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January 15, 2023
Second Sunday
After Epiphany

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 — **"To Bethlehem"** — ***Ron Loree***
Bob Iams, piano

***Gathering Words** — **Joel Chupp**

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

What are you looking for?

All: We are looking for someone who can change things,
Right (piano side): For a better future, for answers to our wonderings, for justice.
Left (pulpit side): For peace, for a teacher, for an easier way, for hope.
All: We are looking for a million things we don't even know how to express.

What are you looking for?

~silence~

Come and see.

***Opening Prayer** — **Joel Chupp**

Let us pray…

Time and again we see you,
going about your work in front of our very eyes,
though we don't always know you.
Time and again we hear about you,
though the words are always just a bit beyond us
and we don't even know how to ask what we don't understand.

Today may we hear your call afresh.
Let our senses open to your wonderous presence and draw us to follow you.
Give us courage to call out to others: Come and see!
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 401 "Here in This Place" Gather Us In

Call to Confession Joel Chupp

The Psalmist testifies that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession Joel Chupp

Loving God, we thank you for the people who have brought us to you — those who have told us your story, who have taken us by the hand and accompanied us in prayer, those who have invited us into the community of your disciples. We remember with gratitude the whole cloud of witnesses who have brought us to this point in our journey with you and your people.

And we confess that we are often shy to do what they have done. We admit that we find it difficult to say to another that we have experienced a grace and love that changes our lives. We long for your Church to grow, yet we often keep silent about the joy and challenge of Christian community.

Forgive us our reluctant witness. Forgive us our over-reliance on "use words if necessary" in a world where few see our deeds or even know to ask a question. Forgive us for keeping this experience of grace and mercy and love and hope to ourselves, even while you continually call "Come and see."

Show us your glory once again and give us courage to share it. We ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 411 "God Is Here Today" Dios Está Aquí

Assurance of Forgiveness Joel Chupp

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace. Come and see all the God is doing for you.
Let us follow Jesus, as he leads us closer to God.
I will sing of God's love for me;
I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Offering **"Gelobet seist Du, Jesus Christ"** ***J.S. Bach***

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 **John 1:35-42** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**
(Common English Bible)

38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?" 39He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

40One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. 41He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*). 42He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

Sermon **Come and See!** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 451** **"Open My Eyes, That I May See"** **Open My Eyes**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Joel Chupp**

Prayer of the People **Joel Chupp**

We ask these things 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 kingdom 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 kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn No. 339	"Lift Every Voice and Sing"	Lift Every Voice
*Benediction		Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy
Postlude	"We're Marching to Zion"	R. Lowry, arr. G. Young

*The Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, writing for the *Bibleworm Collaborative* following the Narrative Lectionary.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Organ –Tom Shaw
Piano – Bob Iams
*Sunday Service Assistant/Flowers/Treats: Linda Barbu

The service continues with fellowship.



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.

You may also give online through our website by clicking on the "GIVE NOW"

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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, January 15

- Choir rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, January 16

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall
- Wayne County Community MLK Celebration – 7 pm – First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, January 18

- Session – 6.30 pm – Church Lounge

Thursday, January 19

- Dance & Exercise – 8:30 am – The Meeting Place

Friday, January. 20

- Interfaith Prayer Breakfast – 8 am – Mackey Hall

Sunday, January 22

- Choir rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10:30 am – The Meeting Place

