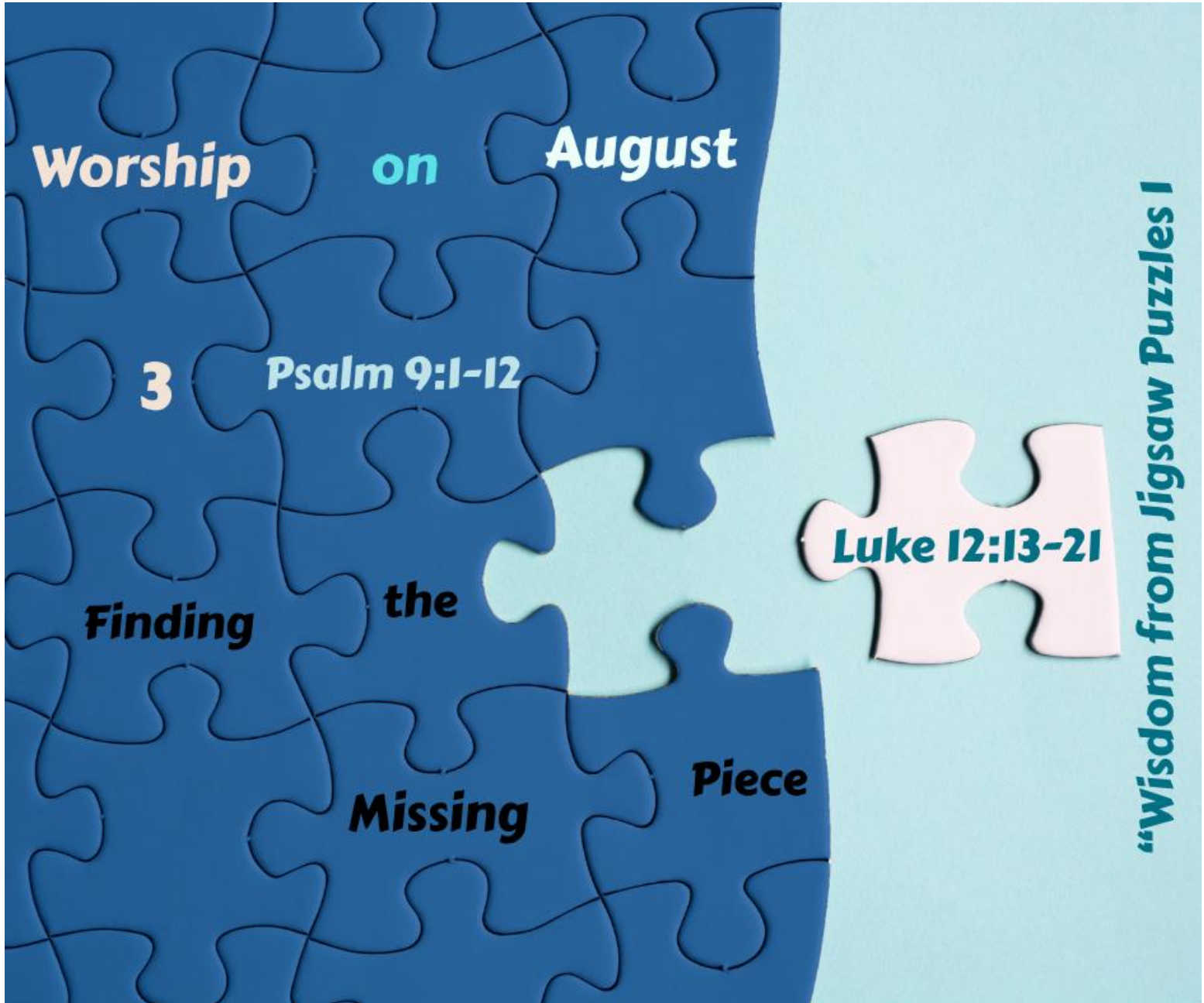


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*HOLY COMMUNION
ON THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

*(†) The congregation will please stand as able
(**BOLD-FACED TYPE**) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creating God,
you breathed life into us, and made us yours.

Our breath is yours.

Loving Christ, you heal us,
guide us and give yourself to us.

Our blood is yours.

Holy Spirit, you pulse through us with the energy of your love.

