

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Lina Eddy Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist
Mrs. Stacy Friedrich Sr. Choir Director

May 24, 2026 ~ Pentecost Sunday

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Max Robertson & Amelia Howard

Choral Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

People: Fill our hearts and kindle your fire within us!

Leader: When we are weary-

People: Breathe new life into us.

Leader: When we are fearful -

People: Speak peace into our hearts

Leader: When we are divided -

People: Make us one body in Christ

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

*Hymn No. 228 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Spirit of the living God, You moved over the waters at creation, You came as wind and fire at Pentecost, You breathed peace into fearful disciples. Move among us today. Set our hearts on fire with your love. Fill this place with your presence, that we may be renewed, restored, and sent. In the name of the risen 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*)
(*printed on laminated card in hymnal*)

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Praise Him, Praise Him” p. 6 verse 1

*Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love; Praise Him, praise Him,
all ye little children, God is love, God is love.*

Children’s Time

Holly Bieri

Anthem “Spirit, Come Down”

Sr. Choir

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Allan Mortenson

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. Open our ears to hear, our hearts to receive, and our lives to respond to your holy Word. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 p. 948

Second Lesson: John 20:19-23 p. 945

Sermon **The Spirit is Not Always Peaceful**

Invitation to Offering

*Response “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Spirit of the living God, bless these gifts and those who give them. Use them for your work in the world, and send us out in your power and love. Amen.

*Hymn No. 390 “It Is Well with My Soul”

(You may be seated after singing the hymn)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we often resist your Spirit. You call us to speak – but we remain silent. You call us to trust – but we cling to fear. You call us to unity – but we hold onto division. Forgive us. Breathe into us again. Set us free to live as your Spirit-filled people.

Words of Assurance

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to **all** who seek to receive the Gift of God in Jesus Christ. This table is spread for you and for all. The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.*

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray....

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

(printed on laminated card in hymnal)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Spirit of the living God. We give you thanks that you are still moving – still speaking, still calling, still transforming. You are poured out on all flesh, breaking barriers and lifting voices that the world would silence. We thank you for your presence among us and within us. Empower us to be your church – bold in love, courageous in justice, and faithful in witness. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Brittney Medlin, Kirstan Chambers,
Darren Rowles, Catherine Stout and
Jane Burger by letter of transfer**

Invitation, Scripture, and Reaffirming of Faith

Affirmation of Faith

**All who are able may stand.*

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in
confessing our faith in the triune God.

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit

The congregation may be seated

Welcome by the Congregation

Jim Deeken
Consistory President

Let us, the members of the United Church of Christ of California, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the United Church of Christ of California, we extend our Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this congregation.

Prayer

Pastor: Go in the peace of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 230 "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

*Benediction

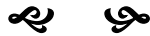
*Congregational Response "Because He Lives" (chorus only) p.204

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*Postlude

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Ushers: Jim Deeken and Doug Dampf

Greeters: Katie Schlup and Grace Meisenheimer



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**Activities Calendar: May 24, 2026 ~ May 31, 2026**

**Sunday, May 24th Pentecost Sunday**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – *Holy Communion*

6:00 p.m. – Memorial Service at Evangelical Cemetery

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day- Church office closed**

No Brotherhood meeting

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| <p><b>The VFW Graveside Service will be held on <u>Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup></u> at 1:00 pm at the gravesite of Jerry Coale.<br/>All are welcome to attend.</b></p> |
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**Tuesday, May 26th**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. – VeggieTale Carnival

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Rev. Mike Matheny**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

*Looking ahead ~*

*June 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday School Teacher and Officer meeting at 6:30 pm*

*June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Quilters meet 11:00 am*

*June 7<sup>th</sup> – Communion*

*June 8<sup>th</sup> – Consistory at 6 pm*

*June 14 – R.O.K. Sunday*

*June 16<sup>th</sup>- Lake Area Community Orchestra at UCC 7 p.m.*

*June 17<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Guild 1pm.*

*June 21<sup>st</sup> – Father’s Day*

*June 21-June 25<sup>th</sup> – Bible School 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

*June 22 – Brotherhood at First Christian Church 7 p.m.*

## Reception for New Members

There will be cookies and drinks immediately following worship to welcome the new members. All are invited to attend!