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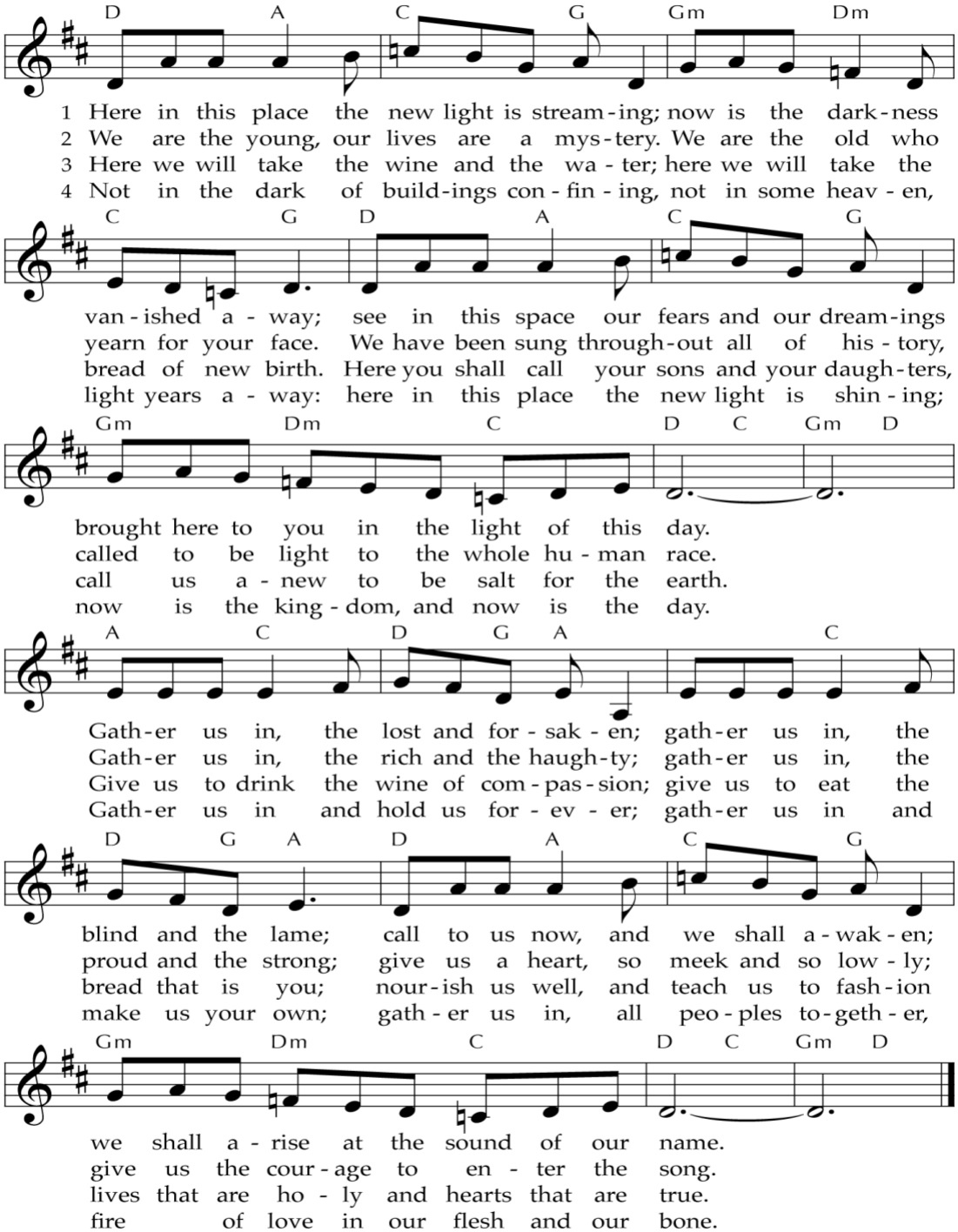
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Westminster Presbyterian Church strives to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of ethnicity, creed, age, cultural background, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Here in This Place 401

