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May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music
as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

Minute for Mission — **Open Arms Summer Camp** — **Cheryl Weiss**

Prelude — **"Dawn's Awakening"** — ***Joseph Burke/Florence B Price***
Lily Graham, soprano

***Gathering Words** — **Cheryl Weiss**

*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

It is Pentecost!
The Holy Spirit is here! She is wild! *(chime)*
She is noisy!
She is exciting! *(drum)*
She is fun!
She is God! *(multiple sounds)*

***Opening Prayer** — **Cheryl Weiss**

Let us pray …

Come, Holy Spirit!
Show yourself,
draw us ever more into your truth,
and push us out into your world to reveal your will.

Make us your people by water and word and Spirit,
breathe your life into your Body
and kindle the flame of love that spreads beyond our control.
May we who belong to you follow your Spirit
out into this world you so love.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Call to Confession Bill Weiss

When our lives remain hidden, when are hearts are shuttered, when our souls are filled with fear because of all we have done and said, God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring us to new hope.
Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession Bill Weiss

You call us to remember who we are, O God —
to live as the people you created us to be,
and so to reveal your image in the midst of the world.
You send your Spirit to fill us with your breath,
to lead and guide us into our place in your family,
that all creation may revel in your glory.

We confess that we too often follow other powers instead,
for they pretend to be good for us,
they claim to be ultimate,
they seduce us with their promises.
We admit that we allow those voices to keep us in our small fearful places.

Forgive us, loving God.
As you promised to be not only with us but for us,
we pray you would conform us ever more to your image, even today,
that we may live from the truth of your love
that cannot be contained in words or traditions or institutions,
that cannot be thwarted by our weakness,
that cannot be separated from your people and your creation.

Trusting in the power of your Spirit, who intercedes for us,
we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 288 "Spirit of the Living God" *Living God*

Assurance of Forgiveness Bill Weiss

Family of God, listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life –
this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

Musical Offering "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" *Thomas Troeger/Carol Doran*
Lily Graham, soprano

We offer our gifts of money, talents, time, and energy—the gifts of our lives in gratitude for God's relentless love and grace for all. These gifts represent our commitment to heed God's call and join God in God's mission
of healing and transforming our world.

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

First Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-6 (New Revised Standard Version) Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Second Scripture Reading – Romans 8:14-19; 22-27

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Divine Parent!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God … 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Sermon Spirited Lives Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy

Hymn No. 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" *Ebenezer*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Cheryl and Bill Weiss

Prayer of the People Cheryl and Bill Weiss

Through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kin-dom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 287** **"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"** ***Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude **"Pentecostal Postludes"** ***J. S. Bach***

1. Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich
2. Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich

The service continues with fellowship.

*The Gathering Words were adapted from *Spill the Beans;* all other prayers were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, written for BibleWorm Narrative Lectionary series.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Ken Shafer, piano
*Sunday service assistant/treats: Cheryl and Bill Weiss
*Sunday flowers: Sandy Schmidt
**Lily Graham, soprano, is returning for her second season with OLO as Diana in Orpheus in the Underworld and Winnie in No No Nannette. Originally from Salt Lake City, Lily earned her BM at the University of Utah. She is now a graduate student in Opera Performance at Wichita State University. In addition to singing, Lily has also trained in ballet and other dance styles.*



To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located on a table in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts in the plate.

