

First United Methodist Church
34 South Main Street
Rochester, NH

October 18, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering
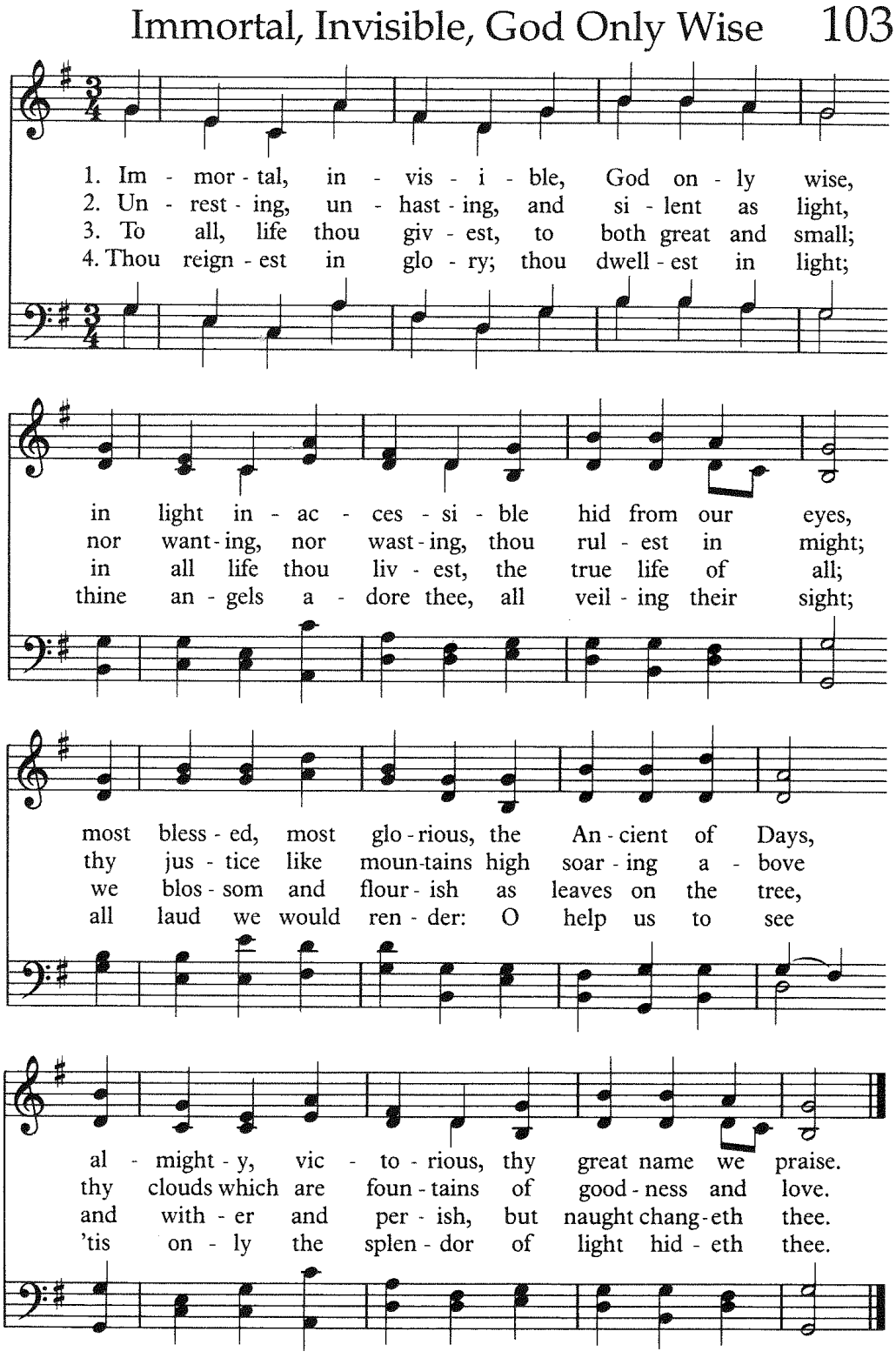
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

We come to worship this morning
from different places.
We come to worship this morning
for different reasons.
We experience the presence of the Spirit
in different ways.
We hear Jesus' words with different ears.
"Deny yourselves."
"Take up your cross."
"Follow me."
O God,
We thank you for drawing near us in this place,
in our lives.