Gather Us In



The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.
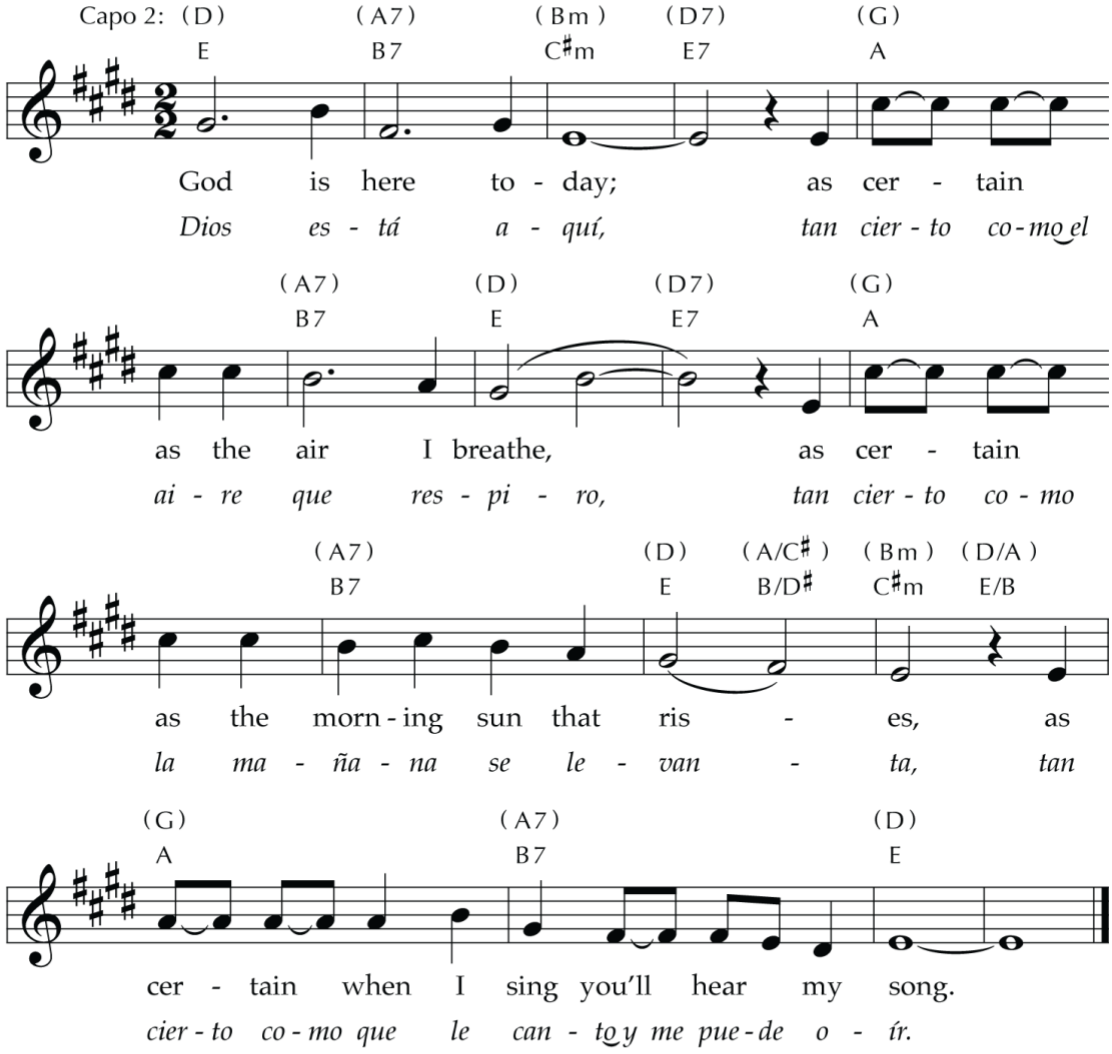
TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979
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God Is Here Today

