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May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 — **Pentecost Offering** — **Candy Relle**

Prelude — **"Prelude in C"** — ***J.S. Bach***

Bob Iams, piano — ***(from "Das wohltemperierte Klavier)***

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

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

Come and celebrate what God has done!
God welcomes all, gives us peace, and sets us on a firm foundation.
Come with your whole self, just as you are.
God is Love, and God's love is for us, here and now.
Come into the presence of our Holy God!
We come, because through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we belong.

***Opening Prayer** — **Linda Barbu**

Let us pray …

Creator God,
in love you made us
and in love you brought us into relationship with you,
making space for us to stand before you without fear —

not by our own goodness but by your faithfulness.
We pray you would pour your love into our hearts again this day,
that we may grow in the hope that leads to resurrection life.
Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 625 **"O Lord My God"** ***How Great Thou Art***

Call to Confession **Greg Barbu**

Let us confess ourselves to the God who loves us and welcomes us exactly as we are.
Let us pray together the prayer of confession…

Prayer of Confession **Greg Barbu**

Merciful God,
wonderful and mysterious, generous, and patient,
we do not understand your unconditional love for us and yet we are glad of it.
You sent your son among us, to live, die and rise again that we might be reconciled to you.
You offer us so much and too often we are less than grateful.
Forgive us, O God, for those times when we fail to appreciate
all you have done for us and all you continue to do.
We long to live faithfully; help us in our striving, guide us in your way.
So be it. Amen.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 288 **"Spirit of the Living God"** ***Living God***
Jim Bonk and Dave Schmidt, guitars

Assurance of Forgiveness **Greg Barbu**

This is the good news for us, my friends:
God does not disappoint us.
Our sins are forgiven, our lives are made whole, we are sent forth to serve.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Offering "Minuet in G" *Georg Böhm, arr. A. Foote*

Bob Iams, piano from Clavierbüchlein für Anna Magdalena 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. Enikö Ferenczy

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-11 (Common English Bible) Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

5 Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through
him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. 3 But not only that! We even take pride in our problems
because we know that trouble produces endurance, 4 endurance produces character, and character
produces hope. 5 This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in
our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. 7 It isn't often that
someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good
person. 8 But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. 9 So,
now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be
saved from God's wrath through him. 10 If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son
while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we
will be saved by his life? 11 And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

Sermon Growing into Wholeness Rev. Dr. Enikö Ferenczy

Hymn No. 287 "Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading" *Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema*
Pong Thiemmedh, drums

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. 462** **"I Love to Tell the Story"** ***Hankey

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

Postlude **"In dir ist Freude"** ***J. S. Bach***

The service continues with fellowship.

*The Prayer of Confession was adapted from *Spill the Beans;* the Gathering Words and Opening prayer were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson, written for BibleWorm Narrative Lectionary series.
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Bob Iams, piano; Jim Bonk and Dave Schmidt, guitars;
Pong Thiemmedh, drums



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"
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, May 14

- Choir rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall – with a brief Congregational Meeting following worship.
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Chamber Music Concert: Paris Serenade – 7 pm – Mackey Hall
  (Susan Shaw, flute & Ken Shafer, piano)

Monday, May 15

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Wednesday, May 17

- Benevolence Committee – 4.15 – The Lounge

Thursday, May 18

- Dance and Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place

Sunday, May 21

- Choir Rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Ice Cream Social/plant sale – 11 am – Parking Lot of Mackey Hall
- CAMO 30th Anniversary Open House – 1-4 pm – 322 Westwood Ave. Orrville

