United Church of Christ ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Michael Matheny Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist

November 1, 2026 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

**All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Lee Bieri & Bruce Miller

Choral Opening Sr. Choir

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation!

People: Thanks be to God for such great mercy.

Leader: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

People: Thanks be to God for new beginnings!

Leader: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation through Christ Jesus.

People: Together we will make a new beginning in Christ!

Leader: Let us worship God with joyful hearts, trusting God to renew us and all things.

People: We will lift our praises to God with hearts refreshed by grace.

*Hymn No. 500 "For All the Saints"

*Invocation (unison)

Gracious God, you have called us together as your people, to be the church of Jesus Christ. Make us one in faith and discipleship, breaking bread together, and telling the good news, so that the world may believe you are love, turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth. Amen.

*** Call to Praise**

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

Act of Praise –"Gloria Patri"* *(printed on laminated card in hymnal)*

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves the Little Children" p.166

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,
All the children of the earth, they are precious from their birth,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Time Ginnie Medlin

Scripture Lessons Alan Chambers

First Lesson: Psalm 23 p. 476

Second Lesson: John 14:1-4 p. 938

Anthem "Just for You" Sr. Choir

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 p. 1006

Sermon **Heaven**

Invitation to the Offering

Song "Come Jesus Come" Beth Dampf

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

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We place these gifts into your hands, O God. Bless them with your transforming grace so that they may become seeds springing up with new life in the world you love. Fill our hearts with the same grace so we can bring hope to weary and worried lives in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Mystery and Mercy, we gather to worship you in humility and hope because we believe you have the power to change the world; to change the world for the better with our love. We gather to worship you trusting that no one or situation is beyond your concern, or your embrace. Such love astonishes us. Without your grace we cannot imagine such love. Inspire us with a vision of love which will change the world and our lives through the love and mercy we meet in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

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

Sharing the Elements –

(Please hold the elements until all have been served, so that we may all commune together.)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, After partaking in communion, I long to know You more intimately. Draw me closer to Your heart, help me hear Your voice, and deepen my relationship with You. May my spirit be fully united with Yours, experiencing the fullness of Your love and presence. Amen.

*Hymn No. 478 " I'll Fly Away"

*Benediction

Go in peace knowing you are loved and cared for by God now and always. Now may the LORD keep us and bless us, May the LORD make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us, Now and for ever more, AMEN.

*Congregational Response

"Count Your Blessings" refrain only– p.281

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

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Greeters: David and Lexi Hall

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Activities Calendar: November 1, 2026 ~ November 8, 2026

Sunday, November 1- All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship-Communion

Monday, November 2

6:30 p.m. – Sunday School Meeting

Tuesday, November 3

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

10:30 a.m. – Quilters meet

Wednesday, November 4

6:00 – Wednesday Night Meal/Confirmation

6:30 –R.O.K. and God's Singers/Bell Choir

7:30 – Sr. Choir

Sunday, November 8

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead ~

November 9 - Consistory Meeting

November 18 – Women's Guild

November 22 – Totenfest Sunday and Pastor Matheny's farewell day

Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service at The First Christian Church

November 23 – Brotherhood

November 25 – No Wed. night activities including meal

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
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November 27 – Church office closed
November 29 – First Sunday of Advent-Brenda Oesterly

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 8th there will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the service to update the Congregation on the pastor search status and the upcoming services in 2027.

Sunday, November 22 will be Rev. Matheny's last Sunday. There will be a farewell meal immediately following worship. Food provided by the Church, but if you would like to donate a dessert please sign up or let the church office know. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sancutary and downstairs on the bulletin board and window. Please sign up if you plan to attend the meal on Sunday, Nov. 22 to plan accordingly for food. Thanks.

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Historical Committee would like to display pictures of all our Veterans in the cabinet by the Church office. If you would like to have a picture displayed, please drop it off at the Church office **by November 6th.** Pictures will then be available for pick-up after December 4th.

Wednesday Evening Meals

There are still spots available to help bring desserts or help provide the meal. Sign up on the bulletin board.

If you are coming to a meal,

Please 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

November 4 - 6:00 p.m.