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of *Norma Blankenship, Marilyn Garnett Sparks*

### **All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Alan Meyer, Anjanette Volkart, Becky Zuidervaat, Alan Chambers, Joyce Rohrbach, Judy Kilmer, Cindy Ash, Kris Bieri, Jackie Heather

**California Care:** Jimmy Ford, Amanda Volkart, Ida Barry

**Valley Park:** Jane Burger, Carole Schroeder, Patricia Friedrich

**Heisinger Bluffs:** Charles Goode

**Tipton Oaks:** Diane Jobe, Jo Suggs

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

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker, Naval Base, San Diego, CA*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army - Europe*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Italy*)

Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Drum, NY*)

A Nursery is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Emma Bestgen**. 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.

# Camp Aurora Summer 2026

**Senior High Camp July 5 - 11**

**Junior High Camp July 12-17**

**Junior Camp July 19-24**

**Primary Camp July 26-29**

**Register online at [www.campaaurora.org](http://www.campaaurora.org).**

Completed forms and a check for ½ of the Early Registration Fee payable to the UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL must be turned in to Cinda Scheidt or the Church Office **BEFORE 11:00 am on May 24, 2026.**

## VeggieTale Carnival

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am -11:30 am**

Age 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Movie: Dave and The Giant Pickle in the Fellowship Hall

Then off to the Carnival in the Friendship Hall

Try your luck at Breaking a Pinata, play various Carnival Games,

Collect Prizes and join in on the cupcake walk.

Contact Ronda Mortenson at 573-694-3933 or Church Office at 573-796-4885.

## ***Annual Pork Steak BBQ Fundraiser & Baked Goods Auction***

First Christian Church, **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, 11:30 am to 1pm

Pork Steak Meal-suggested \$12 or Hot Dog Meal-suggested \$5

All proceeds support Church Camp – Carry out available

## **Annunciation Catholic Church Picnic**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

Family-Style Dinner 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fried Chicken & Smoked Pork Dinner

Adults \$15, Kids 5-12 \$5 Under 5 -Free Carry out available

Live Quilt and Dessert Auction at 4 pm- Bingo 12-4pm

Live Music-Turner and Company – 4:30 to 7 pm

*The flooring project that was approved for the downstairs entry way is scheduled to begin with phase one the week of **June 8-12<sup>th</sup>**. Phase two will follow **June 15-17<sup>th</sup>**.*

***Sing-a-long with the Rohrbach Cousins and Others***

***Saturday, June 13th***

*Potluck dinner at 6pm and Entertainment at 7pm.*

*Drinks and tableware provided.*

*All are invited to come!*

**THE LAKE AREA COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA COMES TO  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CALIFORNIA**

The Lake Area Community Orchestra will present a  
Summer Concert at California United Church of Christ

**On Tuesday, June 16th.**

The performance will begin at 7 pm. Admission is FREE.

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday, June 17**

11:00 to 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Cathedral's Cana Hall

Jefferson City, MO

Proceeds benefit Patient Care Services at St. Mary's Hospital

**Food Pantry Items Needed**

Each month the Food Pantry is requesting a different food item. For the **month of May, Peanut Butter** is the food item requested. Looking ahead to **June, Cereal** is the food item requested. There is a box in the downstairs foyer to place your food items.

## **Vacation Bible School**

June 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Ages 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Register at [calmo-ucc.org](http://calmo-ucc.org)

### ***Prayer from the Search Committee...***

Dear Lord, we humbly come before You, acknowledging our need for a new pastor to lead us. You know the heart of our congregation and the unique challenges we face. We ask for a shepherd who will boldly proclaim Your truth, with love and compassion for all. Grant us a pastor who will encourage us in our faith, challenge us to grow, and inspire us to serve others. We pray for a leader who will foster unity and guide us in fulfilling Your purposes for our church. Lord grant us patience and faith as we wait for you perfect choice. We entrust our search to You, knowing that You have a plan. In Your mighty name, we pray. Amen.

