

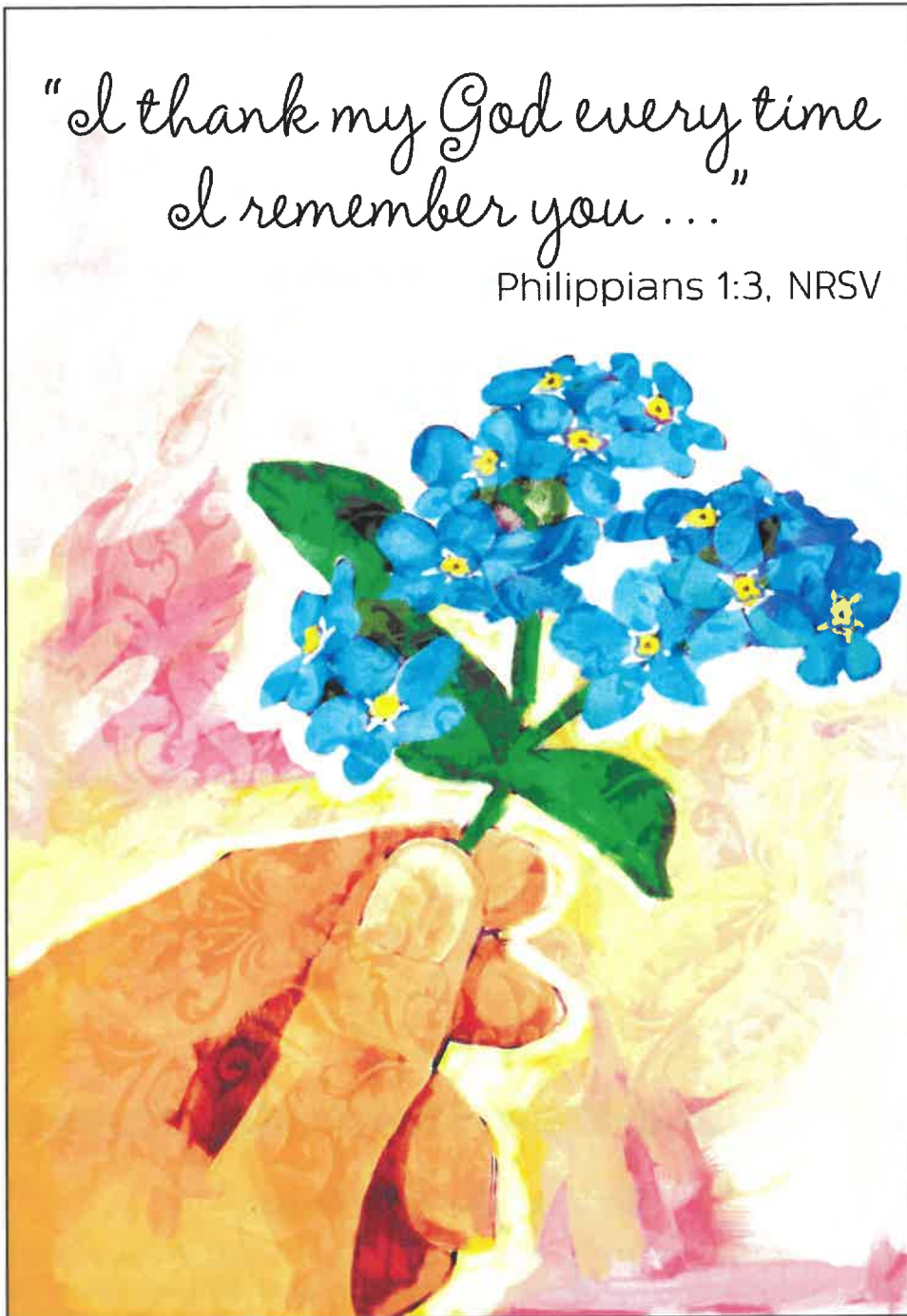
Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

*"I thank my God every time
I remember you ..."*

Philippians 1:3, NRSV





**Welcome to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.**

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance, please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the Narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by **October 5, 2026.**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 11, 2026 after worship.



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Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

Honoring All Mothers

By: Rebecca Shrader

“To those who gave birth this year to their first child-we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year- we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains- we appreciate you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment-we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms-we need you.

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children- we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children- we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year-we grieve with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother- we acknowledge your experience.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood-we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who have aborted children, we remember them and you on this day.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children, we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who step-parent, we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year-we grieve and rejoice with you.