The menu is: **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, November 8th

after children's time till the end of the worship service All the kids 4 years old and up are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Ronda Mortenson. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

Ministerial Alliance **Thanksgiving Service**
At the First Christian Church-Sunday, November 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Items Needed

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

Operation Shoebox

Join the Middle School Youth Group for Operation Christmas Child! Pick up a box in the lobby by Friendship Hall and fill it for a child aged 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. We will have a packing party after church on **Sunday, November 15th**, with last-minute items like sunglasses and Bible verse bracelets available. Enjoy pizza afterward.
The MSYF thanks you for your help in this service project! If you have questions, please see Tammy Kilmer or Connie Bestgen.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of: Kelly Kohler, Ruth Dampf, Lanny Porter

Confirmands: Weston Brandes, William Kissick, Maci Kueffer, Camden Lawson and Sophia Miller

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Janice Anderson, Alan Meyer, Anjanette Volkart, Becky Zuidervaart, Alan Chambers, Joyce Rohrbach, Cindy Ash, Jackie Heather
California Care: Jimmy Ford, Amanda Volkart, Ida Barry
Valley Park: Jane Burger, Carole Schroeder, Patricia Friedrich
Heisinger Bluffs: Charles Goode
Tipton Oaks: 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*)
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marine Reserves, St. Louis)*
Tucker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Army, Kentucky*)
Walker Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Air Force, Germany)*
Philip Crawford (*nephew of Brett and Kendra Hall, Army National Guard-overseas)*

Prayer from the Search Committee…
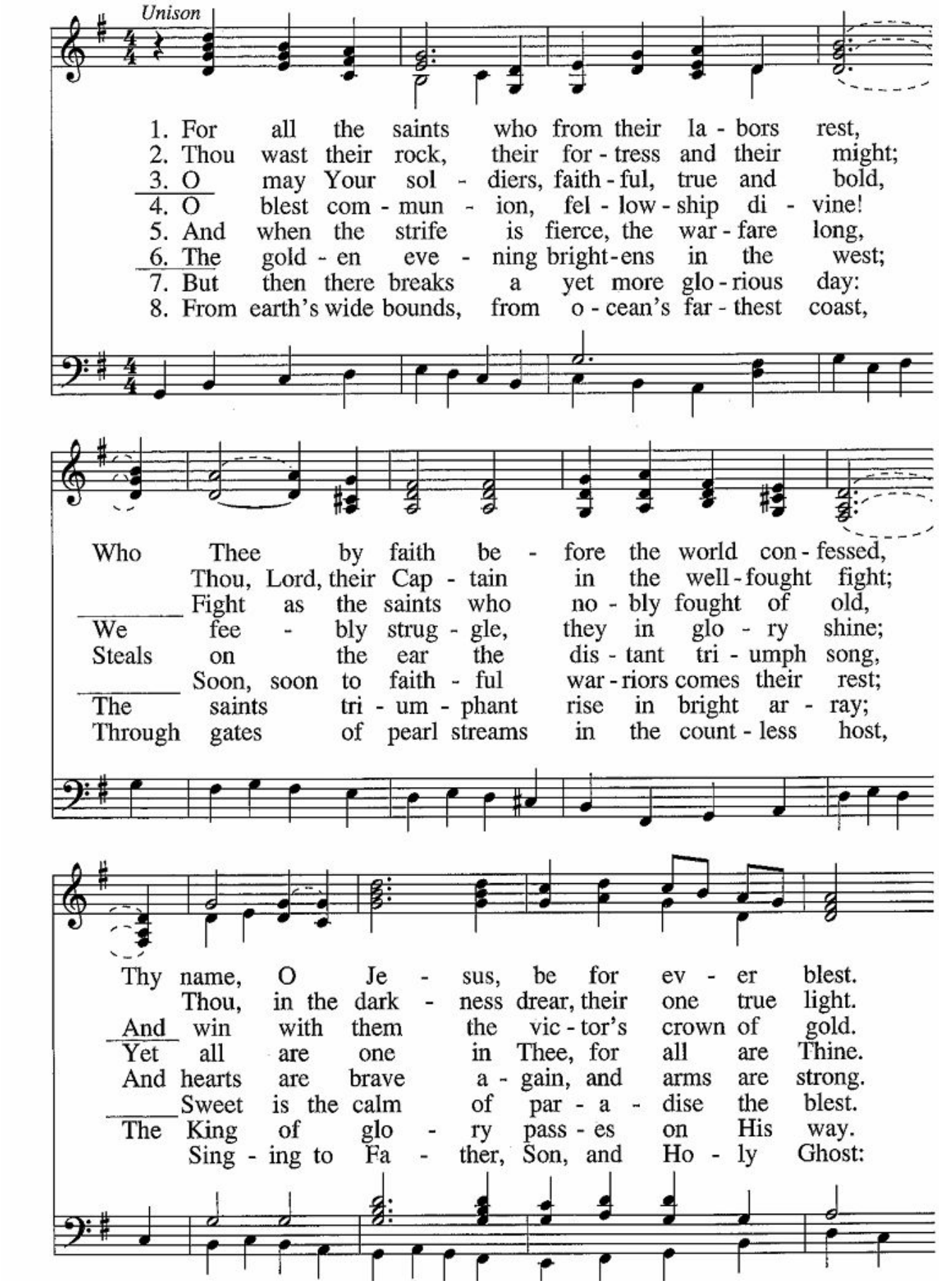
Grant us a pastor who will foster a spirit of unity and love within our congregation. We pray for a shepherd who will be an effective communicator, both in preaching and teaching, and who will lead us in worship that glorifies Your name. Lord, we surrender our desires and preferences to Your will, knowing that You have the perfect person in mind. Guide our search and reveal Your chosen servant. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