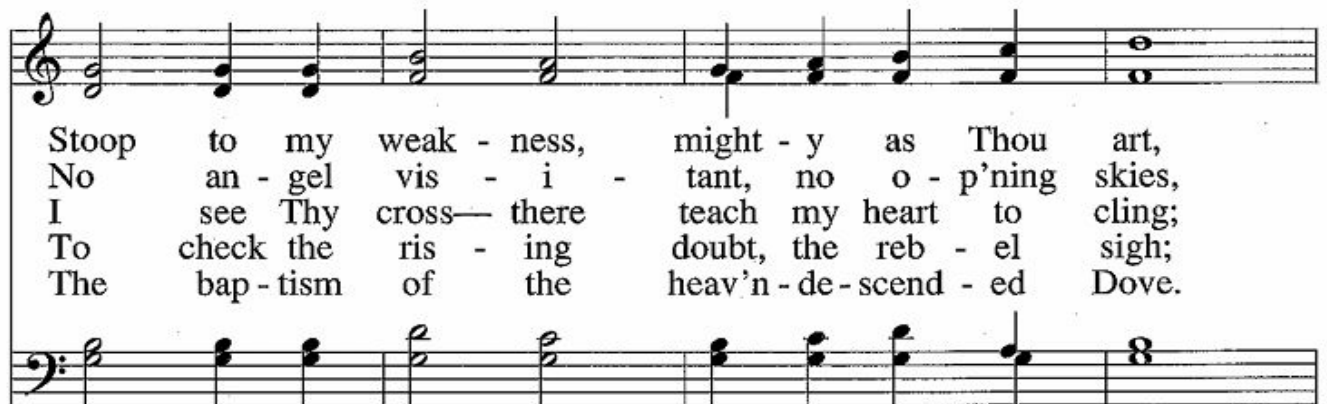
# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



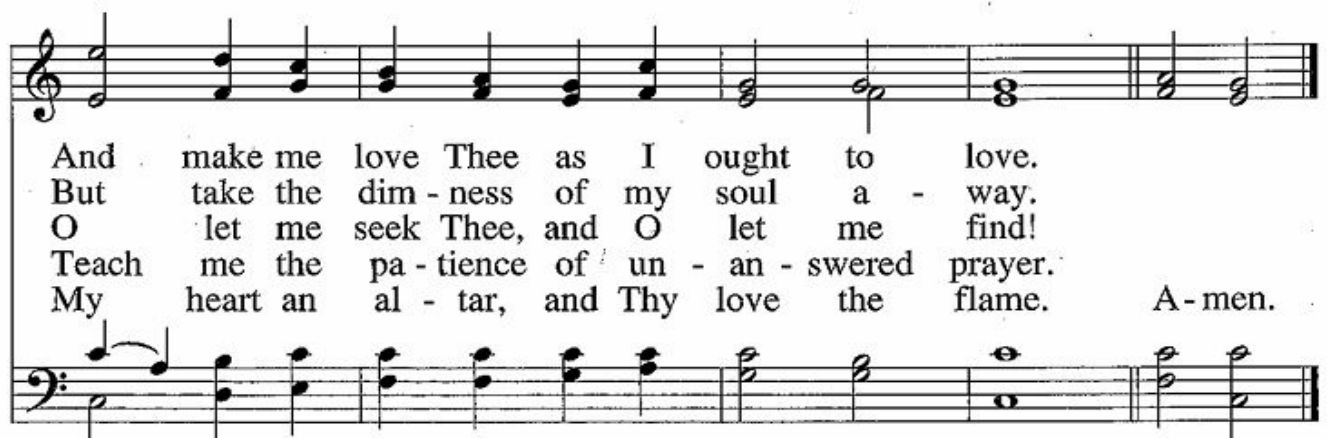
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?  
4. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;  
5. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,



Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;  
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear:  
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

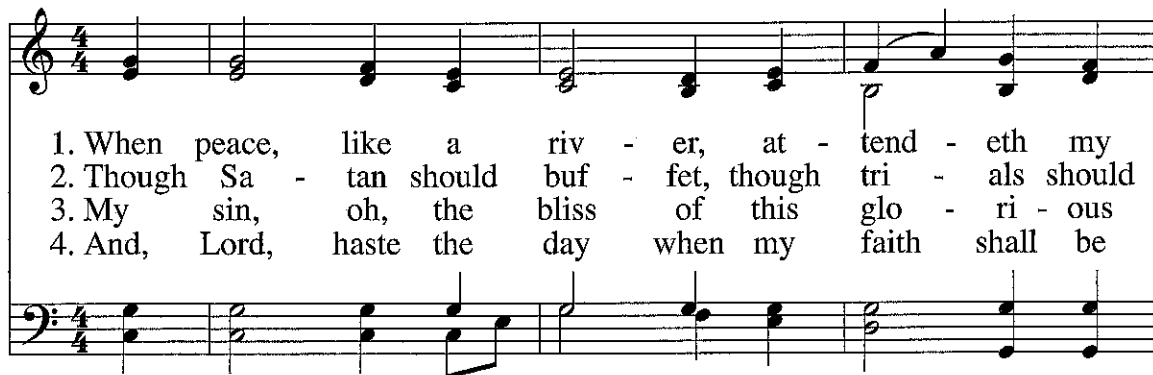


Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,  
No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies,  
I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling;  
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
The bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove.

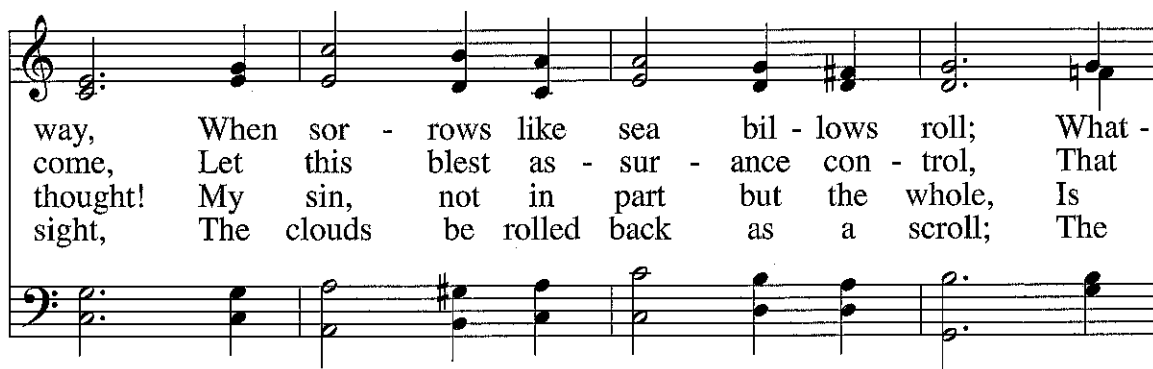


And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame. A - men.