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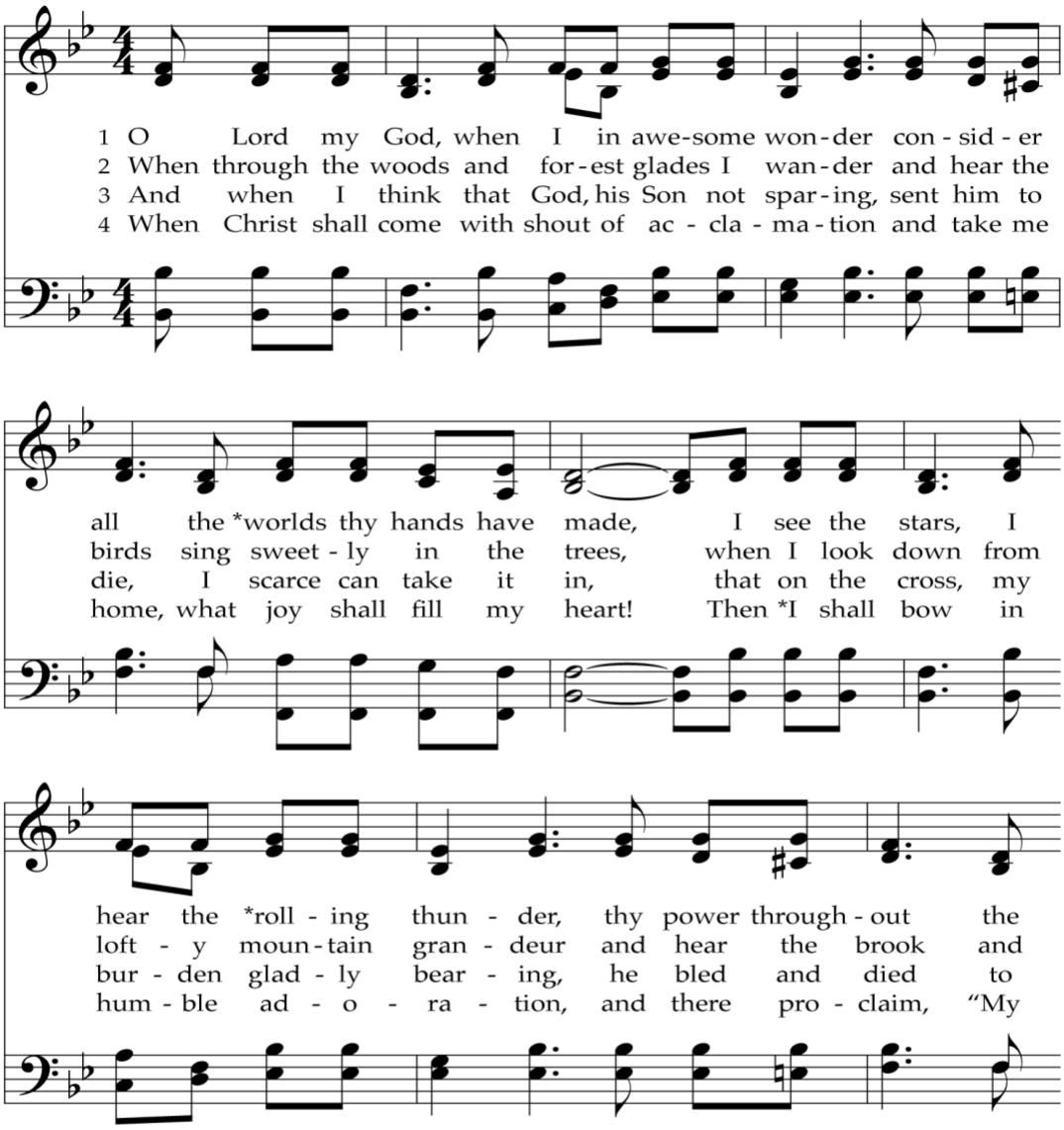
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HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