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page. Your generosity helps us to fulfill
our calling to engage in God's
transformative mission
in our community.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 28

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Chamber Music Concert: Paris Serenade – 7 pm –
  First Presby. Church; Susan Shaw, flute & Ken Shafer, piano

Monday, May 29

- Memorial Day – office is closed
- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, June 1

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, June 4

- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 5

- OLO-Westminster annual picnic – 5-6.30 pm – Mackey Hall

Pastor Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
Minister of Music Rev. Dr. Thomas Shaw
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Custodian Kara Akers

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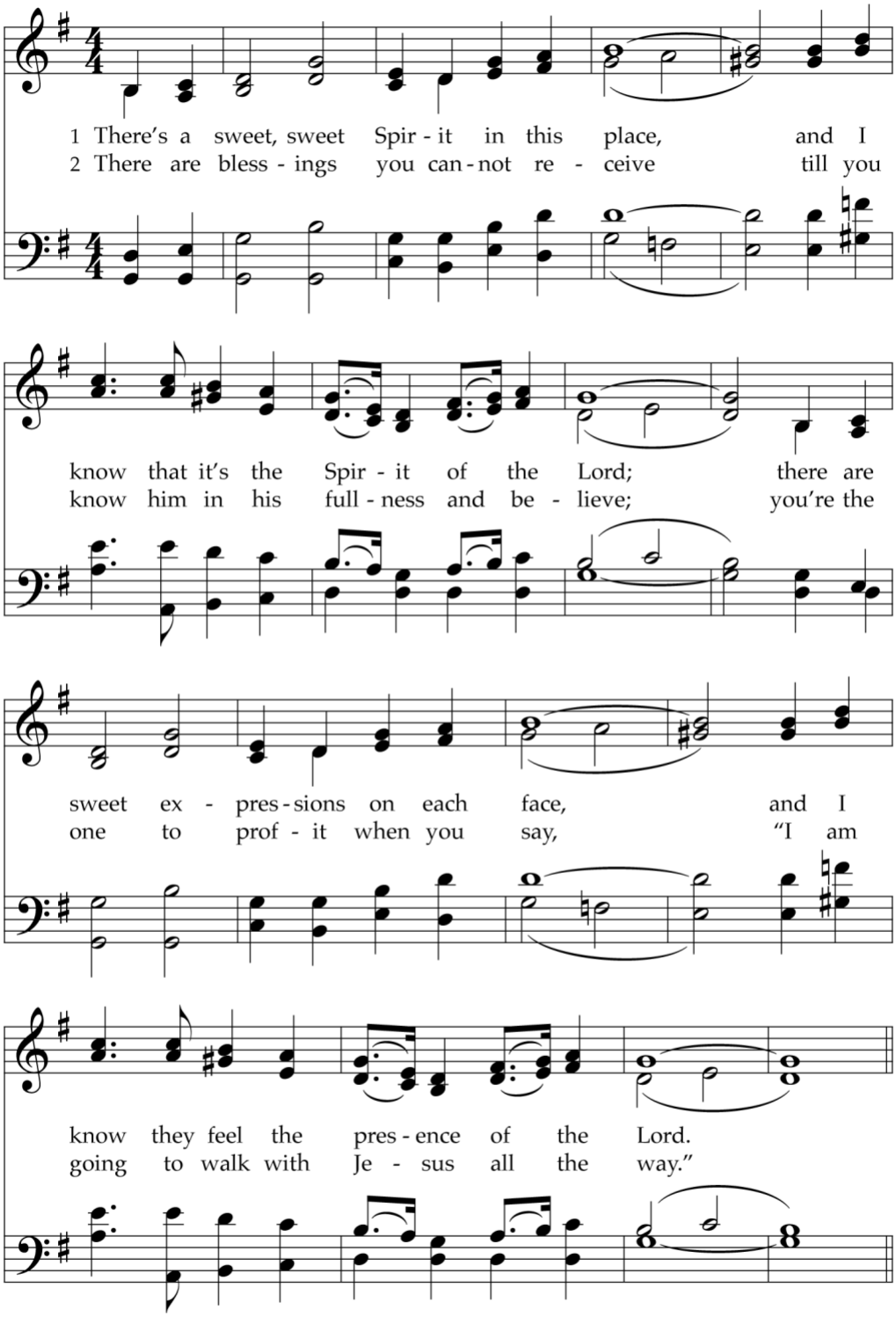
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GATHERING