† HYMN OF PRAISE



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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we humble ourselves now in confession:
We want to be followers of Jesus,
but we do not always want to follow Jesus.
We don't even want to listen
when the conversation turns
toward darkness and death.
We prefer to indulge ourselves.
We are eager to put down our crosses.
We cling tightly to our lives.
We grasp at worldly rewards.
Holy and loving God,
forgive all of our thoughts and actions
that would protect us from the path of Christ.
Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God forgives our selfishness, heals our fear,
and deepens our trust in God's grace,
that we may let go of our lives,
take up the cross of love,
and receive true life from God.
Thanks be to God!

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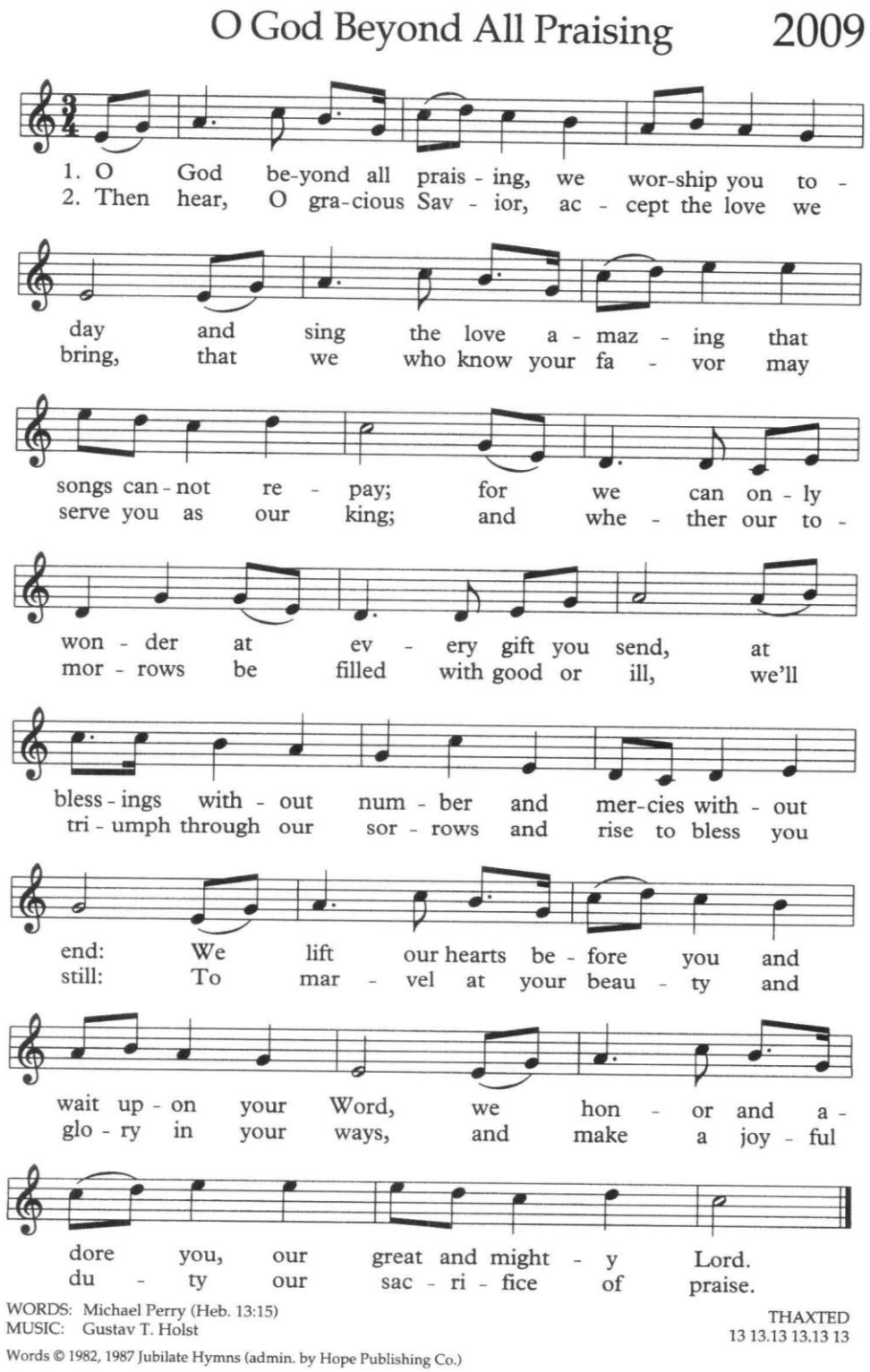
THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 33: 12-23* *(Pg. 70)* **

