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June 11, 2023
Second Sunday after 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.

Prelude — **Andante, from Concerto for Horn, No. 2.** — ***W A Mozart***
Greg Smiley, horn

***Gathering Words** — **Linda Barbu**

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

We come before God as equal in God's sight.
God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

God invites us not to a ladder to climb nor a 10-step improvement plan;
God invites us to the table of simple abundance,
imperfect and real community, beloved belonging just as we are.
Let us worship the One who offers life abundant to all creation!

***Opening Prayer** — **Linda Barbu**

Let us pray …

Down To Earth God, thank you for the example of our teacher, Jesus,
who joined people in the ordinary dust of their days,
and who blessed them with water and compassionate presence.
Infuse our lives with sacred-ordinary connection and when our feet are weary,
still us to receive a blessing from another. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 409 — **"God Is Here"** — ***Abbot's Leigh***

Call to Confession Greg Barbu

We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things.
But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new.
As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God,
who will forgive us and give us new life.

Prayer of Confession Greg Barbu

God with us,
When we privilege our own agendas,
hurt others in the effort to impose our will,
or chain ourselves to our fears,
tumble us off the throne of our pride,
and release us into finding our worth in your love.
Have mercy on us, O God.

Living Christ,
you know us, you love us, you free us, and call us to follow you.
Your mercy meets us in our confusion.
May your spirit infuse our everyday living. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 399 "God Welcomes All" (sung multiple times) *Themba Amen*

Assurance of Forgiveness Greg Barbu

Friends,
God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes.
In the midst of our waywardness and confusion, God reaches out to heal and forgive us.

Thanks be to God for grace and mercy that flow anew every morning.
May we live trusting God's love for all, today and always. Amen.

Musical Offering Nocturno for Horn *Franz Straus*

Gray Smiley, horn

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**

Scripture Reading **Mark 10:35-45 (Common English Bible)** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

35 James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

38 Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said, "You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, 40 but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared."

41 Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. 42 Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around.

43 But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant.44 Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all,45 for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

Sermon **Does God help those who help themselves?** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 767 **"Together We Serve"** *San Anselmo*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Linda and Greg Barbu**

Prayer of the people **Linda and Greg Barbu**

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. 733** **"We All Are One in Mission"** ***Es Flog Ein Keins Waldvögelein

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

Postlude **Romanze, from Concerto for Horn, No. 3** ***W A Mozart***

Gray Smiley, horn

The service continues with fellowship.

*Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were adapted from *Enfleshed: Spiritual Nourishment for Collective Liberation*. The Prayer of Confession was adapted from the Monthly Prayers page of the *Christian Aid* website (http://www.christianaid.org.uk/).
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Ken Shafer, piano
*Sunday service assistant/flowers: Lynne and Larry Hamrick
*Sunday treats: Linda Barbu

GRAY SMILEY, *horn*, was born in Greenville, NC. Gray just completed a master's degree at Indiana University and will begin doctoral study at James Madison University in August. In 2022, Gray spent the summer in Sicily, where he played operas by Verdi and Puccini and developed a deep interest in the genre. Having been booed back across the Atlantic, he is now delighted to play his first season with the Ohio Light Opera. In addition to performance, Gray is also passionate about bringing people together through the arts and ensuring that all potential audience members can make meaningful connections with the works performed.

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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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You may also give online through our website by clicking on the "GIVE NOW" button at the bottom of the home 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, June 11
- Walking in Mindfulness – 7.30 am – Oak Hill Park Pavilion
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 12
- Troop 61 – 6 pm – The Meeting Place

Tuesday, June 13
- Worship Committee – 1 pm – The Lounge

Wednesday, June 14
- WPC Book Group – 7 pm – Zoom

Thursday, June 15
- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, June 18
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, June 19

