United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Connie Bestgen **God's Singers Director**

October 23, 2022 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Carson Kruger and Logan Milligan

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.
Thanks be to God.
God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.
Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

*Hymn No. 47 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Prayer of the Day

May this gathering be a blessing to you, O Lord! May our prayers and praises rise to your throne and bring you great joy. May our faith and love for you overflow to the desperate places of earth, so that others will find your healing and hope in their lives. All glory and love and thanks be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!
And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 "Gloria Patri" (*Glory be to the Father)*

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time Carla Clennin

Anthem "There is Joy in the Lord" God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination Beth Dampf

O Lord, may your Word be our beacon of hope amid the storms and troubles we face in this world. Still us, that we may hear your voice in this hour. Give us direction, that our lives may be filled with joy and fulfill your purpose in the world; through Jesus the Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Romans 4:16-25 p. 980

Second Lesson: James 2:20-24 p. 1055

Sermon **New Beginnings: Abraham-A Saving Example of Faith**
Genesis 12-25

Hymn No. 357 "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles' Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty…**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

*Response *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 362 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude

Activities Calendar: October 23, 2022 ~ October 30, 2022

Sunday, October 23 2022, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, October 24, 2022
7:00 p.m. - Brotherhood

Tuesday, October 25, 2022
9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, October 26, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Meal
6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir, ROK/God Singers, Confirmation, Bible Study
7:30 p.m. - Sr. Choir practice

Sunday, October 30, 2022, Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead……November 6, All Saints Sunday- Communion 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Program Practice 9:30 a.m.
November 7, Sunday School Teachers & Officers 7 p.m.
November 14, Consistory 6 p.m.
November 15, Holiday Grief Share meeting 6:30 p.m.

If you have interest in joining the church, please contact Pastor Russ or fill out a connection card and drop it in the offering plate.

A **Nursery** is available from 9:45am-11:45am in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is Betty Cobb. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the "Connection Cards" in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

Youth Group Fundraiser

The youth group will be hosting the **Wednesday night meal** on **November 2**. They will be having a Taco/Nachos bar with desserts. Mark your calendars and come support the youth.

Online giving is available. Follow the E-Giving link on our website: calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts.

Sunday School Spotlight~ Working Class Christians

When our Sunday School class began, most of the members were employed. Now most of the members are retired, but we are still working to become the people God plans for us to be. We have discovered that it is a 24/7 lifelong process with the promise of an excellent retirement plan. (What is better than eternal life with God in His kingdom?) Our study for this quarter is Revelation using Wesley Bible Study Curriculum as our guide. Come discuss and learn with us.

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MCMC Food Pantry Donations

The churches in the California Ministerial Alliance are each taking a monthly turn at gathering food items for the *Moniteau Christian Ministries Center (MCMC).* October is our month. Please bring food items any time during the month. There is a box in the lobby area downstairs for your donations. Thanks for sharing in this special community ministry.

Trick or Treat on Oak Street
October 29, 2022
5-7 pm
Free games, Candy, Family Fun
The UCC Evangelism committee will be handing out candy
Come join the Fun!

Christmas program practice for the Christmas Eve program will begin in November. Letters have been sent home with your children at ROK and Sunday School with a detailed schedule. Please contact Lauren Lawson for Nursery/Pre-K through Kindergarten and either Ellen Ash, Connie Bestgen or Beth Dampf for grades 1-12.
Everyone is welcome to participate!

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rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier
Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal
Judy Kilmer

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker *(son of Kenny Knipker)*
Dwight Bowlin *(grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY)*
Dakota Meyer *(grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO)*
Madelynn Perry *(granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe)*
Dylan Ash *(son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA)*
Hayden Grant *(grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL)*
Kyle Hofstetter *(son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA)*
Alexander Ives *(nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg)*
Cory Friedmeyer *(grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA)*
Derek Meyer *(grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA)*
Brett Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK*)
Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany)*

Sermon Notes - New Beginnings: Abraham-A Saving Example of Faith
Genesis 12-25

Wednesday Evening Meal, October 26 - 6:00 p.m.
Lasagna, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Wednesday Evening Meal Reservations

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen for donating desserts & helping in the kitchen with clean up, drying dishes & wiping tables down.

Your help will be much appreciated!