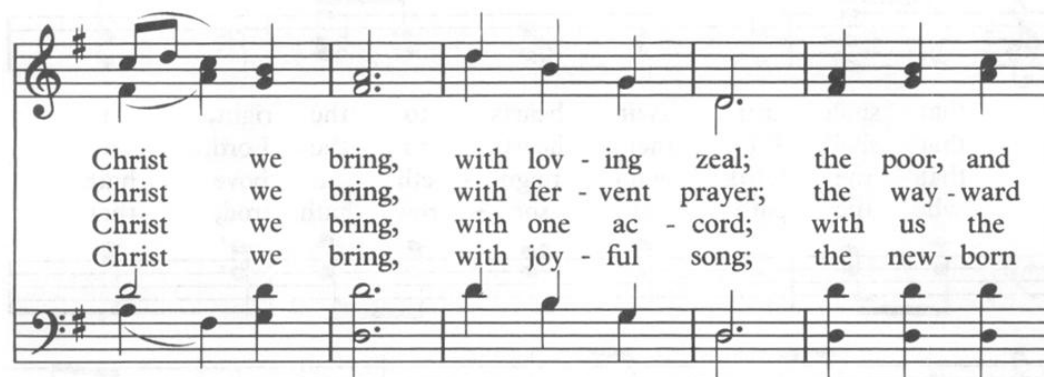
The fire in our eyes is yours.

**We worship you with our silence and our voices,
our presence and our lives.**

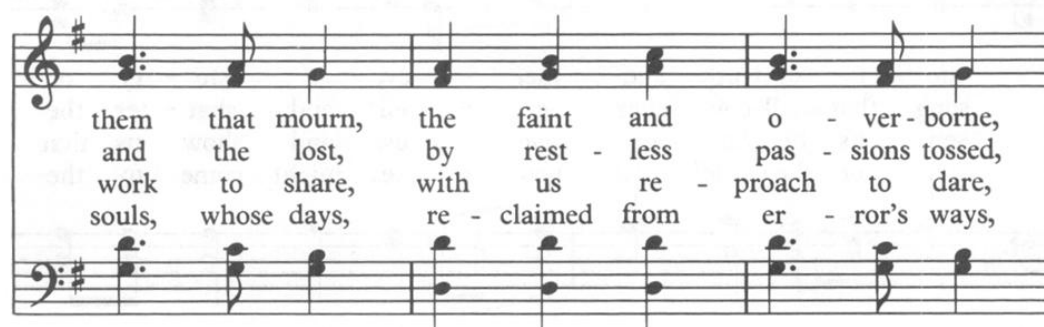
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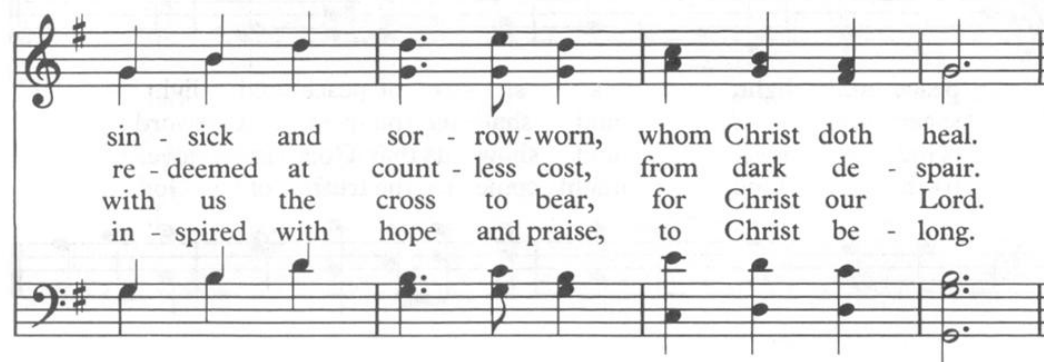
1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
 2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
 3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
 4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to



Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott, 1869
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN
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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you have given us all good things.

We call to mind those times

we have clothed ourselves in the new self,
and we give thanks.

We call to mind those times

when we have fallen into the old life,
and we seek your grace.

And we call to mind those times

we have clung to the goods and values of this world
as if they were ours.

We confess, and we ask your forgiveness.

Heal us, God, forgive us,

and continue to renew us in the image of our Creator.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By the love we know in Christ,

our sins are forgiven;

by God's grace we are free to live by the Spirit alone,
now and to eternal life. Amen

Thanks be to God!