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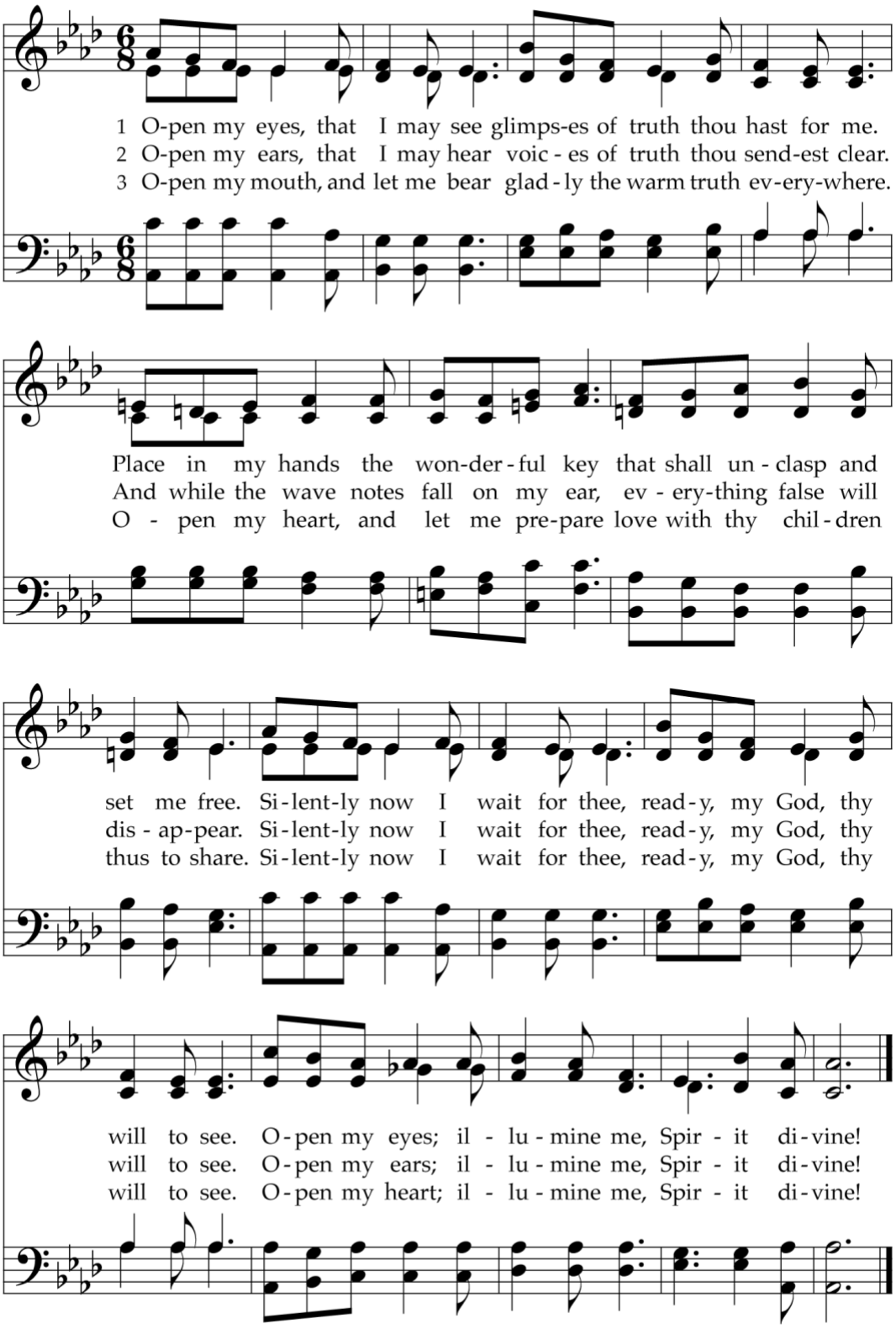


Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

TEXT: Raúl Galeano, 1976; English trans. C. Michael Hawn, 1998
MUSIC: Raúl Galeano, 1976; arr. C. Michael Hawn and Arturo González, 1999
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Irregular