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

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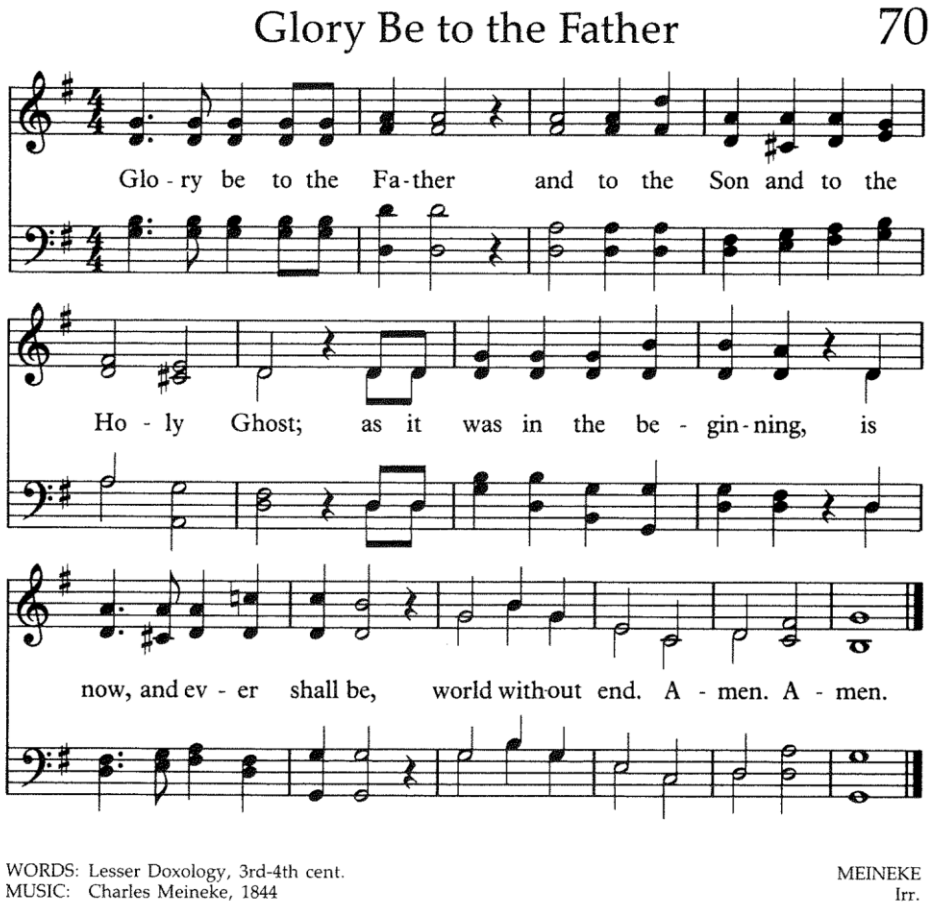


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† GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16: 21-28 (Pg. 798) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI