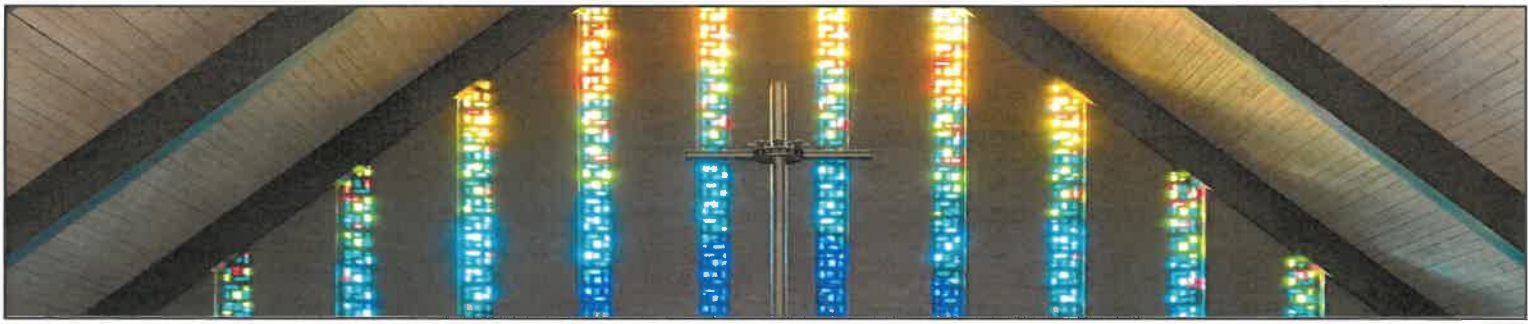
And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising- we anticipate with you.

This Mother's Day, we walk with you.

Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.

We remember you.”

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Romans 12:15



Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
May 10, 2026
10:15 am

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print. When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.
ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal, both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.
If you need any assistance, please ask an usher.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Morning Has Broken

arr. Phillip Keveren

WORDS OF WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place to hear God's word.

We are like eager children, ready to learn.

Let us sing and pray and rejoice in God.

We come with the enthusiasm of the young.

Welcome in the name of Jesus.

Welcome, Jesus, into our midst!

+OPENING HYMN

PURPLE ACS #1020 *Let My Spirit Always Sing*

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the great flood that revealed nature’s power and God’s commitment to life after death.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God. **Amen.**

+GREETING

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

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you call us into partnership with you, through the Holy Spirit, in carrying the good news of Jesus’ saving love to the ends of the earth. Make us bold to proclaim what you have done for us, and compassionate to all who suffer for your sake. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 1: 1-18a

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

RED ELW #798 Will You Come & Follow Me

+APOSTLES' 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.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response- God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

God of Great and God of Small

Natalie Sleeth
arr. Tom Fettke

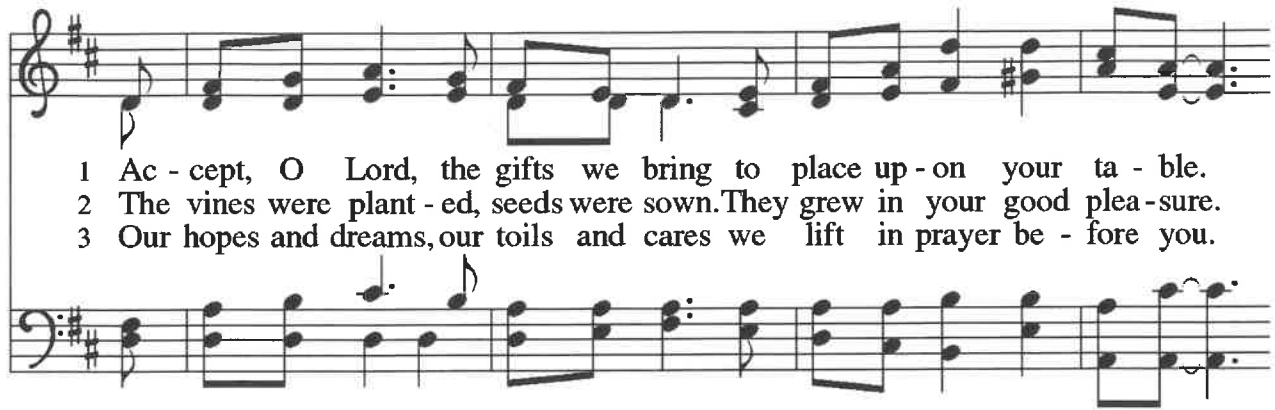
*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord we praise your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never ending pow'r, Yet beside me, ev'ry hour.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord we praise your name.*