- NAACP Juneteenth Celebration - 11:30 am – 1 pm - Wooster City Square

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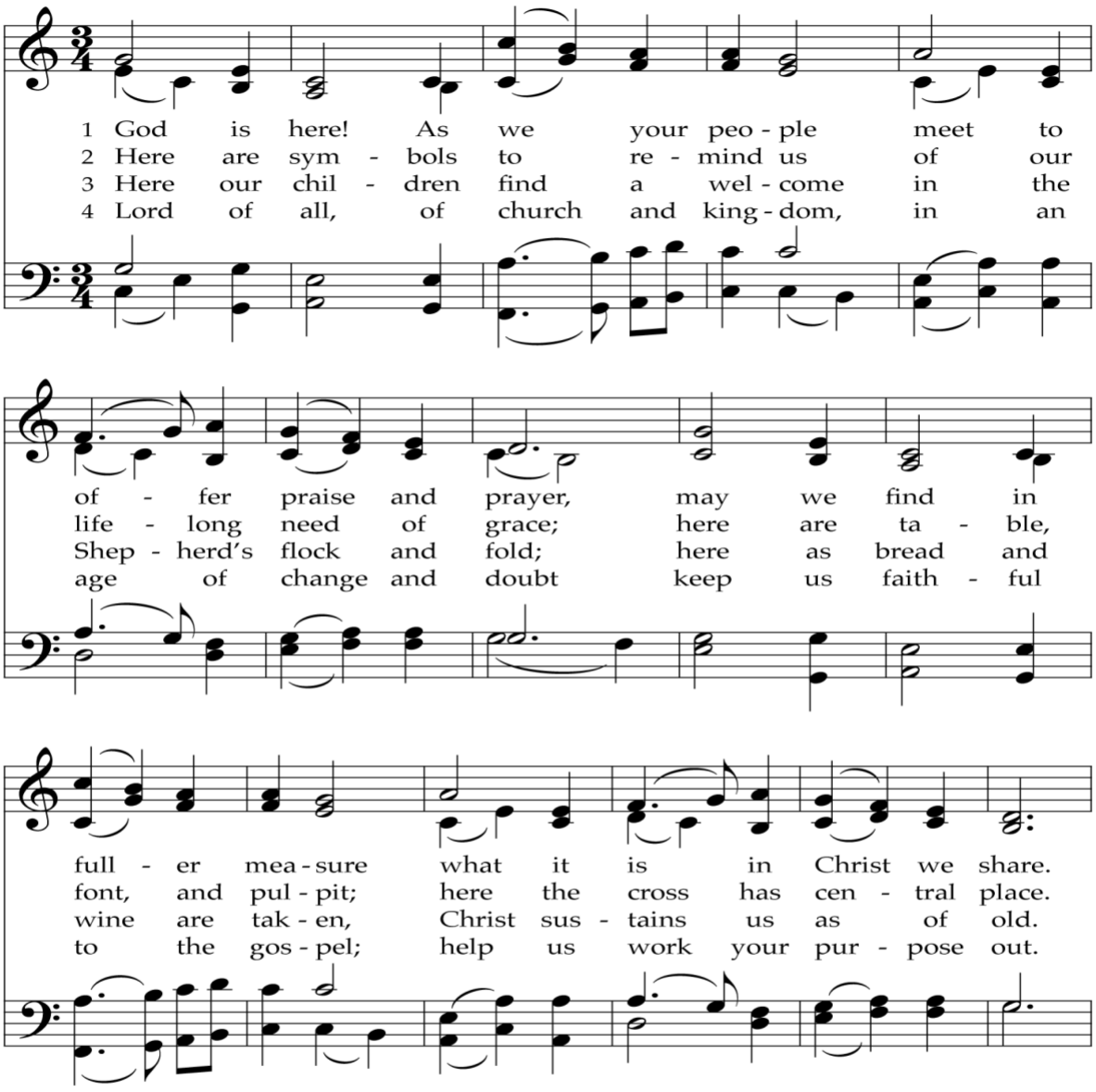
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Westminster Presbyterian Church strives to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of ethnicity, creed, age, cultural background, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

