Our Friends, Family, and Community Safe

If you test positive for COVID-19 please call 651-201-5689. A health professional will guide you through next steps in contact tracing and answer any questions that you have.

COVID-19 Public Hotline for questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic - 1-833-431-2053. Mental Health Crisis Line - Call: **Crisis (**274747)

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WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU AND REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Birthdays: John Hovde, 8/14; Mary Hancock, 8/16; Beth Brandt, 8/17; Dustin Froyum, 8/17; Ashley Laffen, 8/17; Anna Campbell, 8/19
Anniversaries: Elaine and Marv Lofquist, 8/14, their 57th; Susan and Bob Gerber, 8/16, their 25th

Those who have health concerns or are receiving treatment, including:
Dick Ekelund, as he recovers from a broken hip
Dale Froyum
Bob Gerber
Phoebe Nelson, as she recovers from a broken leg
Neil Peterson

This week please hold those who are sick and hurting in your daily prayers as a way to remember them before God.

The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria/our Congregation partner - LCCN, St. Luke Cathedral, Mayo-Gwoi, Jalingo, Nigeria and Pastor Kinison Alfred

The people of Ukraine as they seek a peaceful resolution to end the violence and war.

The children and youth of Valley of Peace and the members of the congregation who pray for them daily.

The congregation of Valley of Peace, that we extend an open welcome to all people and model in our community the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

VBS Thank You!

Thank you so much, Valley of Peace, for your support of Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful week building relationships, learning some new songs, and studying the boundless nature of God's love. Thank you to those who donated food, money, or volunteered their time to this ministry. It was a wonderful week. Save the date for the summer CYF reception following worship on August 21st to see pictures from VBS and other summer offerings.

Looking to grow the Children, Youth, and Family Team (CYF)

We would love to bring more people into the CYF Team at Valley of Peace. The more ideas, experiences, and representatives we have, the stronger our CYF program will be! The mission of the Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Team is to develop, promote, and conduct the teaching and educational life of the children and youth at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church. On this team, you would work with the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry to monitor and develop the spiritual, educational, emotional, psychological, social, and physical needs of the youth and children of Valley of Peace. The team plans and implements programs, activities, and fundraisers directed to meet those needs and evaluates the youth and children's programming effectiveness. We plan to meet four to five times a year. If you are interested in getting involved with this team, please contact Emilie Moravec (emoravec@valleyofpeace.org) or Kelsey Pierson (kzpierson442@gmail.com).

"Diapers and Donuts" Every Sunday this Summer!

Join us on the Valley of Peace playground from 9:00-9:30 am and get those wiggles out before worship. We will meet every Sunday this summer beginning Sunday, May 29 for "Diapers and Donuts." This will be an informal time to gather as young families, play, and enjoy one another's company (and maybe a few breakfast treats along the way). Come any time. Weather permitting.

Java for Mama and Papa - Coffee and Caregiver Conversations

Thursdays (June 9- August 25)

7:30 - 9:30 am

All are welcome to enjoy coffee together! Either grab a cup of coffee to go or sit and connect about life, parenthood, and faith! This is a treat for you during the busy summer months! We will meet on the lawn beside the parking lot here at Valley of Peace.

Summer CYF Reception

Save the date! Following worship on **Sunday, August 21st** we will have a reception to celebrate the children and youth programming that took place this summer. Come to see pictures from the kayak trip, family camp, Vacation Bible school, and more! We will meet outside on the front lawn or in the Fireside Room if worship is indoors. Breakfast treats will be provided. Thank you Valley of Peace community for your support in making these summer adventures possible.

Noble Elementary Back to School Drive!

Our Mission of the Month for August is Noble Elementary School. We are collecting both **school supplies and monetary donations.**

Please drop your **school supplies** off in the Giving Center baskets, right inside the lower level door. Needed items include:

backpacks	lunch boxes
pencils	notebooks
folders	dry erase markers
crayons	pencil boxes

Monetary funds collected will go to purchasing gift cards. The school social worker can use these to assist families who need a little extra to purchase jackets, shoes, backpacks and other needed items to give their child a good start at school this fall.
Any questions? Contact Barb Mikelson.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity, VoP!

VoP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 24th Annual Valley of Peace Golf Tournament will be held at Brookview Golf Course in Golden Valley on **Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022** with tee times starting at 5:10. We will play a four-person best shot. This event is for golfers of all abilities. Put together your own group or sign up as an individual. Cost is $24 for the 9-hole green fees. Please bring a $10 new or slightly used gift. Everyone will win a prize – teams with the lowest score choose from the prizes first.