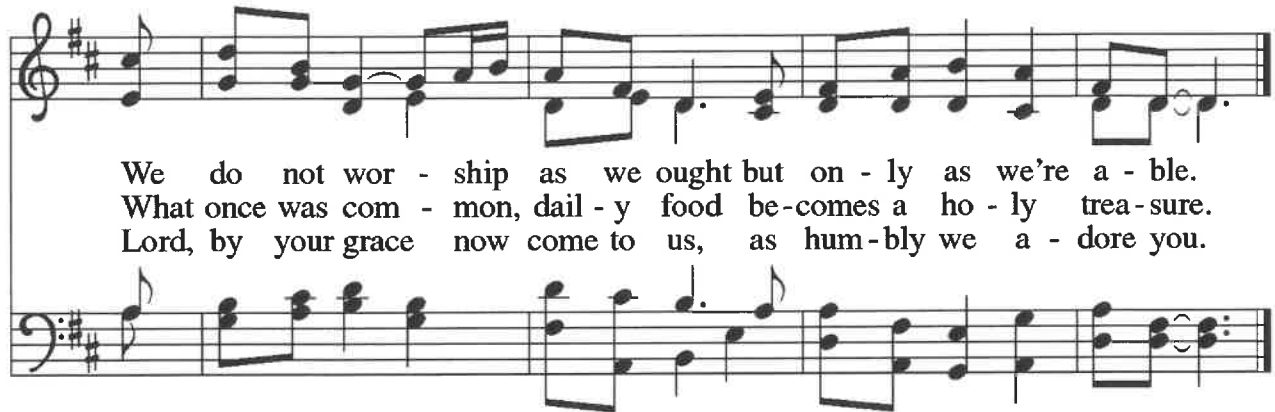
*God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found.
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right.*

*God of heav'n and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord we praise your name. Alleluia!*

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE (vs. 1 only)



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nothing can contain your generosity to us, O God. In joyful gratitude for the overflowing abundance you have given us, we offer to you our whole selves, the work of our hands, and our material resources. Use them for the work of proclaiming your love through actions of justice and equity here and around the world. Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

Above all, we praise you for the new life you give in Jesus Christ.
In the resurrection, you break open what was sealed by fear.
You meet your disciples behind locked doors,
speaking peace where there was anxiety,
breathing your Spirit where there was doubt.

You call unlikely people into your service;
the questioning and the faithful,
the persecutor and the disciple,
the imprisoned and the free:
gathering them into a living community of grace.

In Christ, you turn hearts, open minds, and set people free.
You bring life out of death, courage out of fear,
and hope out of what seemed lost.
And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,
you are the giver of life,
and in the resurrection of Jesus
you have begun a new creation.
Your risen Son came among his followers
with peace, showing his wounds and
offering his presence.

He met Thomas in his doubt and called
him into deeper faith.
He turned Saul's life around and sent him
into the world with good news.
He was present in prisons and places of
suffering, bringing freedom and joy even
there.

He was proclaimed among strangers and
seekers, made known where he had not
yet been named.

He formed communities of love and
partnership, calling people to share in the
work of the gospel with humility and
hope.

In every time and place,
your risen life continues to meet us,
call us, and send us.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
we trust that Christ is alive among us;
**still speaking peace, still transforming
lives, still drawing the world into your
redeeming love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon these gifts of bread and wine.
Breathe your life into this meal,
that it may be for us the body and blood
of Christ.

And breathe your Spirit into us,
that we may be a people made new:
a people who trust even in our doubt,
who answer your call with courage,
who bring good news into places of need,
and who live as partners in your gospel.

Send us out as witnesses to resurrection
Life, bearing your peace into the world.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first 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.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites you to this table.
Here, there is a place for the doubting and the believing,
for the weary and the hopeful.

Come and receive the gift of new life.
Come and taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshipers, the ushers will then invite worshipers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference or either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion. If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward or do not want to be visible on the live-stream, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

PURPLE ACS #1027 *Don't Be Afraid*

PURPLE ACS #1018 *Deep Peace*

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

RED ELW #545 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

March in Eb

Philip G. Kreckel

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Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. May 10, 2026 at 10:15 am</u>	<u>Sun. May 17, 2026 at 10:15 am</u> Annual Meeting after Worship
Presider/Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Jim Jasper	Craig Franz
Greeter	Diane Hinderlie	Barb Mikelson
CYF Greeter	OPEN	OPEN
Welcome Center	Julia Madison	Anna Halvorson
Ushers	Sally Daniels Herron, Erik Daniels, Shennon Jay & Steve Collin	Heidi Boesen, Sally Daniels Herron, Ann Dybvig & Andy Dybvig
Worship Assistant	Barb Stadie	Tara Kuckkan
Reader	Dan Johnson	Leslie Gilyard
Communion Servers	Ruth Larson, Kari Roll, Sara Hoge & Becca Anderson	Mary Hovden, Paul Mikelson, Anna Campbell, Dan Miller
Faith Moment	Dan Miller	Darcie Rodman
Special Music	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir VOP Kids Paul Mikelson
Technology	Evelyn Anderson	Naomi Dybvig
Coffee Cart	Jim Jasper	Nancy Rogness
Altar Care	Linda Franz	Linda Franz