ADORATION

625 O Lord My God
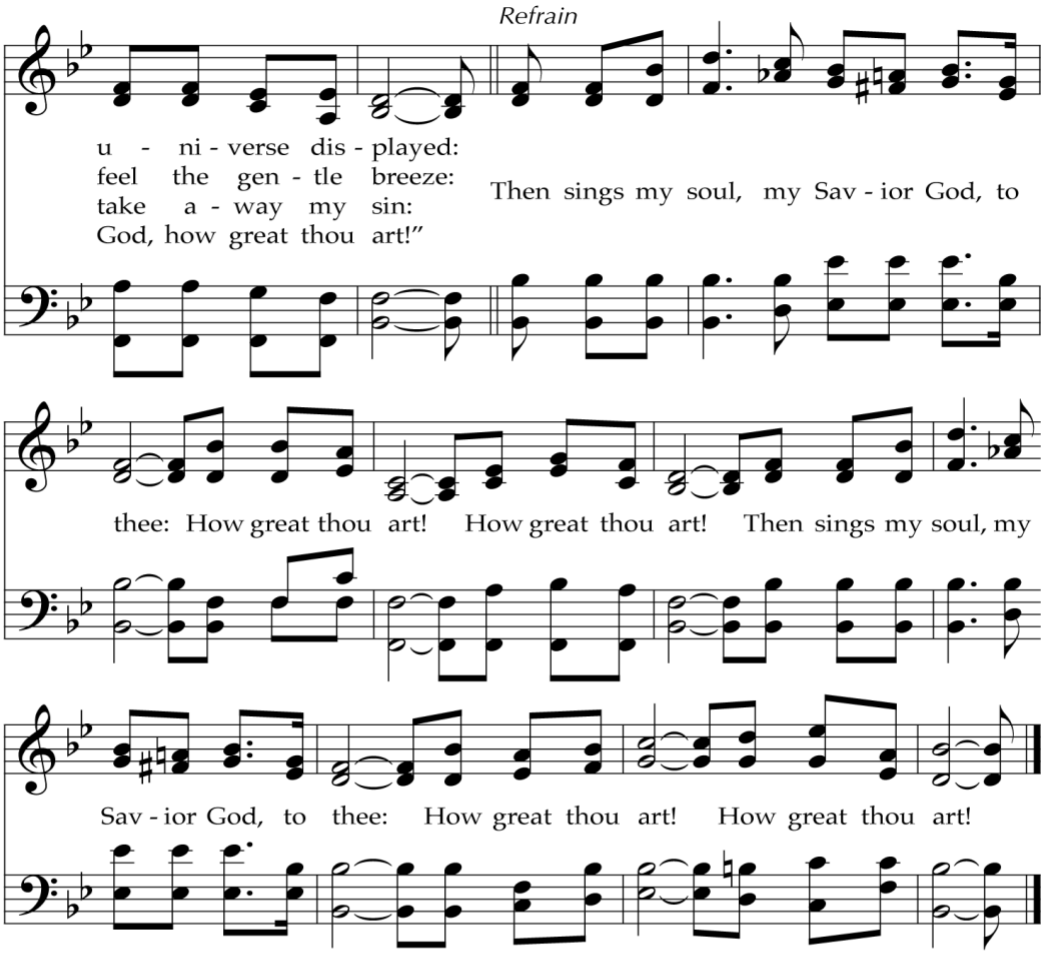
How Great Thou Art



**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon. HOW GREAT THOU ART
MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949 11.10.11.10 with refrain
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KOREAN

1 주 하나님 지으신 모든세계
내마음 속에 그리어 볼때
하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 뇌성
주님의 권능 우주에 찼네

후렴 주님의 높고 위대하심을
내영혼이 찬양하네
주님의 높고 위대하심을
내영혼이 찬양하네

2 숲속이나 험한산 골짝에서
지저귀는 저 새소리들과
고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은
주님의 솜씨 노래하도다 후렴

3 주하나님 독생자 아낌없이
우리를 위해 보내주셨네
십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주
내모든 죄를 대속하셨네 후렴

4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때
저천국으로 날 인도하리
나 겸손히 엎드려 경배하며
영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