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
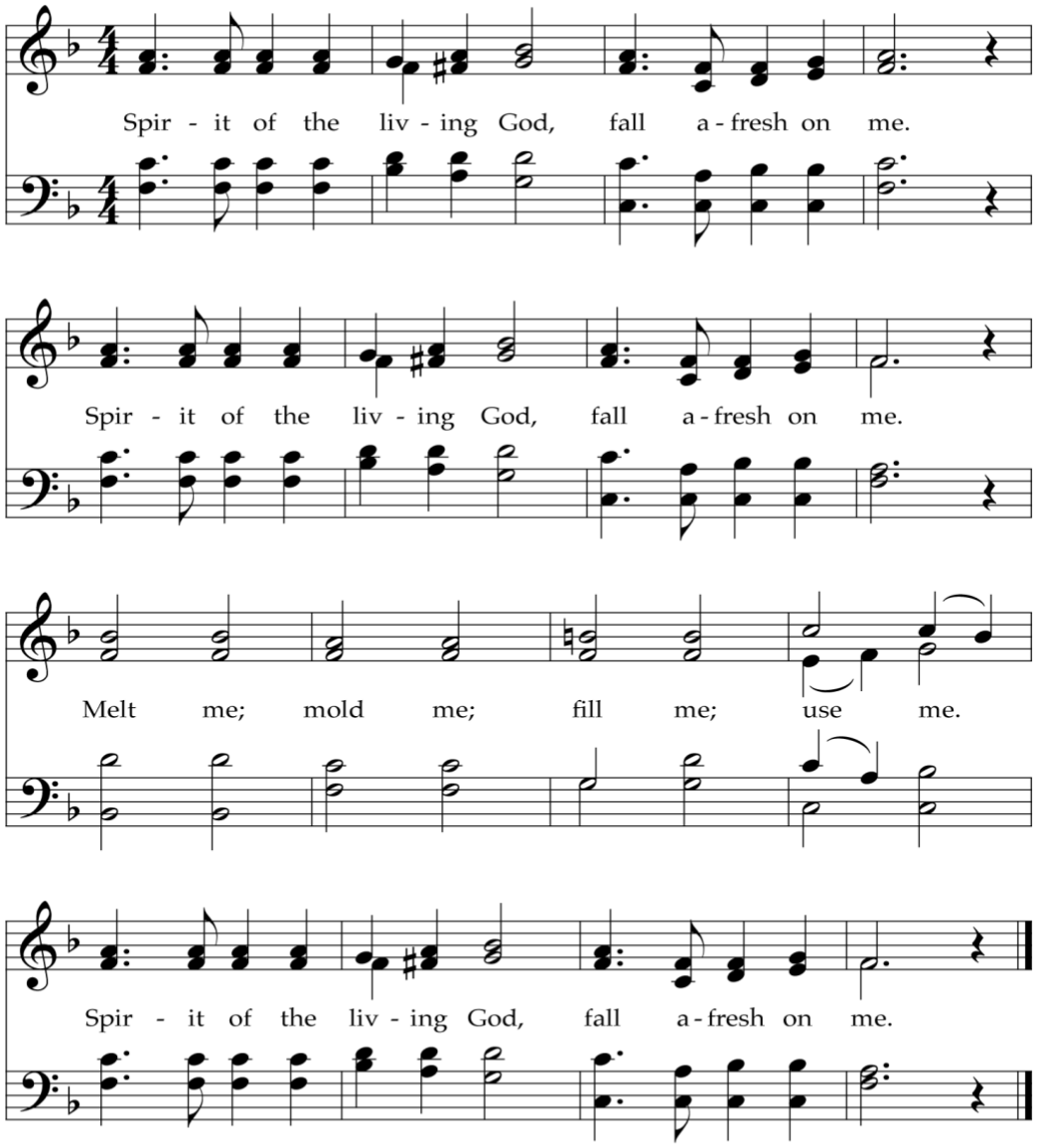