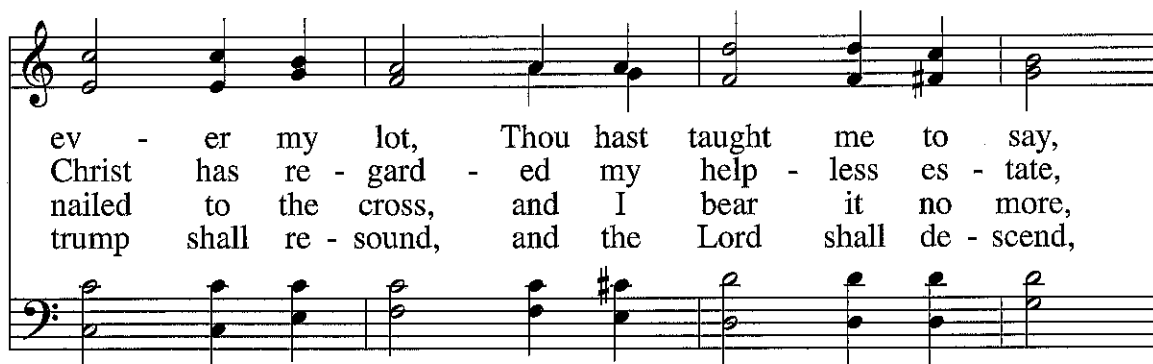
# It Is Well with My Soul



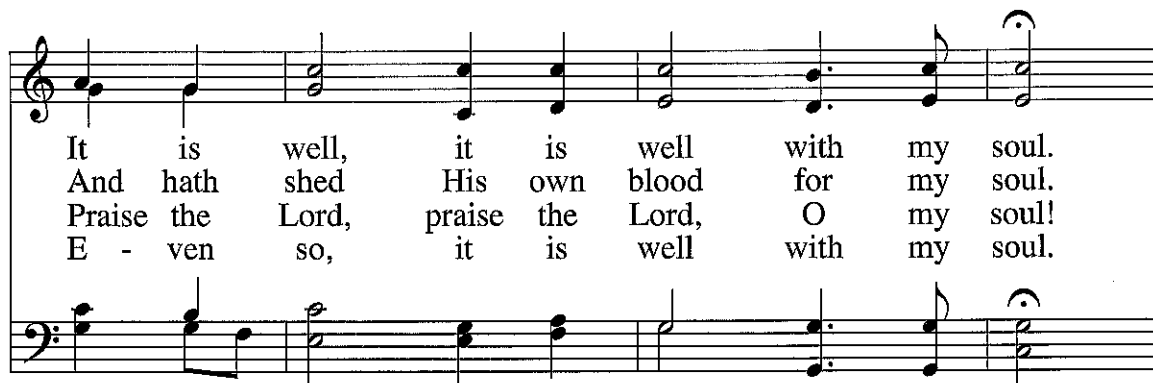
1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What -  
come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That  
thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, Is  
sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,  
nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend,



It is well, it is well with my soul.  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,

It is well with my soul,

It is well with my soul,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics 'It is well with my soul,' are written above the vocal line. The music features a melody with a long note on 'well' and a similar long note on 'soul'.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my soul.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics 'It is well, it is well with my soul.' are written below the vocal line. The music features a melody with a long note on 'well' and a similar long note on 'soul'.

# Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place,  
sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. A repeat sign follows, with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The system concludes with a half note D5. The bass line follows a similar pattern, starting with a quarter rest, then G3, A3, B3, and C4, followed by a repeat sign with G3, A3, B3, and C4, and ending with a half note D4.

And I know that it's the spir - it of the  
And I know that it's the pres - ence of the

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. It then has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The system ends with a quarter note G4. The bass line starts with a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. It then has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note C4. The system ends with a quarter note G3.

1. Lord. There are Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it,  
2. Lord.

The third system of musical notation features two first endings. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The first ending consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second ending consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass line follows the vocal line, starting with a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. The first ending consists of a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. The second ending consists of a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3.

Sweet Heav'n - ly Dove, Stay right here with us

The fourth system of musical notation continues the vocal and bass lines. The vocal line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. It then has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The system ends with a quarter note G4. The bass line starts with a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. It then has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. The system ends with a quarter note G3.

Fill-ing us with Your love. And for those

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics 'Fill-ing us with Your love. And for those'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

bles - ings We lift our hearts with praise; With-out a

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics 'bles - ings We lift our hearts with praise; With-out a'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived, when

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has lyrics 'doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived, when'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

we shall leave this place.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has lyrics 'we shall leave this place.' and ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues the accompaniment and also ends with a double bar line.

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" words & music by Doris M. Akers*

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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.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**