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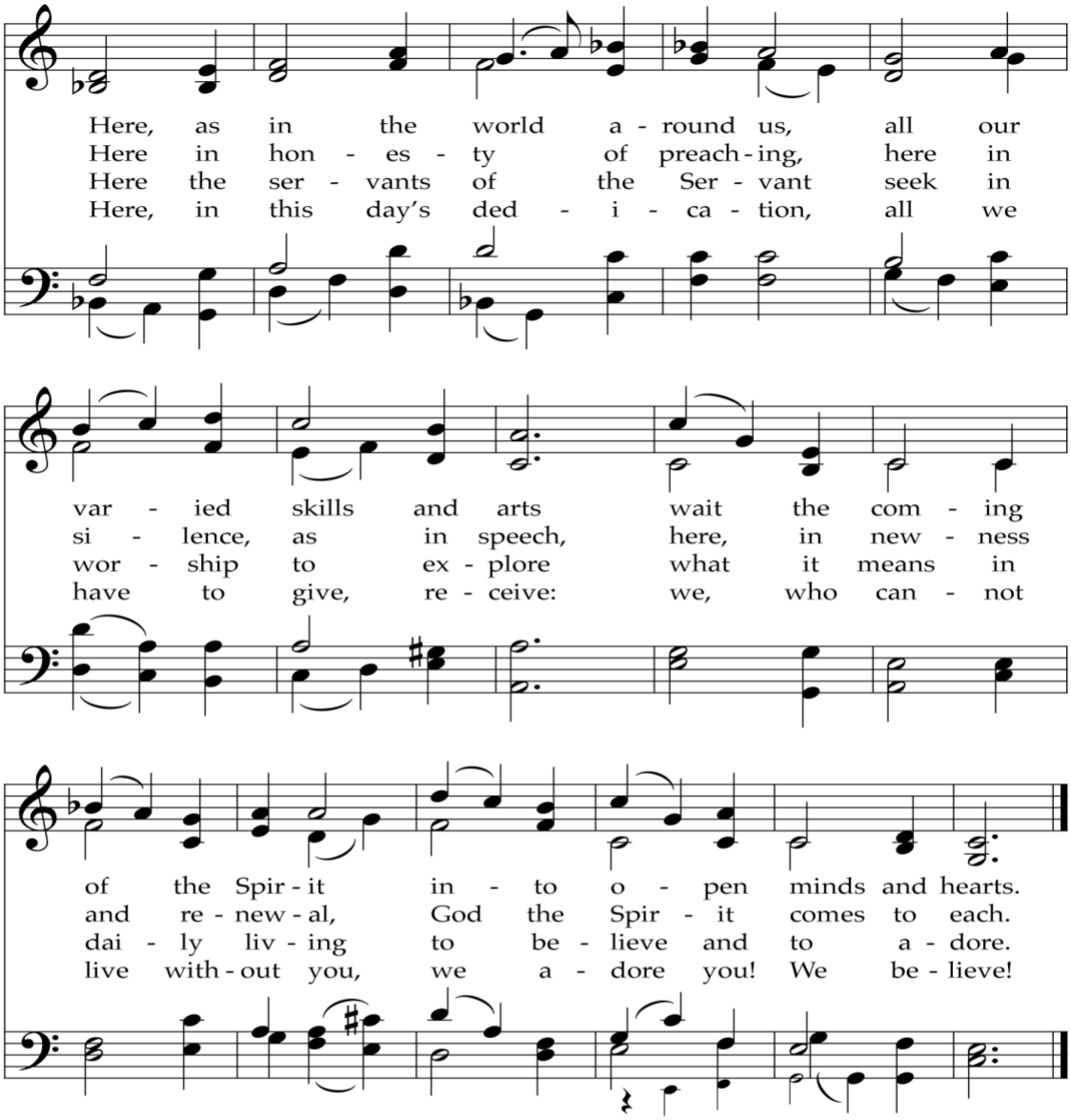
409 God Is Here!



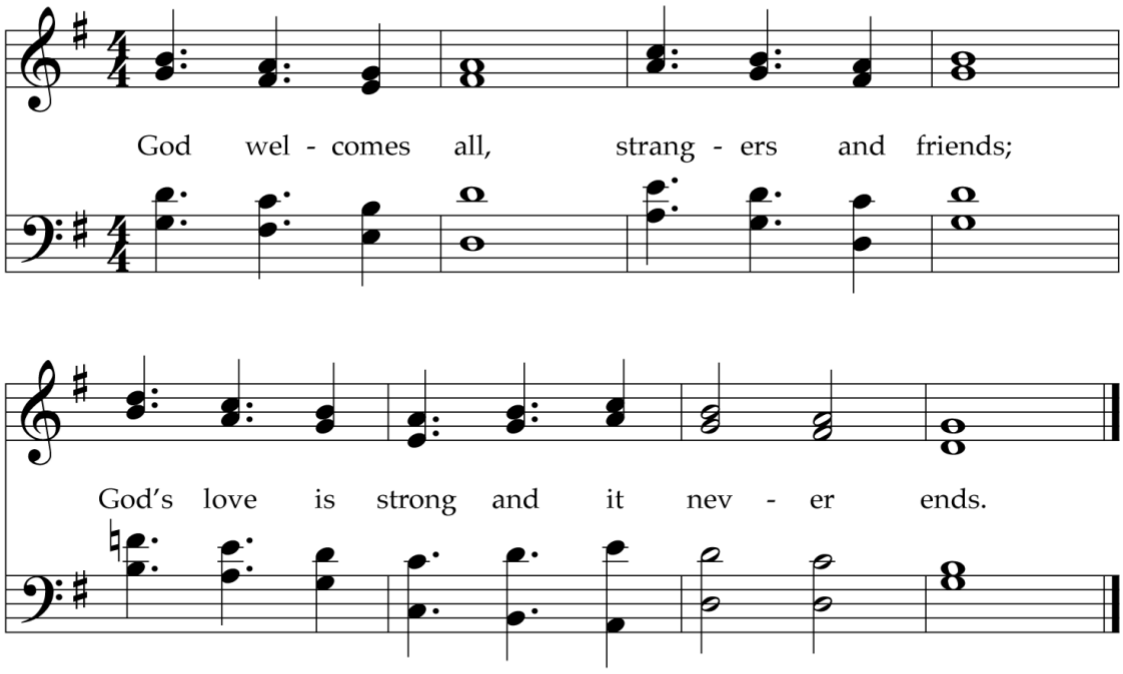
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979, rev. 1988
MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
8.7.8.7.D


Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not
of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
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live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

God Welcomes All 399

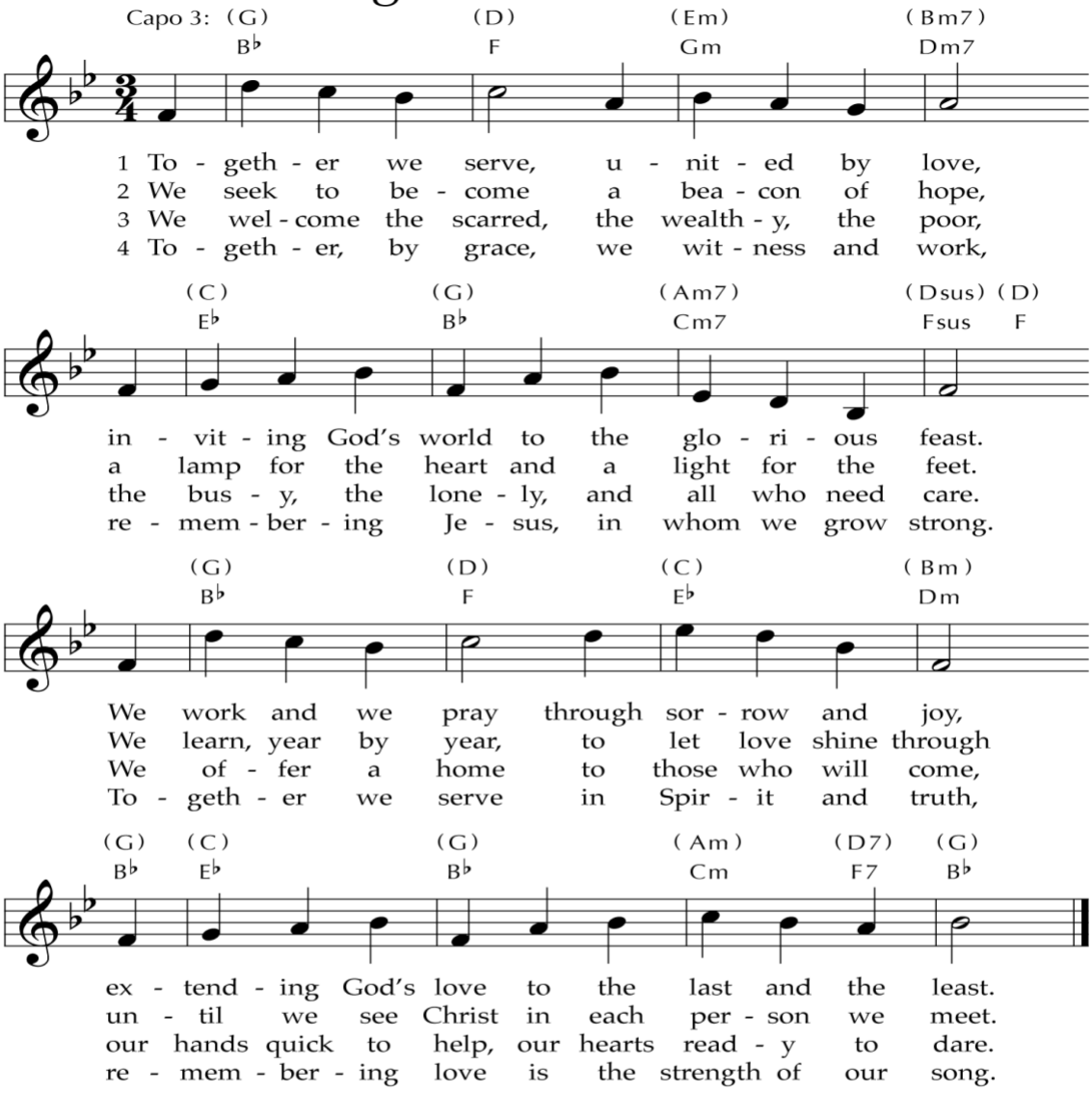


This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008
MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008
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THEMBA AMEN