This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962
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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11 with refrain

Spirit of the Living God 288



KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
빚으시고 채우소서
살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, llename, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
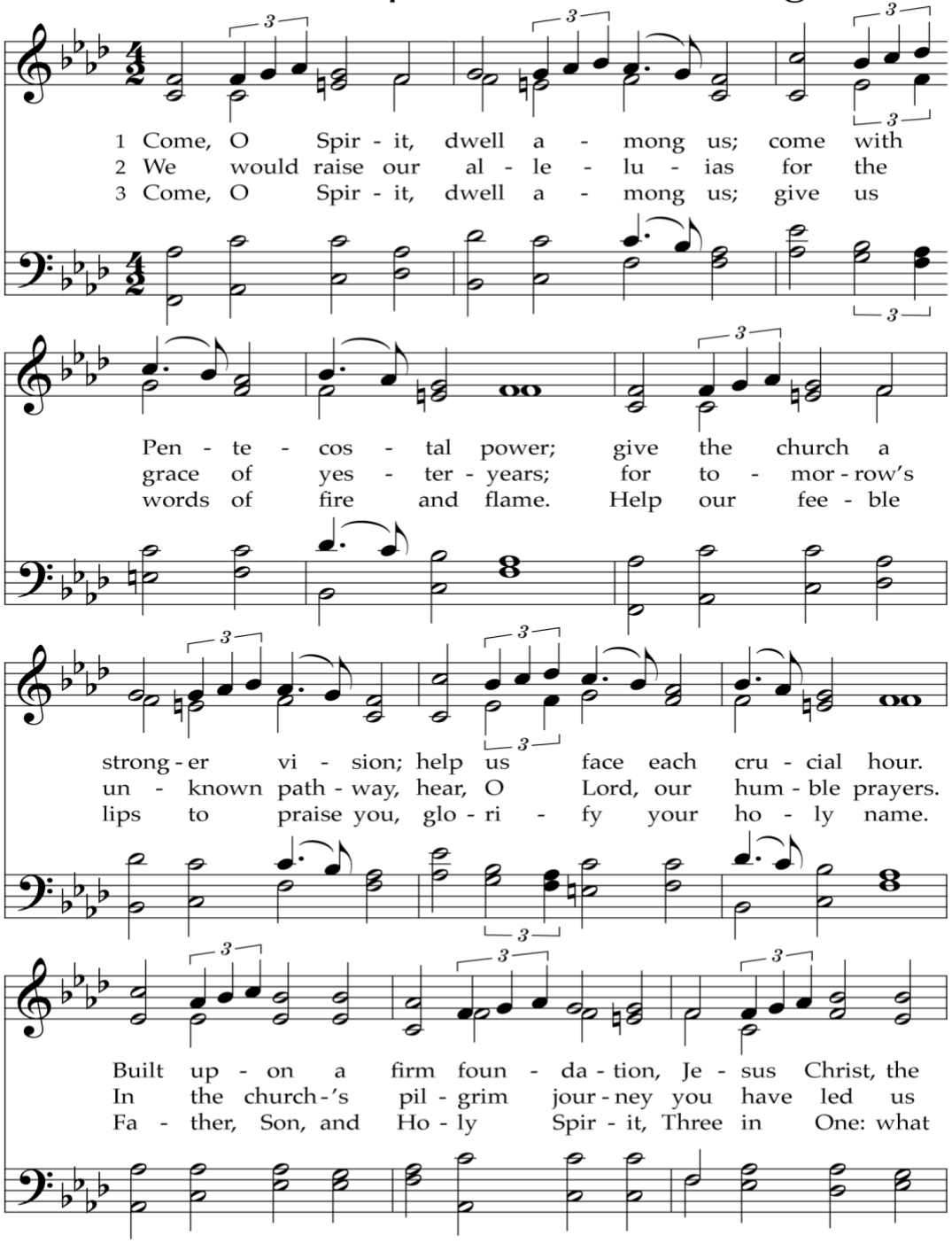
Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.
MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926
LIVING GOD
Irregular