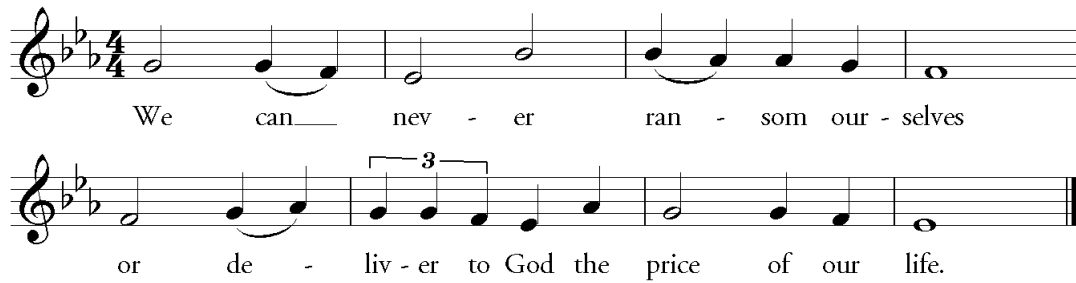
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM 49 1-12

*(The melody is introduced, by soloist then the congregation will sing
each time the **R** symbol appears)*

R



Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb;

I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp. R

Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
**those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.

For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice

that one should live on forever and never see the Pit. R

When we look at the wise, they die;
**fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.**

Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;

They are like animals that perish. R

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

To Know You More

Verse 1

To know You in all of Your glory
To love You with all that I am
With all of my heart Lord
This is my prayer
To know You more

Verse 2 & 4

To know You in all of Your power
To trust You with all that I am
With all of my heart Lord
This is my prayer
To know You more

Verse 3

To know You in all of Your mercy
To serve You with all that I am
With all of my heart Lord
This is my prayer
To know You more

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GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:13-21, (Pg. 847) *

For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

71 Glory Be to the Father

71

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory Be to the Father'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for church bulletins.

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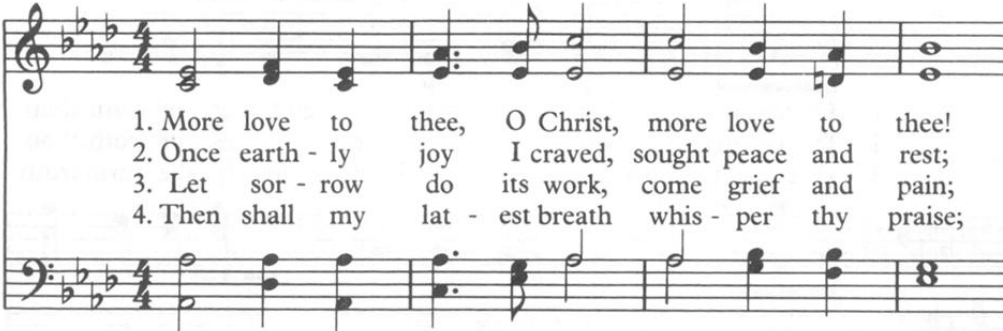
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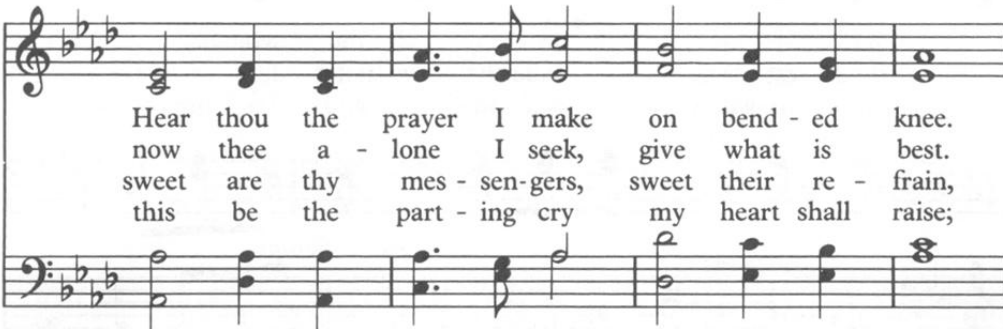
THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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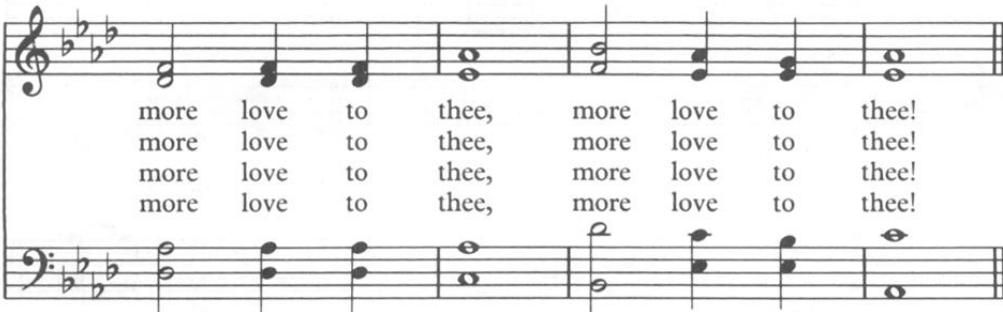
1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 3. Let sor - row do its work, come grief and pain;
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best.
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;