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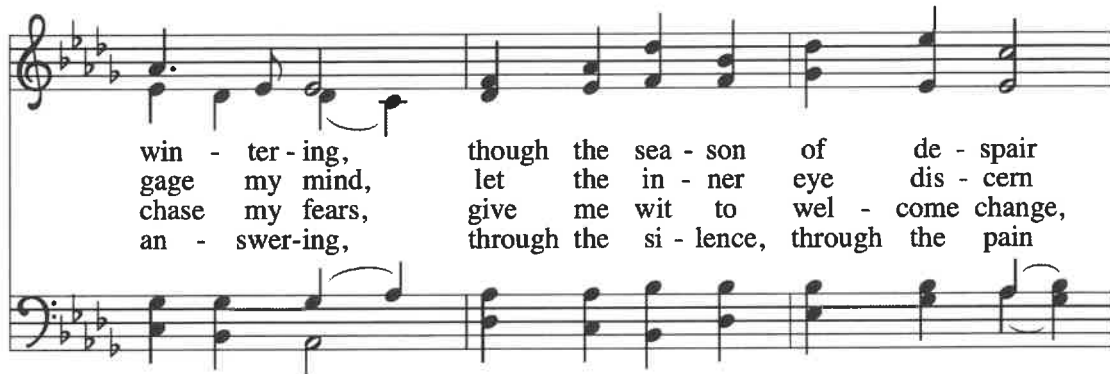
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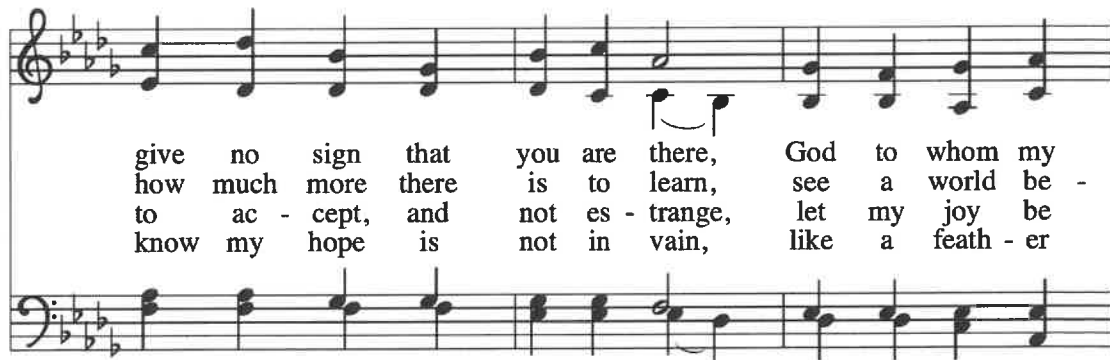
Let My Spirit Always Sing



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
gaze my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020
Music: SPIRITSONG, Jane Marshall, 1924–2019
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Will You Come and Follow Me

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The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



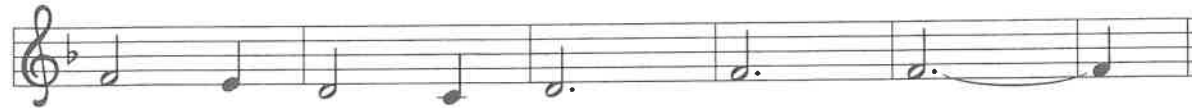
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Don't Be Afraid

Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron - ger, my love is stron - ger than your

The first system of music features a treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass clef staff has a whole rest in the first two measures and a half note in the third measure.

fear. Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron - ger and

The second system continues the melody. The treble clef staff has a whole rest in the first measure, followed by eighth and quarter notes. The bass clef staff has a whole rest in the first two measures and a half note in the third measure.

I have prom - ised, prom - ised to be al - ways near.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble clef staff has eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The bass clef staff has a half note in the first measure, followed by quarter notes, and ends with a whole note and a double bar line.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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Deep Peace

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff.

flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff shows the vocal line, and the bass staff shows the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are placed under the treble staff.

To repeat | *Last time*
you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a repeat sign in the treble staff. The first part of the system is labeled 'To repeat' and the second part is labeled 'Last time'. The lyrics are placed under the treble staff.

Text: Celtic traditional; adapt. Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: DEEP PEACE, Ray Makeever
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Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt.
 Music: Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.
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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.
 Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

To Be Your Presence

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1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
 love ex - pressed,
 church, re - joice,