Call Jon Larson at 612-703-7145 or email at jonruthlarson@gmail.com if you can join us.

PRISM NEEDS

Please remember that all year long, the food shelves need to be filled at PRISM. The need is so great! **In fact 100+ households visit PRISM everyday**! Any non-perishable food items are appreciated, but Valley of Peace has particularly promised to provide cereal, so please try to fill to overflowing the grocery cart on the lower level! Thank you so much!

AFFORDABLE, INCLUSIVE HOUSING – BAEGV Housing Forum: August 18th

There is an affordable housing crisis across Minnesota and the nation that is impacting residents here in our own community. What are the barriers to building more affordable, inclusive housing here in Golden Valley? What are the City of Golden Valley's goals for the future? What tools does the city have/need to meet their "affordable, inclusive housing" goals? The disparity between the rate of white homeownership and the homeownership rate of households of color and Native American households in Minnesota is among the highest in the country. This forum provides an opportunity to learn about and discuss the barriers to developing additional affordable housing in Golden Valley.

Join us in person at PRISM on August 18th. The forum begins at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You are invited to gather at 5:30 p.m. for some pizza and "chat" time before the forum. Place: PRISM, 1220 Zane Ave N, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

Or, go to: https://mn-goldenvalley.civicplus.com/398/Diversity-Equity-Inclusion
Click on Upcoming Forums and then Webex, to join online.

Ruth Paradise, Housing Forum chair, Golden Valley Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Commission.

All Are Welcome

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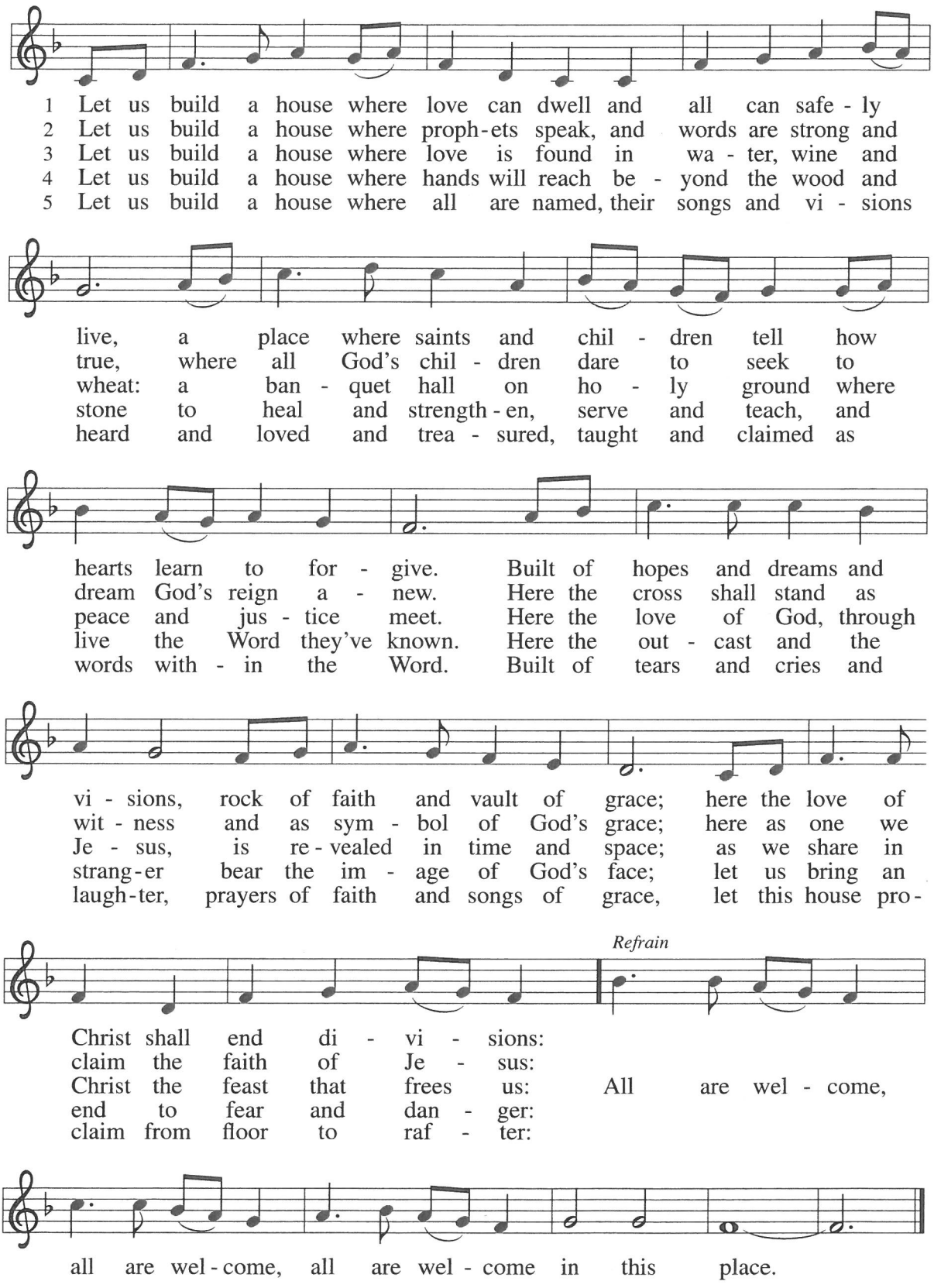