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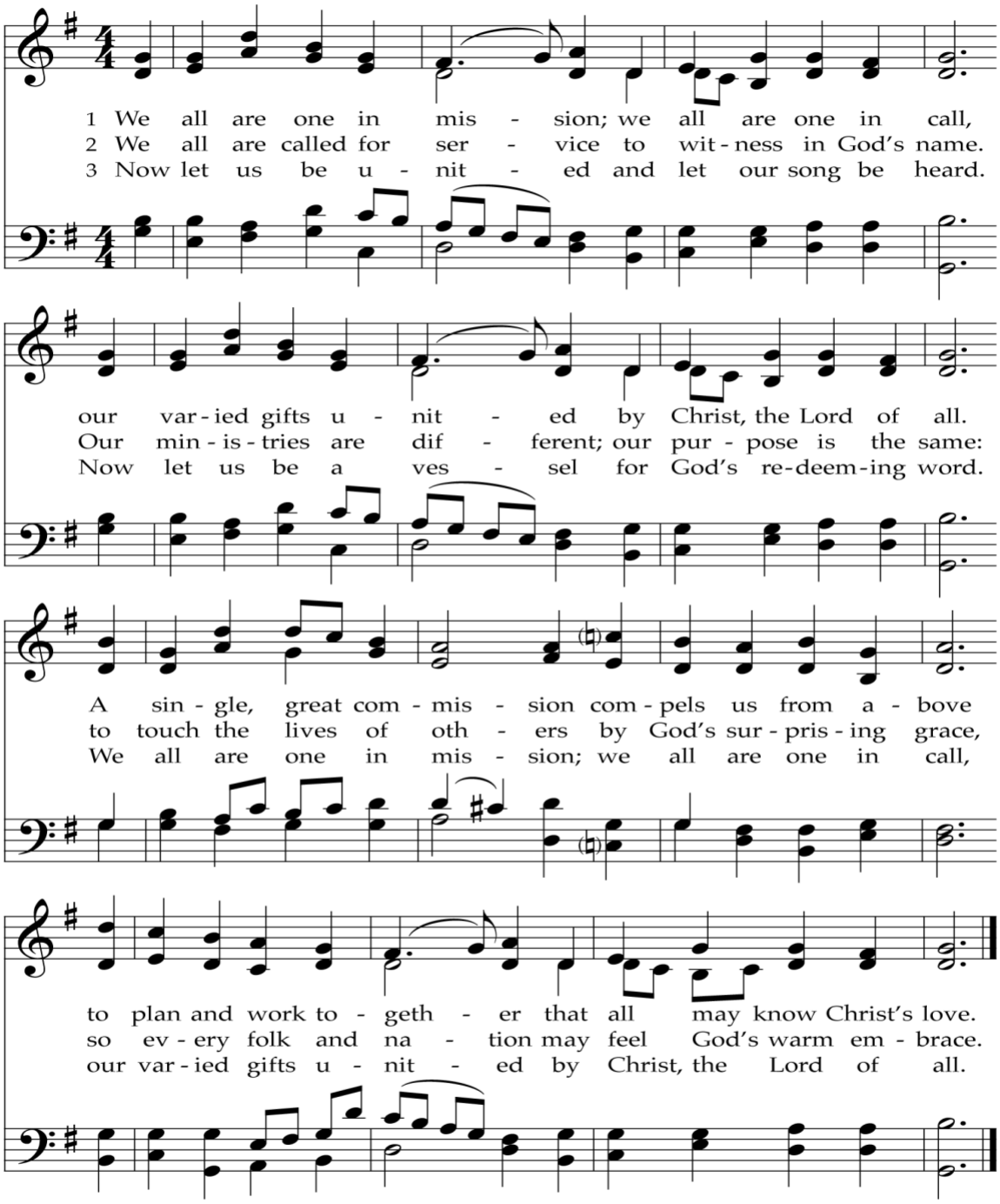


The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

TEXT and MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon, 1996
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SAN ANSELMO
5.5.11.D

733 We All Are One in Mission



A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.
MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
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7.6.7.6.D