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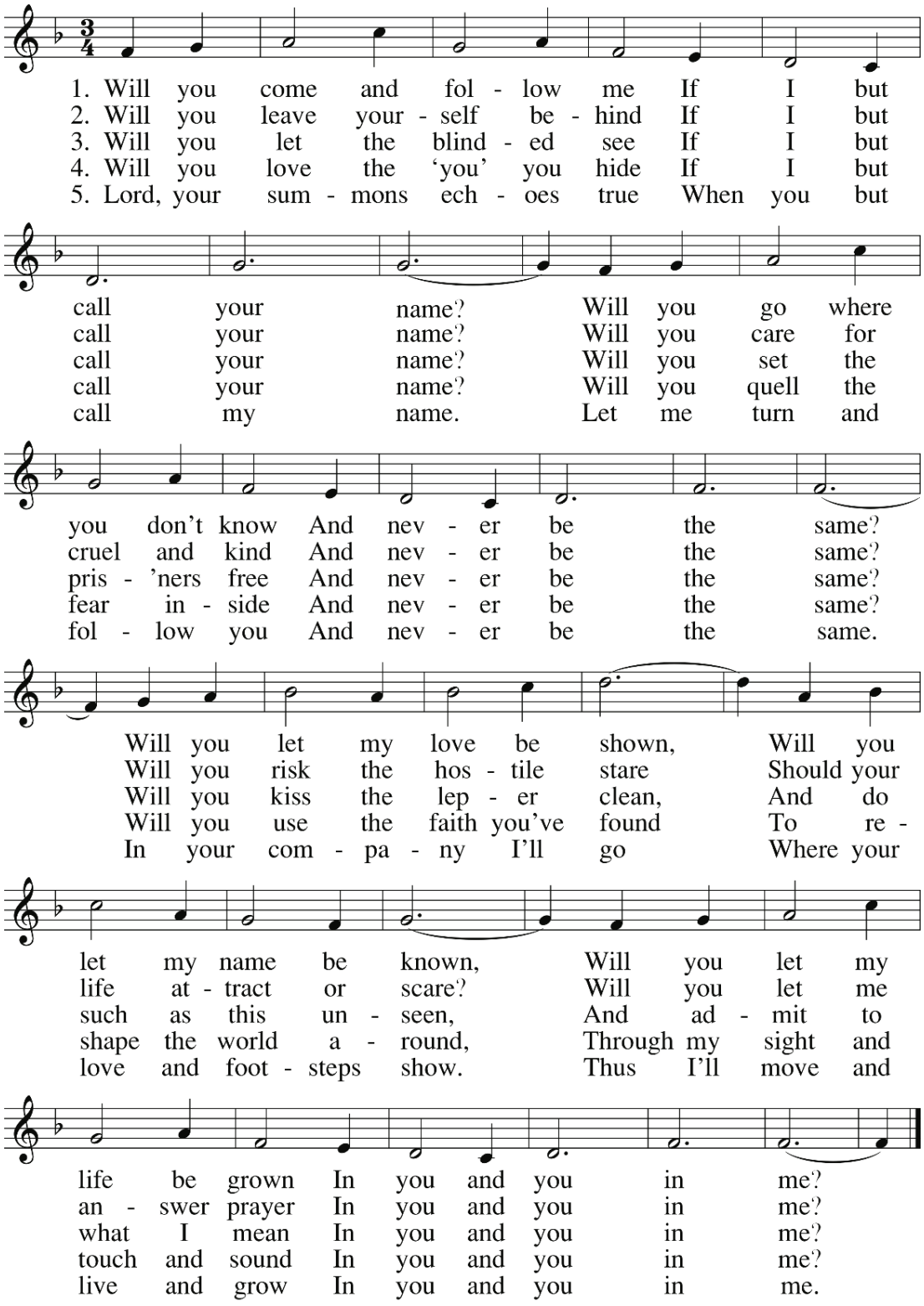
SERMON: Rev. Ho-Soon Han

"Like the father, Like the son"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN

The Summons



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG **Lord, Be Glorified**

In our lives, Lord,
be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord,
be glorified today.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG

In Your world, Lord,
be glorified, be glorified.
In Your world, Lord,
be glorified today.