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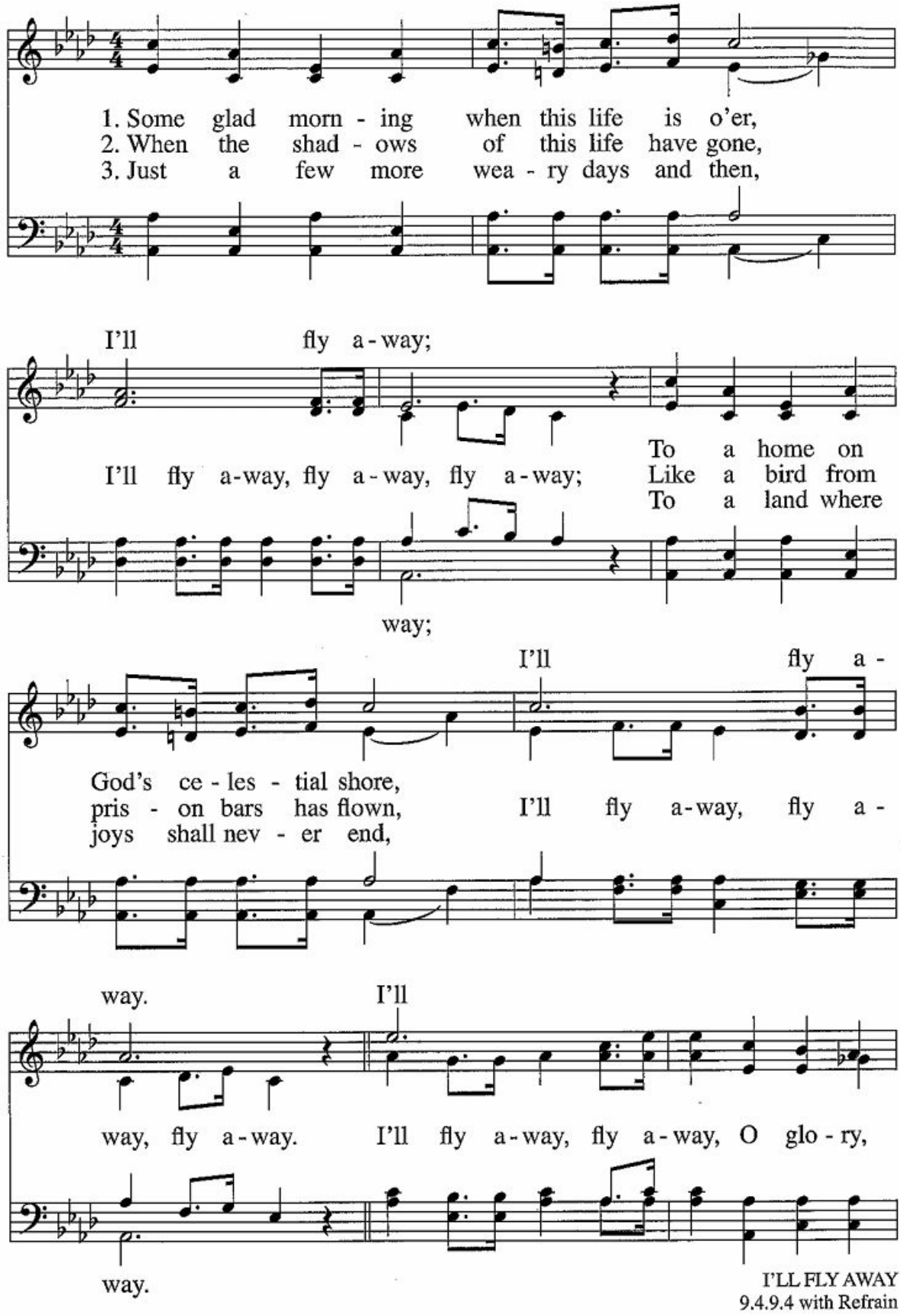
Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