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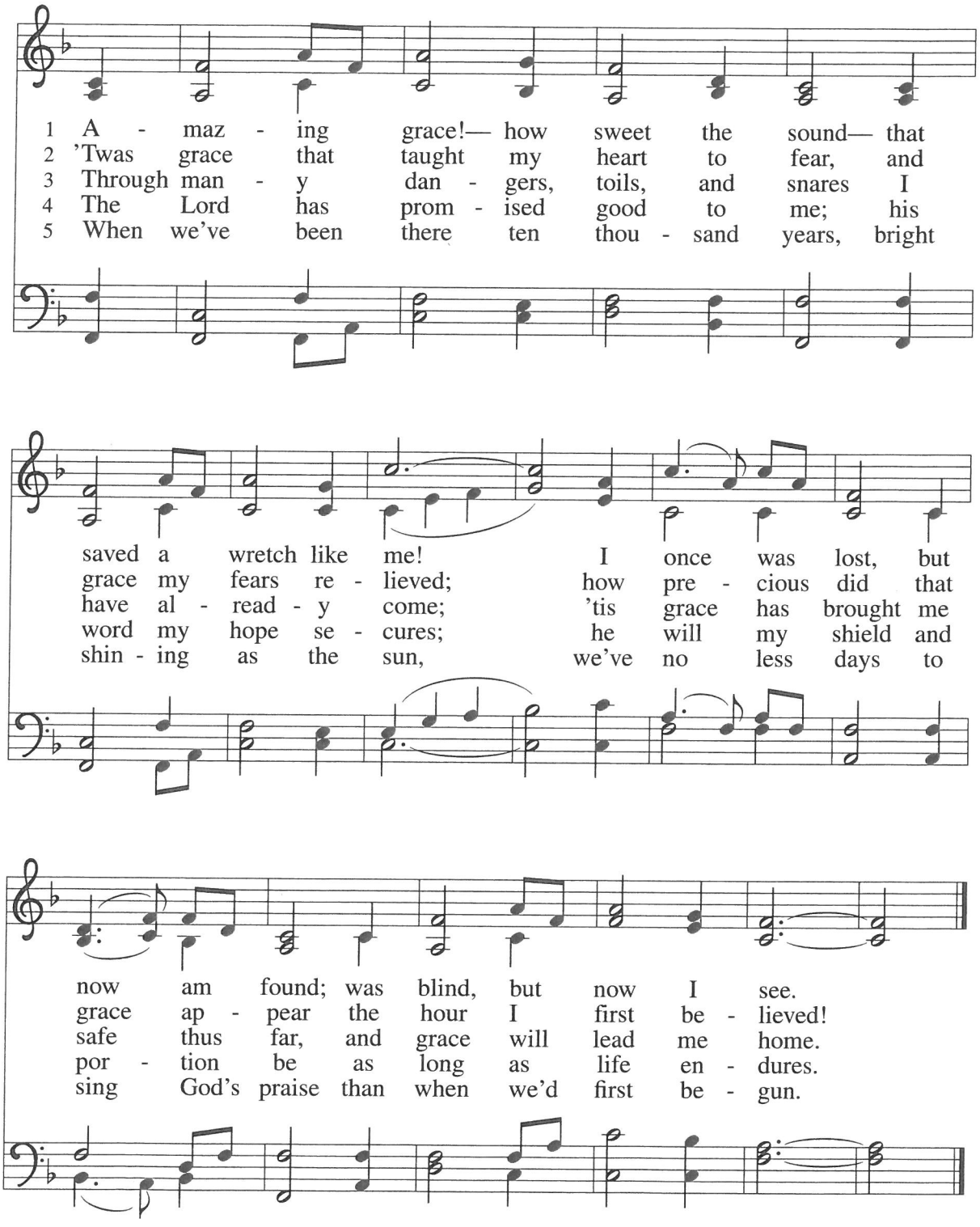