Sign Up for Wednesday Evening Meals

Sign up on the clip board at the office window
or at the back of the sanctuary.
Or by 4:00 Monday:
Call the church office (796-4885)
Email Rhonda: rhonda@calmo-ucc.org

Nursery Attendant

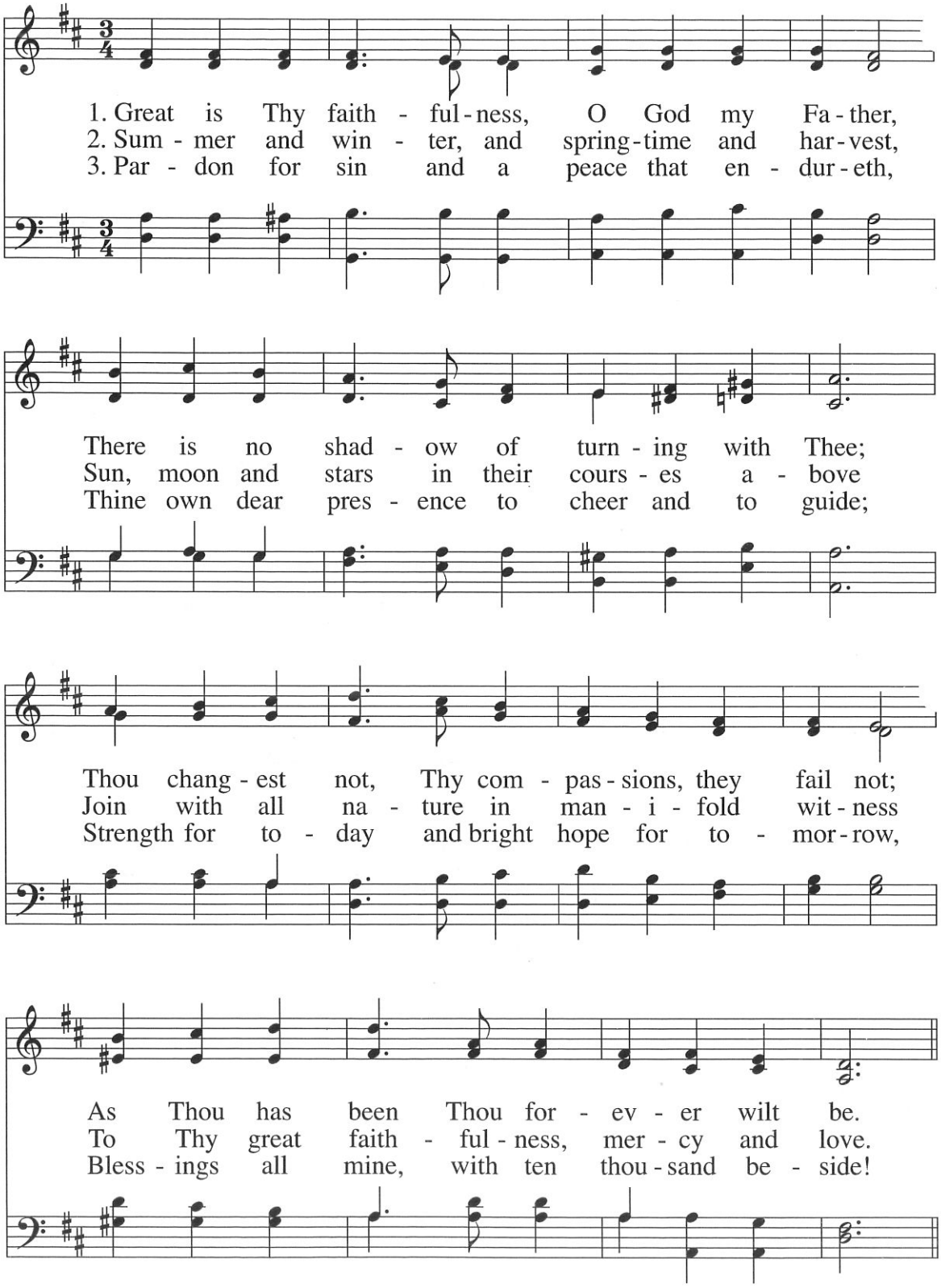
The Consistory is looking for a Nursery Attendant. They are looking for someone to be available from 9:45 to 11:45 and this would be a paid position. If you know of someone that enjoys children and can be available for two hours each Sunday morning, please let the church office know or any Consistory member.