SPANISH

1 *Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,*
el firmamento y las estrellas mil,
al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos
y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,
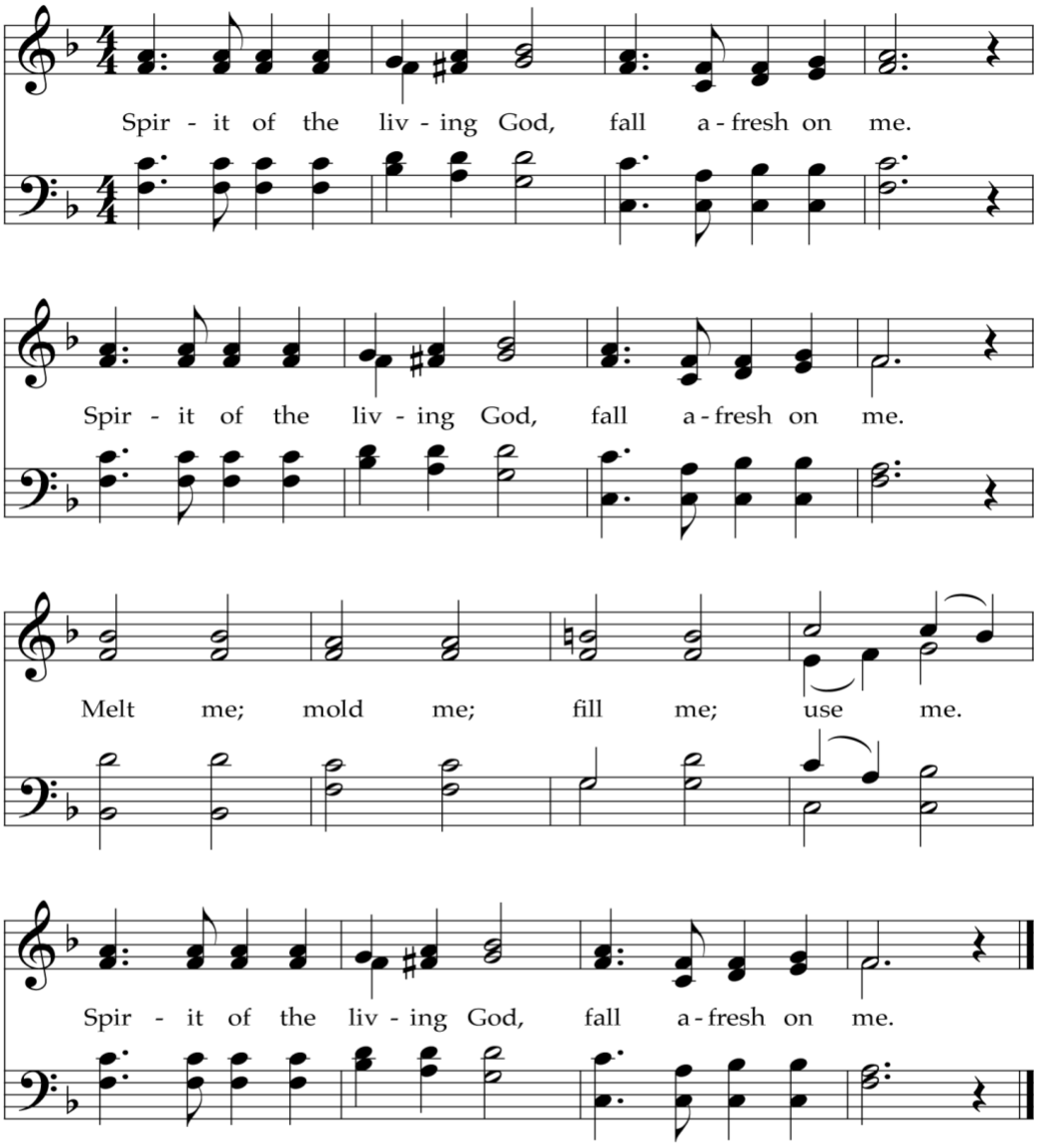
Estribillo *Mi corazón se llena de emoción.*
¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!

2 *Al recorrer los montes y los valles*
y ver las bellas flores al pasar,
al escuchar el canto de las aves
y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estribillo

3 *Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino*
que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,
al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino
y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estribillo

4 *al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor;*
te adoraré, cantando la grandeza
de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estribillo