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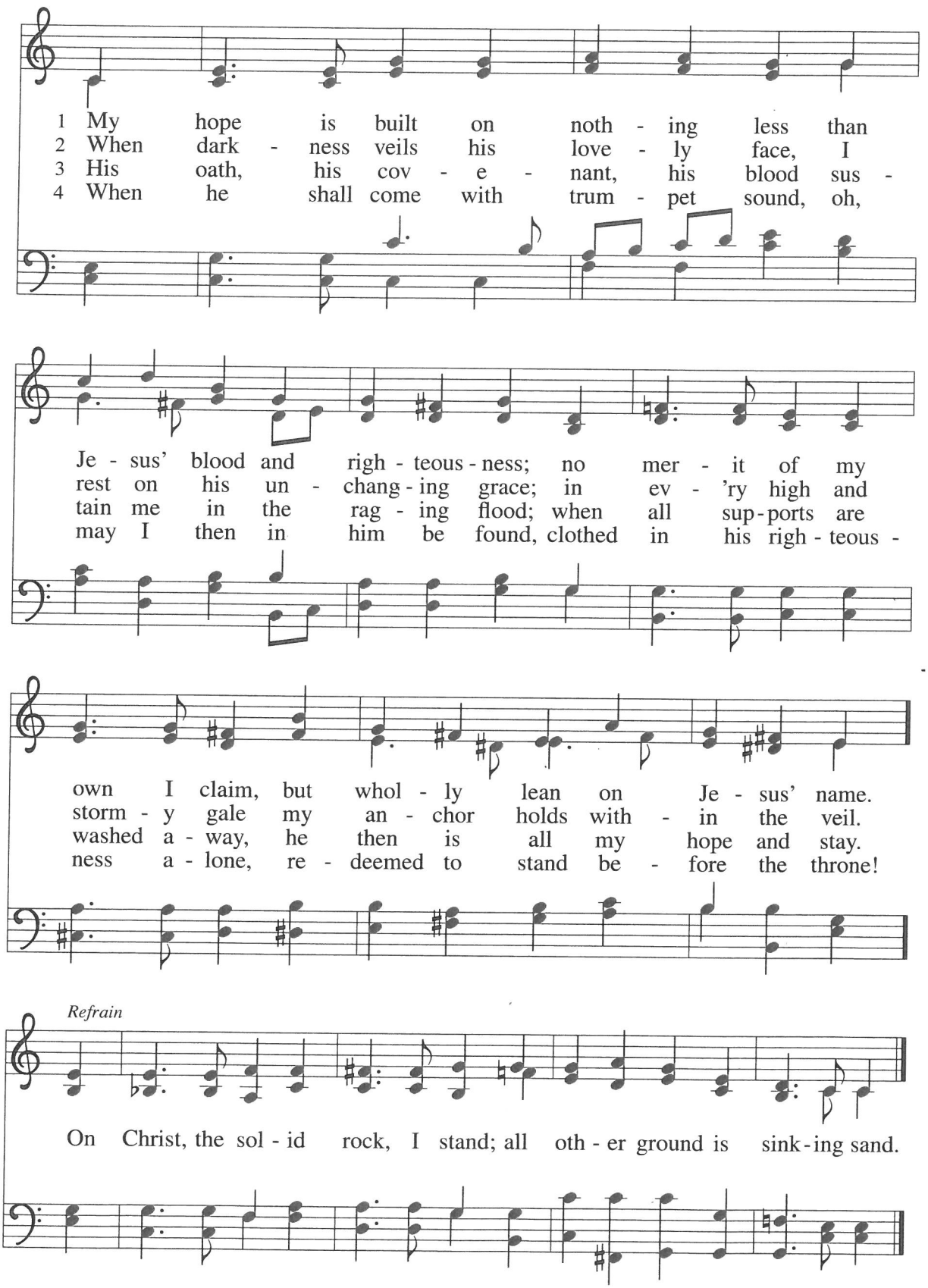

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