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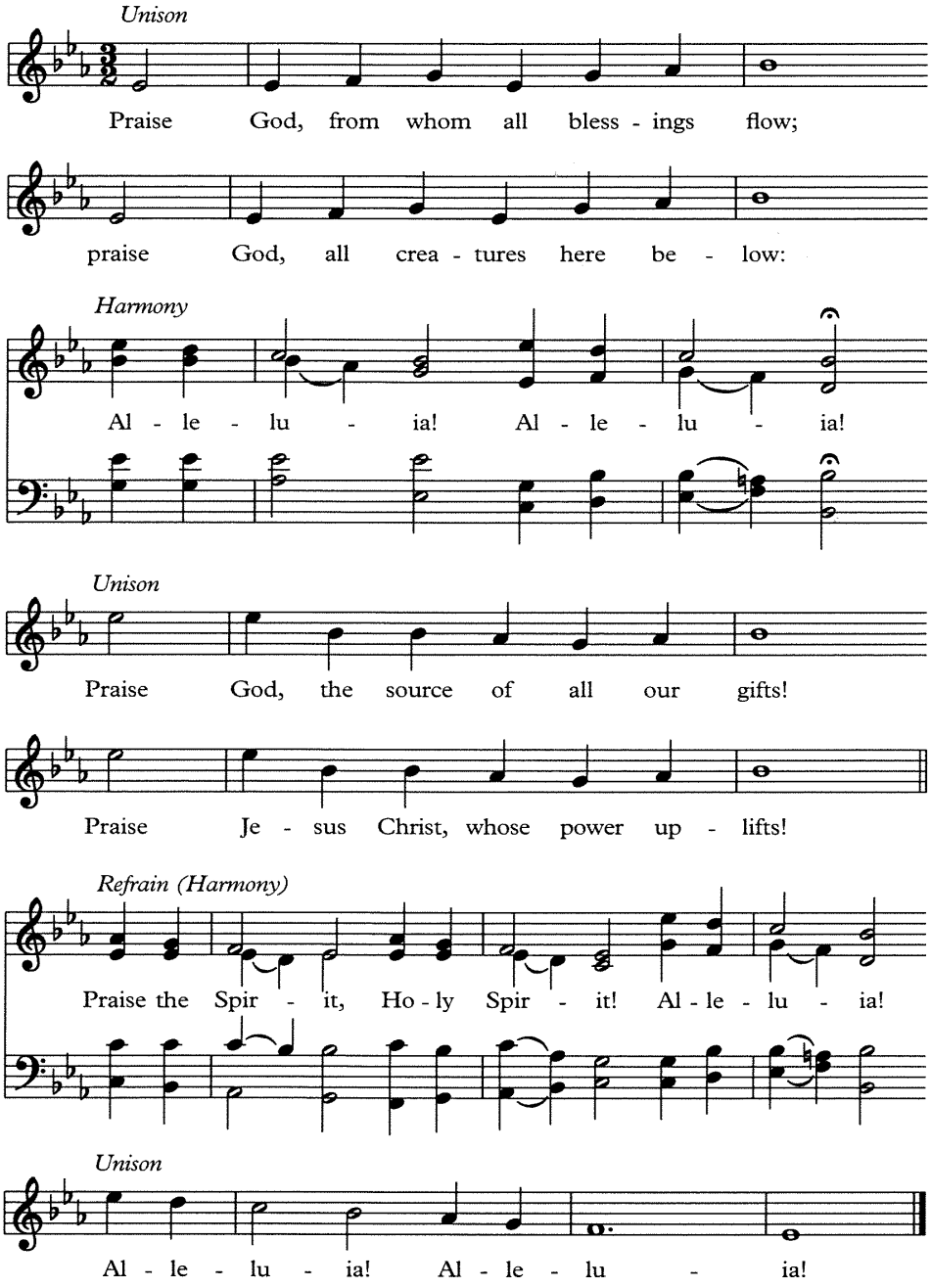
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OFFERTORY MUSIC

† DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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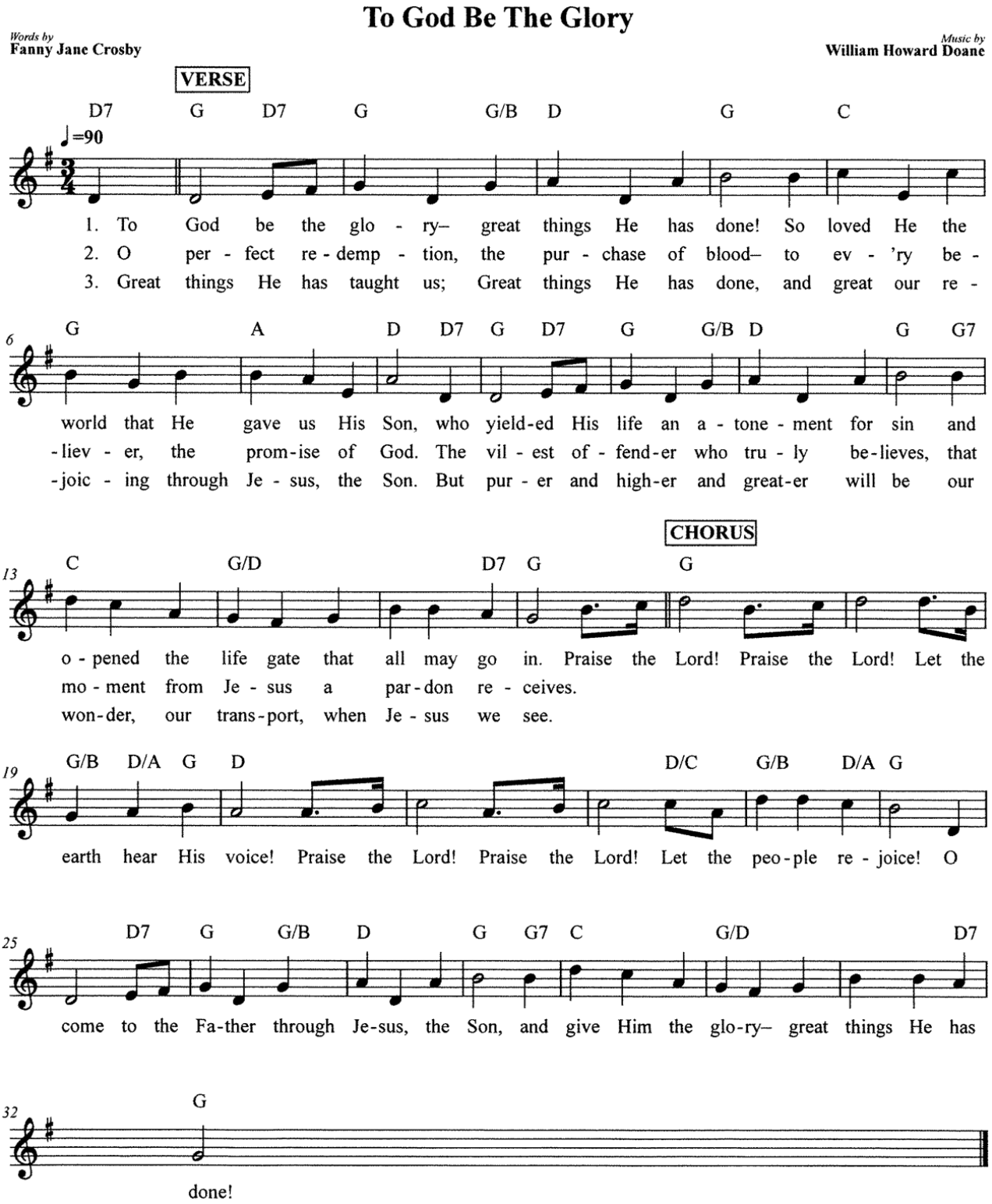
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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION



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† Benediction

Voluntary

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****Liturgical Elements: "Unfolding Light"*

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Looking Ahead

Readings for October 25, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 / Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Matthew 22: 34-46

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"Feed the Need"
Putting Our Faith into Motion
By Feeding the Body, Mind, and Soul
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