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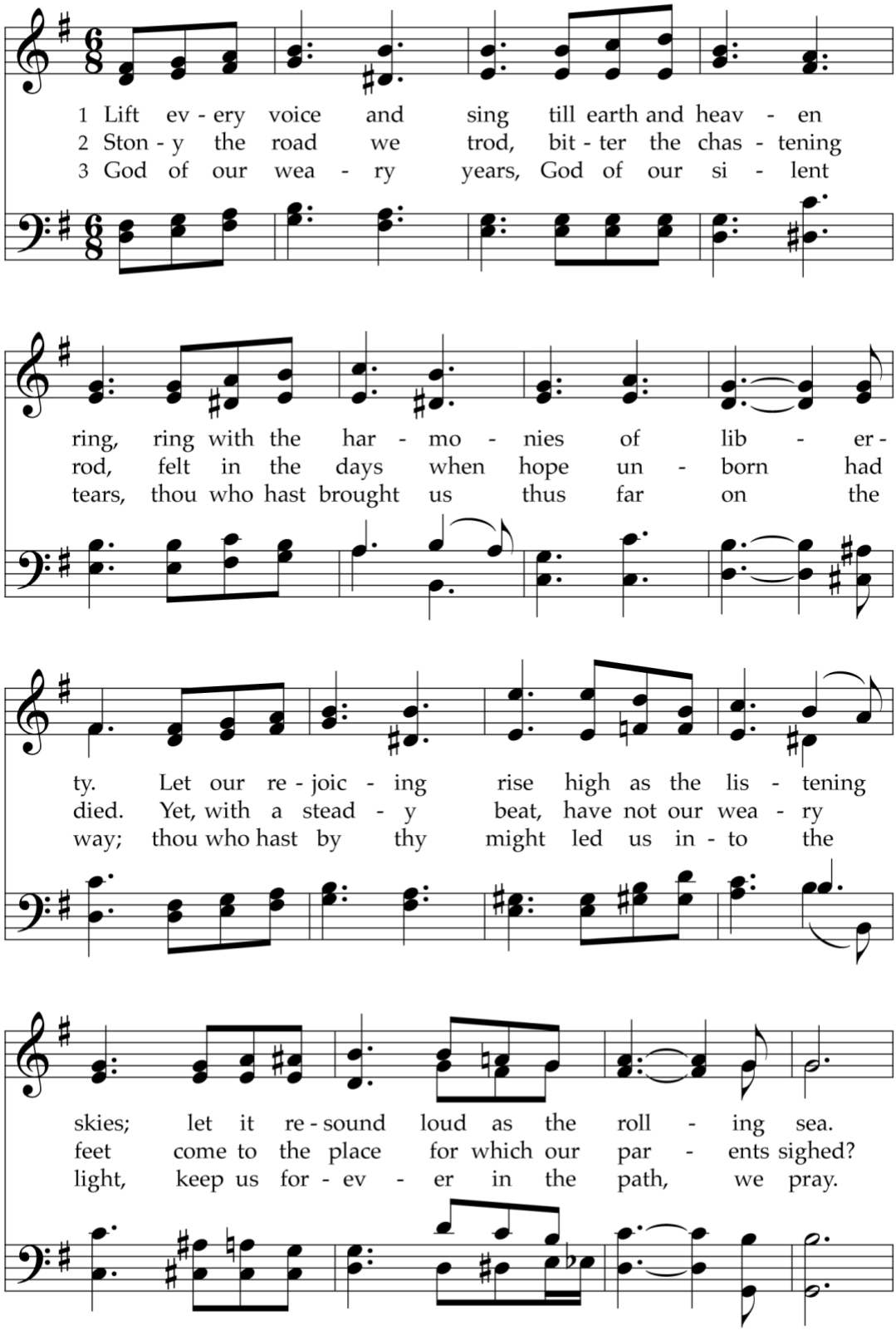