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.
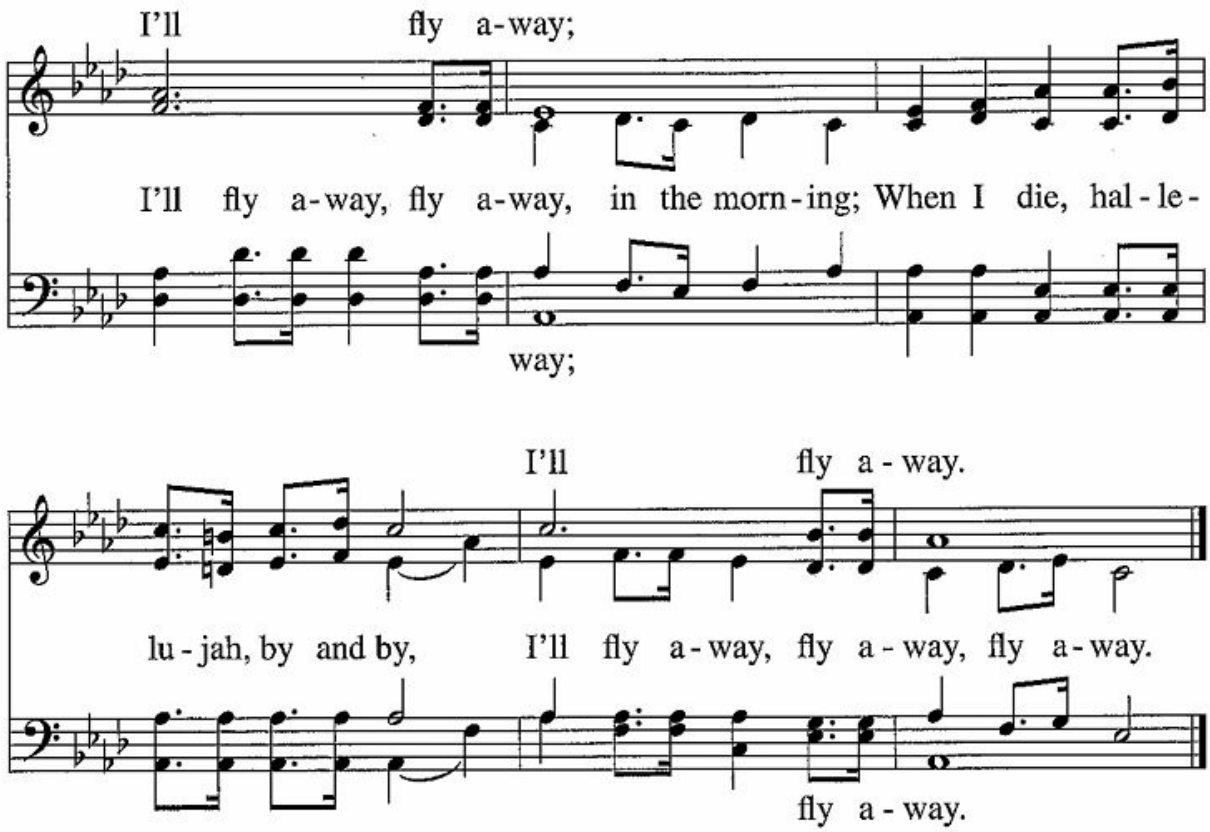
For All the Saints



I'll Fly Away



I'LL FLY AWAY
9.4.9.4 with Refrain


I'll fly a-way;
I'll fly a-way, fly a-way, in the morn-ing; When I die, hal-le-
way;
I'll fly a-way.
lu-jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way, fly a-way, fly a-way.
fly a-way.

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.**
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