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KOREAN

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

SPANISH

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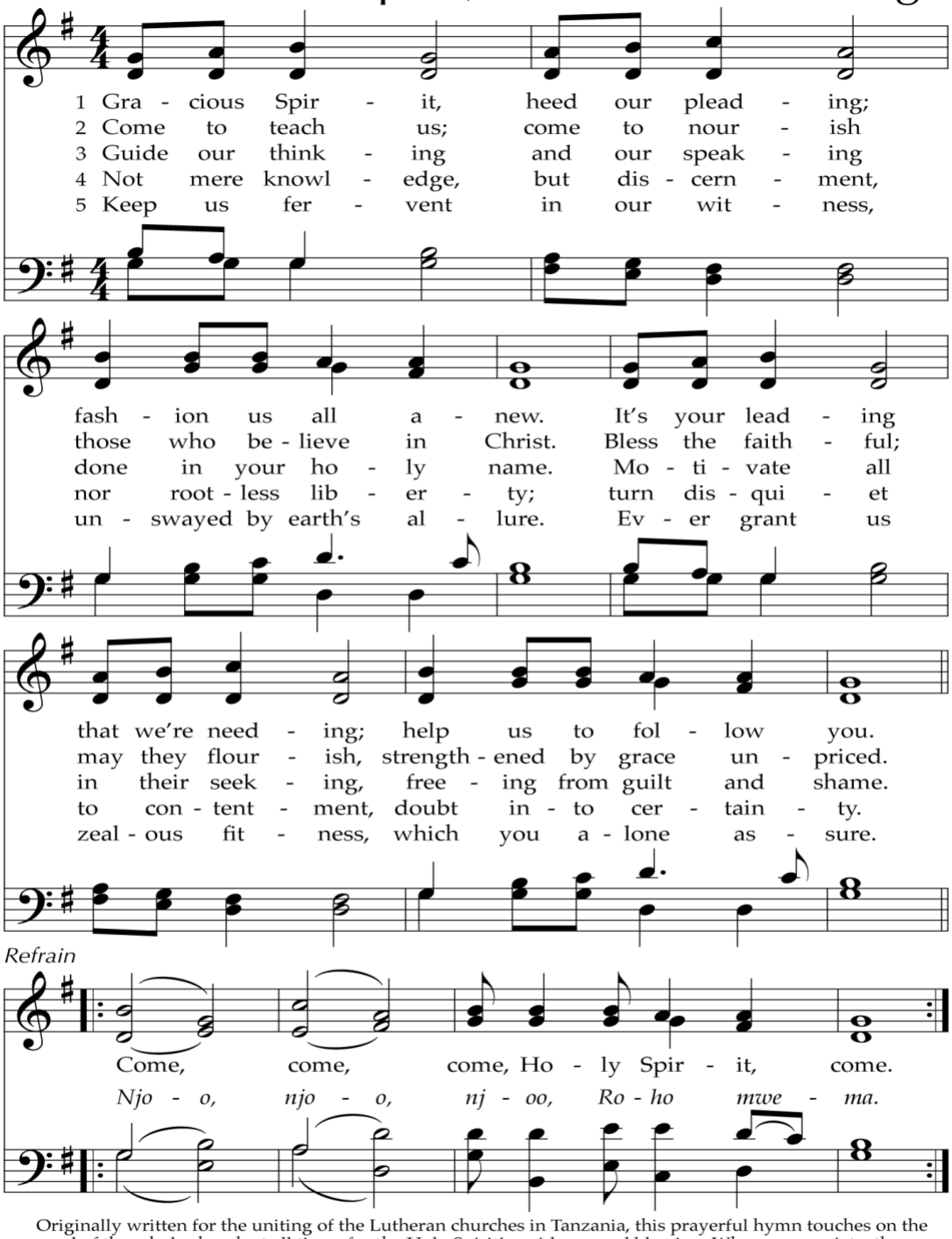
Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

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

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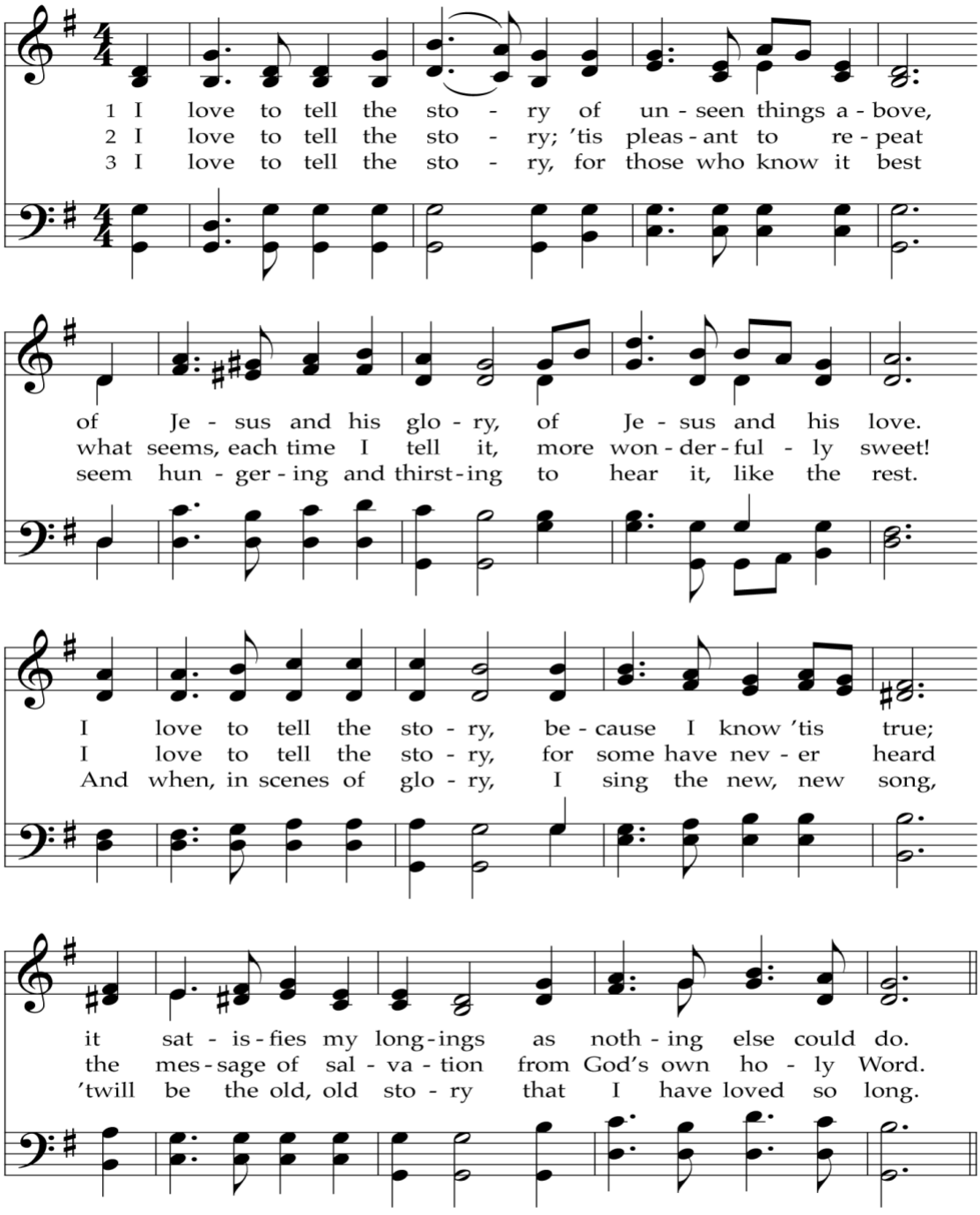