The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
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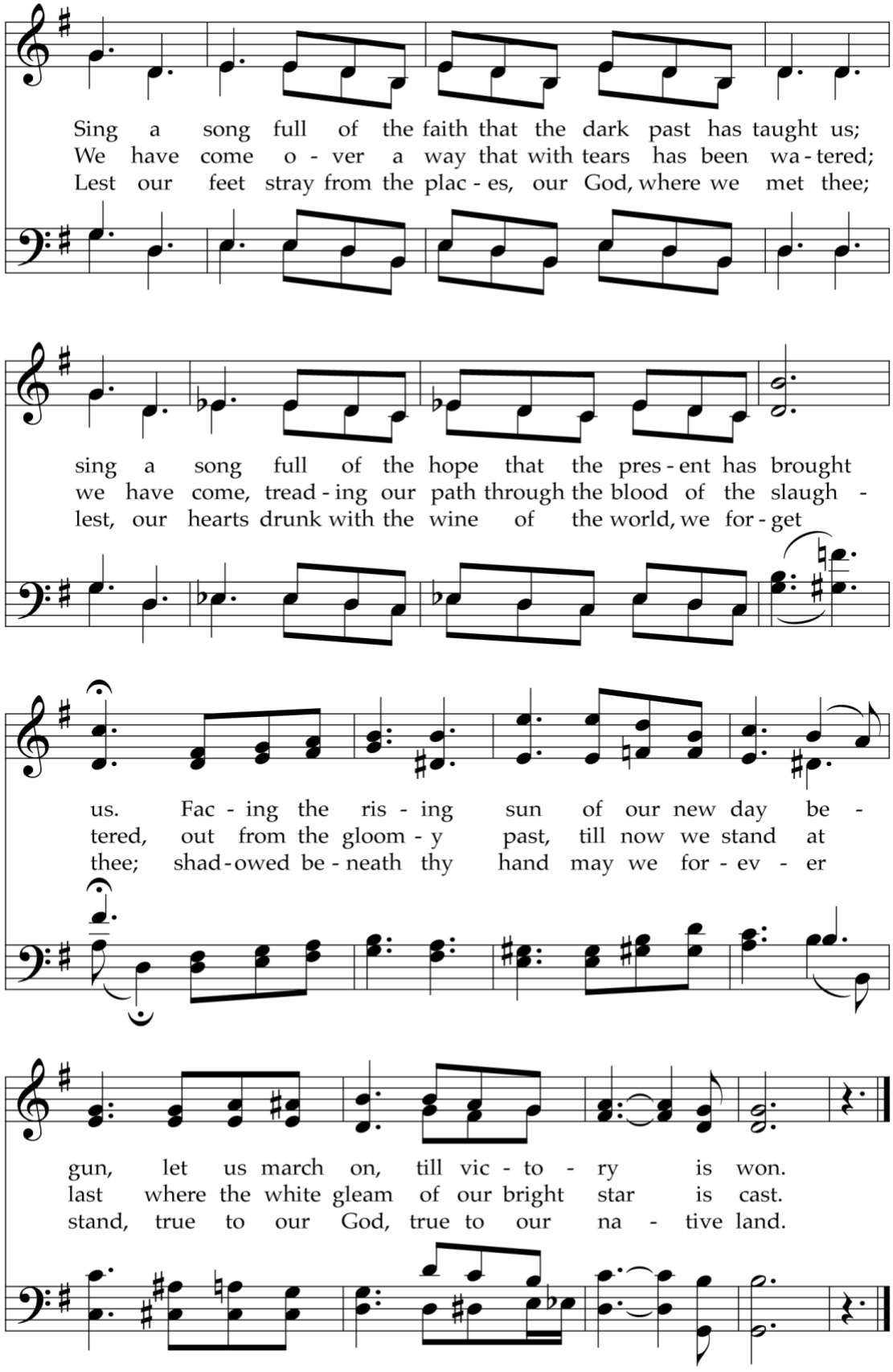
339 Lift Every Voice and Sing



Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE
Irregular


Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;
sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get
us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er
gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.