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GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
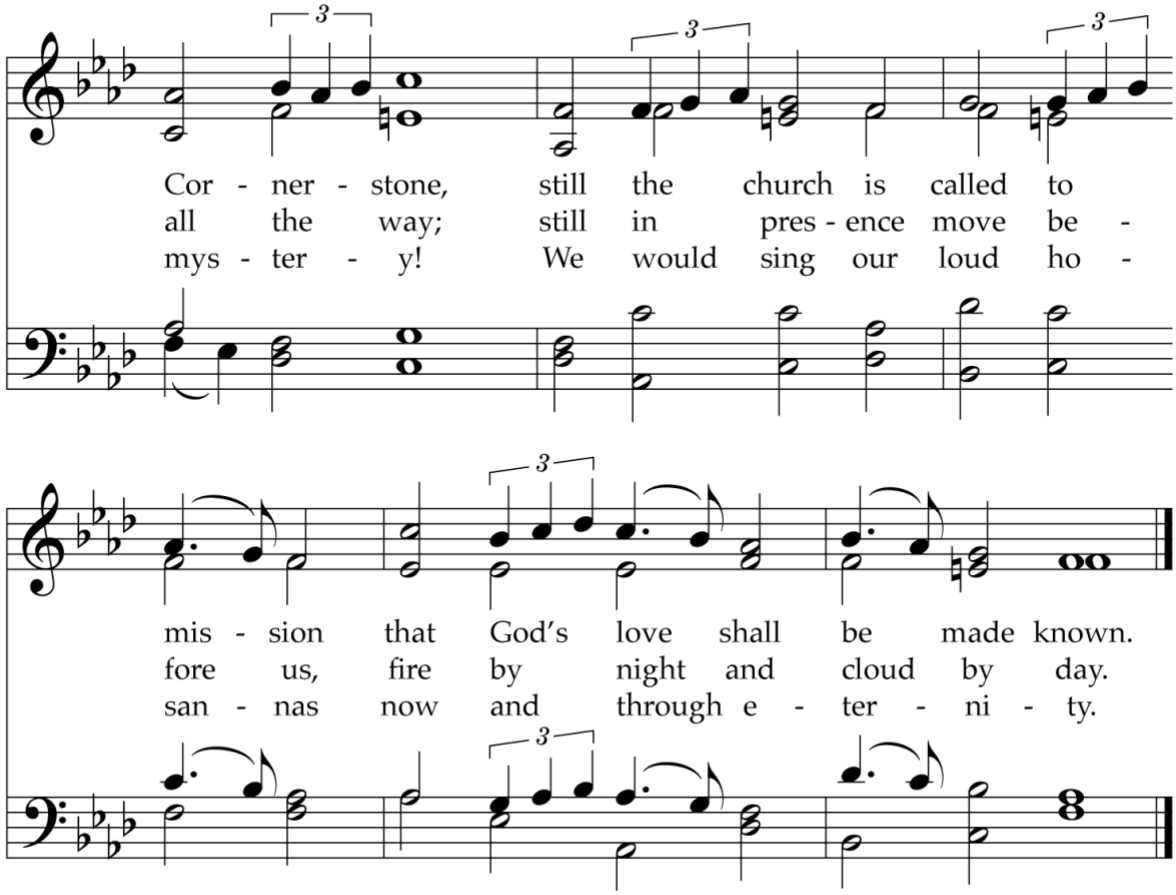
280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us