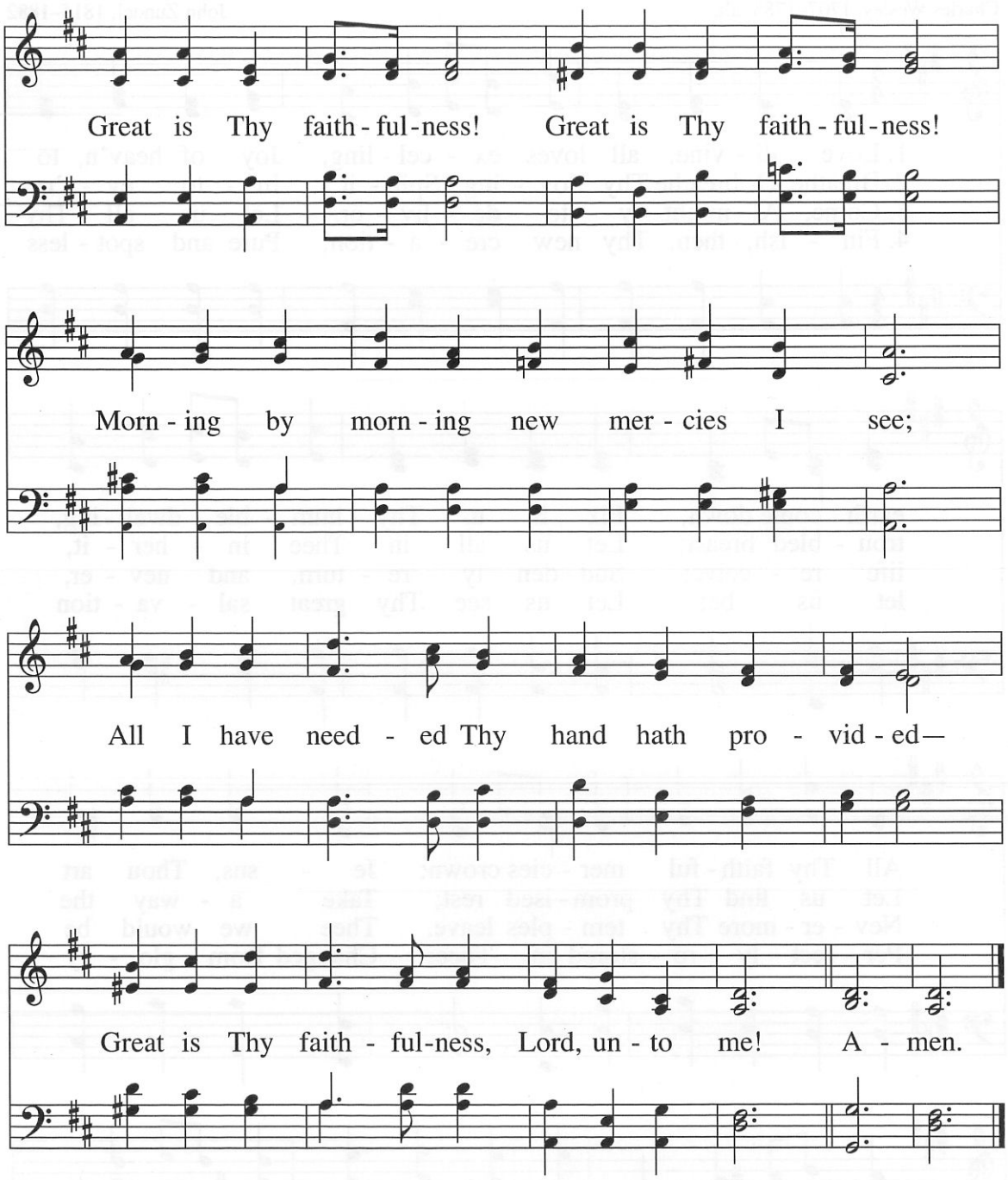
We will continue to use our Nursery volunteers for the time being. If you are on the schedule to volunteer, please let the church office or one of the Consistory members know if you **can't** volunteer from 9:45 to 11:45. Always looking for new volunteers as well, so if you would like to, just let the church office know. The Nursery has recently had some updates. Stop by and check out the improvements. We are committed to making our young children one of our top priorities.