This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;



more love to thee, more love to thee!
 more love to thee, more love to thee!
 more love to thee, more love to thee!
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

WORDS: Elizabeth P. Prentiss, 1869
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1870

MORE LOVE TO THEE
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG

Seek Ye First

405

System 1:

Chords: D, F#m, G, D, F#m, G, D, G

Lyrics:
 1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

System 2:

Chords: D, Em7, A7, D, F#m

Lyrics:
 righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

System 3:

Chords: G, D, G, D, A7sus, A7, D

Lyrics:
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33; 7:7)
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1972

SEEK YE
Irr.

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SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER SONG *(See Above)*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here be - low:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Offertory Prayer:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING * **

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

We thank you, God, for you create us in your image.

You claim us, and you are faithful to us.

You are abundantly generous to us.

You have raised us up to new life in Christ.

You walk with us toward a new world of mercy and justice.

**You set us free from all that oppresses,
and call us to end all oppressing.**

You offer us true abundance of life—

not possessions, but love that cannot be taken from us.

We thank you and with all Creation we sing your praise.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes marked '3' over the final three notes. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes marked '3' over the first three notes. The lyrics 'Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the' are written below. The third staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes marked '3' over the first three notes. The lyrics 'high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the' are written below. The fourth staff concludes the melody with a final note and a fermata. The lyrics 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are all who come in your name,
and blessed is Jesus, your Christ.

He taught and healed;

he fed the hungry and restored the outcast.

He showed us the wonders of your grace,
so, forsaking all others,
we might give ourselves to you.

He gave himself completely,

dying for his stand for mercy and justice.

**But you raised him from the dead,
and still he calls us to life.**

The Pastor continues

On the night in which he gave himself for us...

As long as we break this bread and share this cup
we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

**Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a gain!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Spirit on us,
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,
clothed in the new life, vessels of your love,
generous with our lives and rich toward you,
for the sake of the wholeness of the world,
in the name and the Spirit of Christ.**



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The Lord's Prayer (UMH p. 895)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Prayer Following Communion:

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† [HYMN OF DEDICATION](#)

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



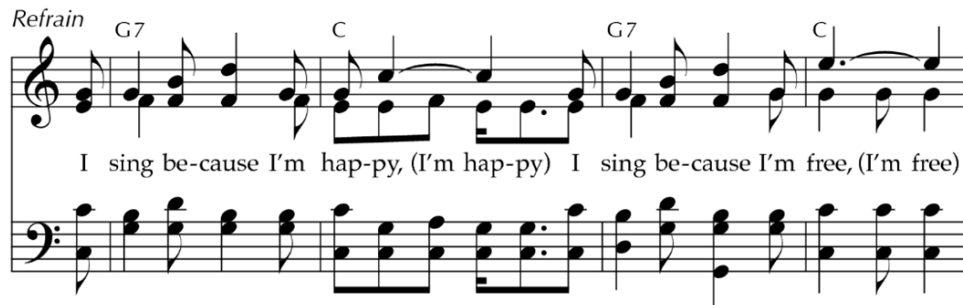
when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



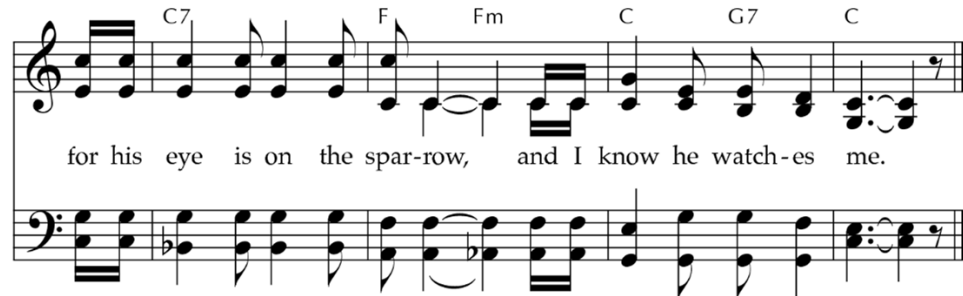
his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

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Readings for August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 / Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11: 3, 8-16 / Luke 12: 32-40



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