This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.
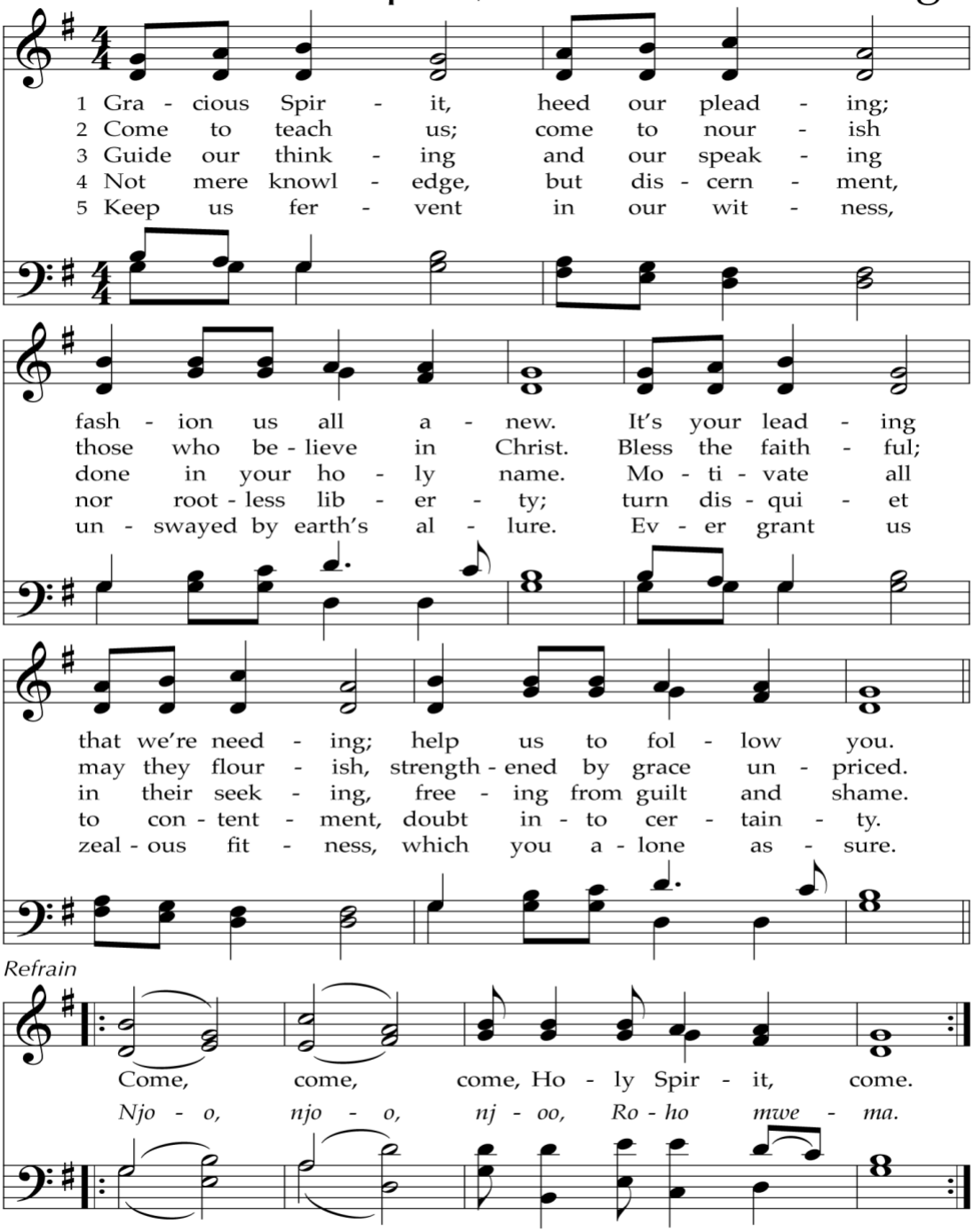
TEXT: Janie Alford, 1979
MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
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EBENEZER
8.7.8.7.D


Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -
mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

287 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

TEXT: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; trans. Howard S. Olson, 1968
MUSIC: Wilson Niwagila, 1965; arr. Egil Hovland, 1993
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NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA
CM with refrain