The Mobile Food Pantry is looking for 3 to 5 volunteers for Thursday, October 27 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Annunciation Catholic Church. If interested, please contact Latisha Sangster by Monday, October 24th at 573-576-0300.

Clyde Dummermuth is turning 95 on November 5th.
The family would like to do a card shower for him.
If you would like to send Clyde a birthday wish, his address is
403 Ash Street, California, MO 65018

Great Is Thy Faithfulness





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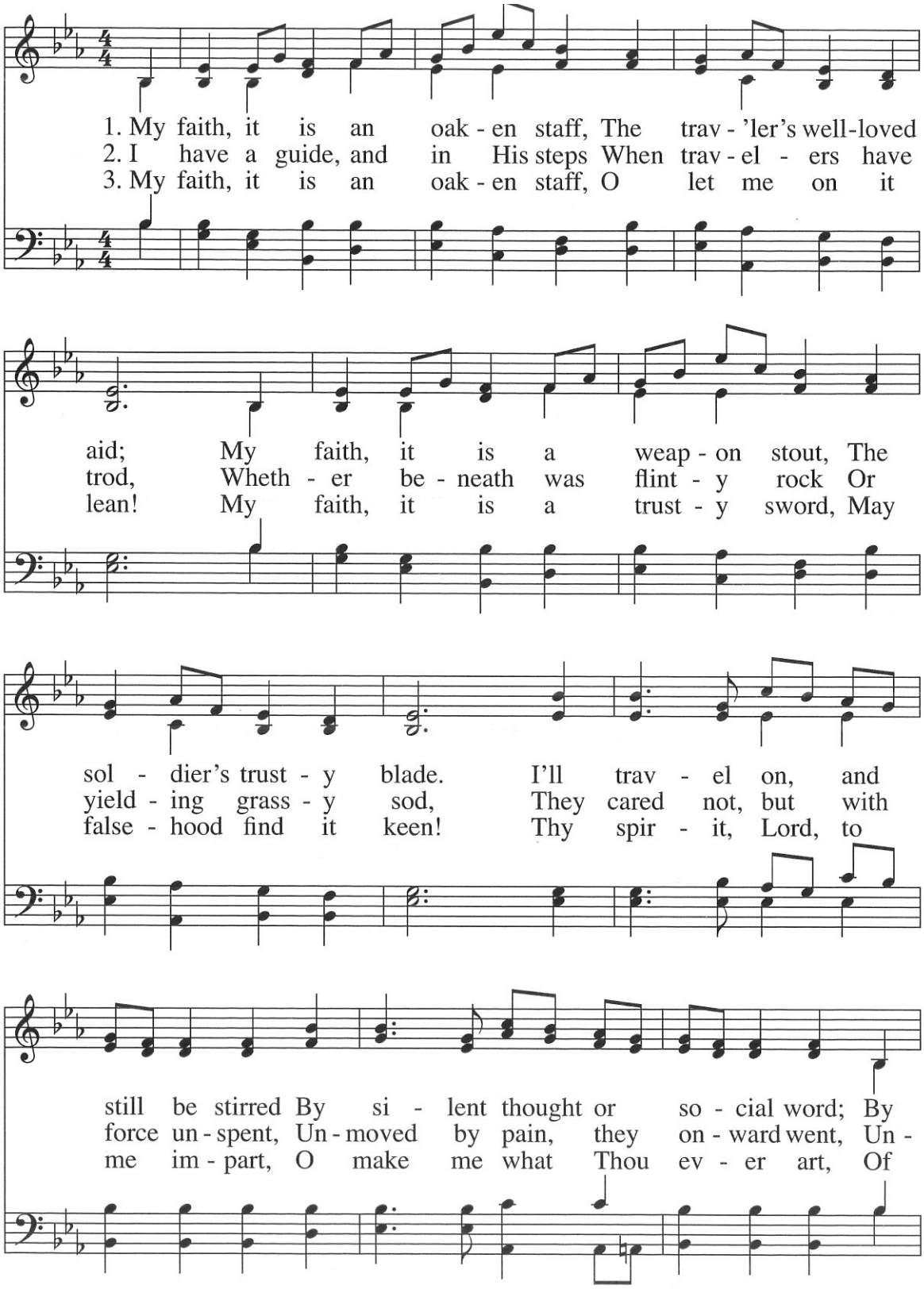