Originally written for the uniting of the Lutheran churches in Tanzania, this prayerful hymn touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. When appropriate, the refrain can effectively be used alone as a prayer response.

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

462 I Love to Tell the Story
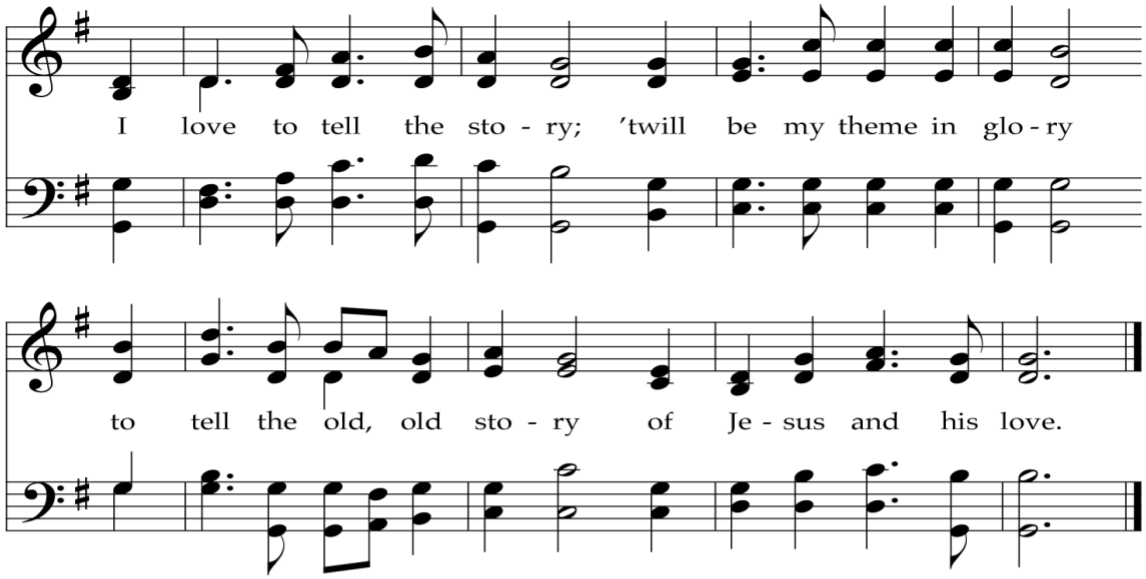


This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

TEXT: Katherine Hankey, 1866; ref. William G. Fischer, 1869
MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

HANKEY
7.6.7.6.D with refrain

Refrain


I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.