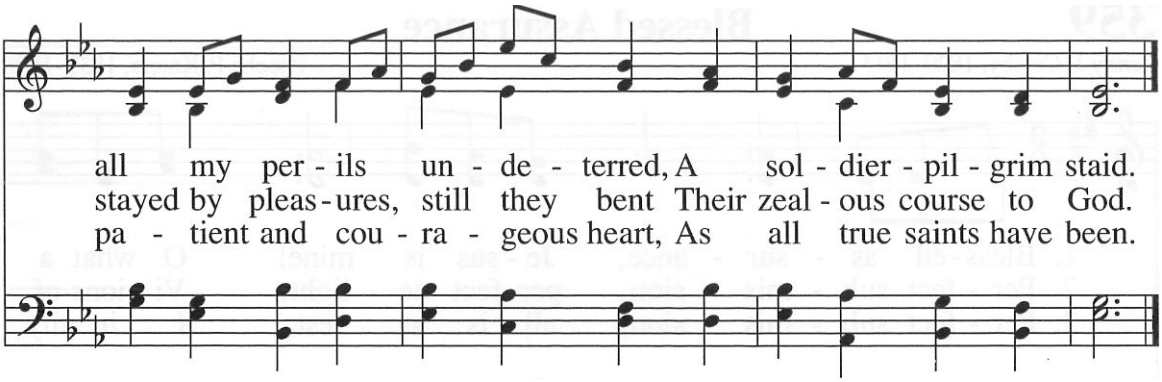
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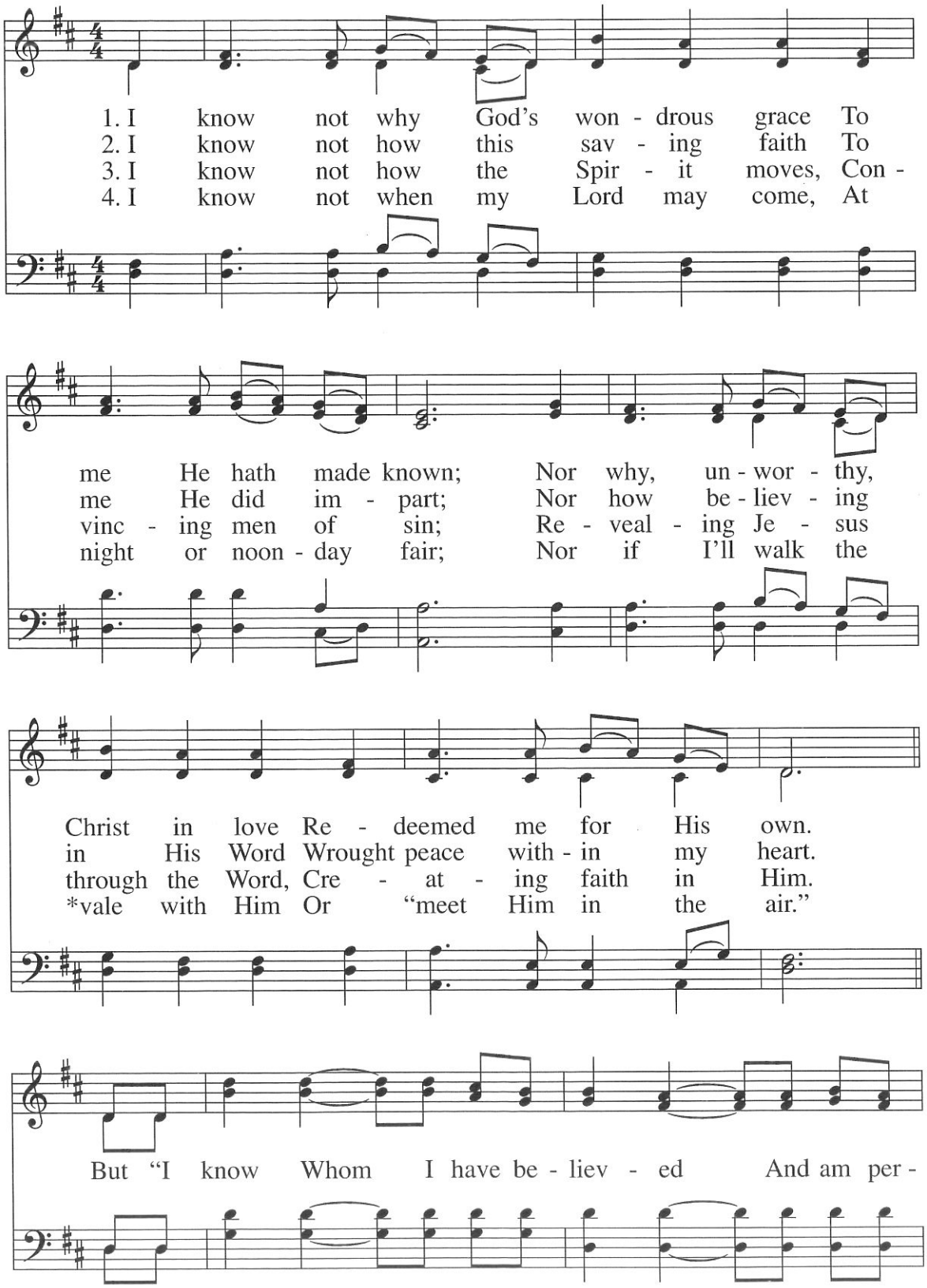
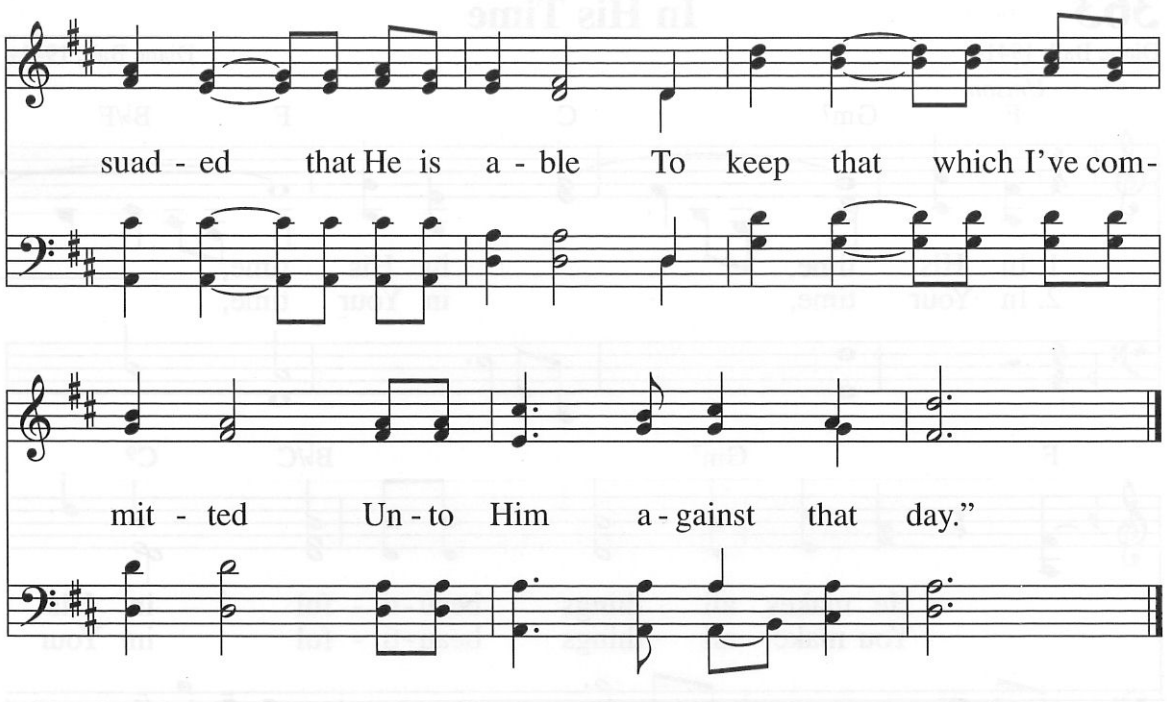
I Know Whom I Have Believed

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one Holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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