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July 9, 2023
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Erin Guzmán**

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 — **"Come Love, Come Lord"** — ***Ralph Vaughan Williams***

***Gathering Words** — **Candy Relle**

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

We gather this day in worship…
Bringing with us joys that fill our cups and burdens that weigh us down.
We gather this day to praise God…
But our hearts ache from the injustices of our world.
Come. All who are weary…
For God takes our burdens and heals our spirits with the strength of Love.
Thanks be to God for this expensive, rejuvenating Hope.
Amen.

***Opening Prayer+** — **Ferenc Relle**

Let us pray …

Welcoming God,
We gather today eager to feel your healing touch
for our wounded and tired hearts.
Be with us as we hear your words of inspiration and healing.
Flood our leaves with your peace.
Guide our hearts and spirits as we seek to be witnesses
to your redeeming and reconciling love.
In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

Call to Confession Candy Relle

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 Candy Relle

Ever-present God,
We are so grateful for your understanding, redeeming love for each one of us.
We know, in abstract ways, that you are always near…
And yet we still feel the weight of the world on our shoulders, as if we're all alone.
We confess that when difficult times are upon us,
we don't always believe you will help ease our burdens.
We feel we have to always be in control, trying to demand the desired outcome.
Help us to place our trust in you.
Remind us that you surround us continually with your care,
buoying us along in the seas of this life.
Open our hearts and spirits again to your comfort, guidance, and resting embrace,
For you have always been here with us.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" *(all verses)* *Showalter*

Assurance of Forgiveness Ferenc Relle

Friends, this is the Good News:
God sees us and meets us where we are…
In our faith and doubt, in our celebrations and struggles, in the sunshine and quiet nights.
May we know and feel the love, peace, and power of God
carry us through all seasons on this earthly journey.
Amen.

Musical Offering **"Give Me Jesus"** *Traditional/Arr. Mark Hayes*

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. Erin Guzmán**

Scripture Reading **Matthew 11:25-30 (NRSV)** **Rev. Erin Guzmán**

25 At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for
such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one
knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom
the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take
my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Sermon **Rev. Erin Guzmán**

Hymn No. 474 **"As a Child Rests" (*Psalm 131)*** ***As A Child Rests***

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Candy and Ferenc Relle**

Prayer of the People **Candy and Ferenc Relle**

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. 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" *Kingsfold*

Benediction Rev. Erin Guzmán

Postlude "Bouree" (from Cello Suite No. 4) *J S Bach*

The service continues with fellowship.

[+]Adapted from words by Nancy C. Townley for *Ministry Matters*
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Tom Shaw, organ; Ken Shafer, piano
*Sunday service assistant/treats/flowers: Candy Relle
***We are thankful for the OLO musicians for joining us in worship leadership.**
To foster a worshipful spirit, we invite you to hold your applause until the end of the service.

***Leah Widmaier**, viola, is excited to be joining OLO for her first season. Hailing from Chicago, Leah currently attends the Cleveland Institute of Music, where her primary teachers are Jeffrey Irvine and Lynne Ramsey. Leah enjoys playing multiple genres of music and recently participated in the Klezmer Music Ensemble at Case Western Reserve University. Her musical heroes include Hilary Hahn, Chris Thile, and Dolly Parton.

***Tzytle Steinman**, mezzo-Soprano, is originally from San Diego, CA. This summer, with OLO, she will be seen as Buttercup in HMS Pinafore, Nelly Nettleton in Arizona Lady and Venus in Orpheus in the Underworld.. She received her MM in Voice and Opera from Northwestern University and her BM from Boston Conservatory. She also has a large background in dance, musical theatre and choreography. Tzytle loves to knit, bake, hike and take her rescue dog, Golde, to her favorite dog beach.

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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, July 9

- Walking-in-mindfulness – 7:30 am – Oak Hill Park (alternate entrance through the Church of Nazarene parking lot due to road work)
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, July 10

- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, July 13

- Building Committee meeting – 10 am – The Lounge

Friday, July 14

- Dance and Exercise – 6.30 pm – The Meeting Place

Sunday, July 16

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

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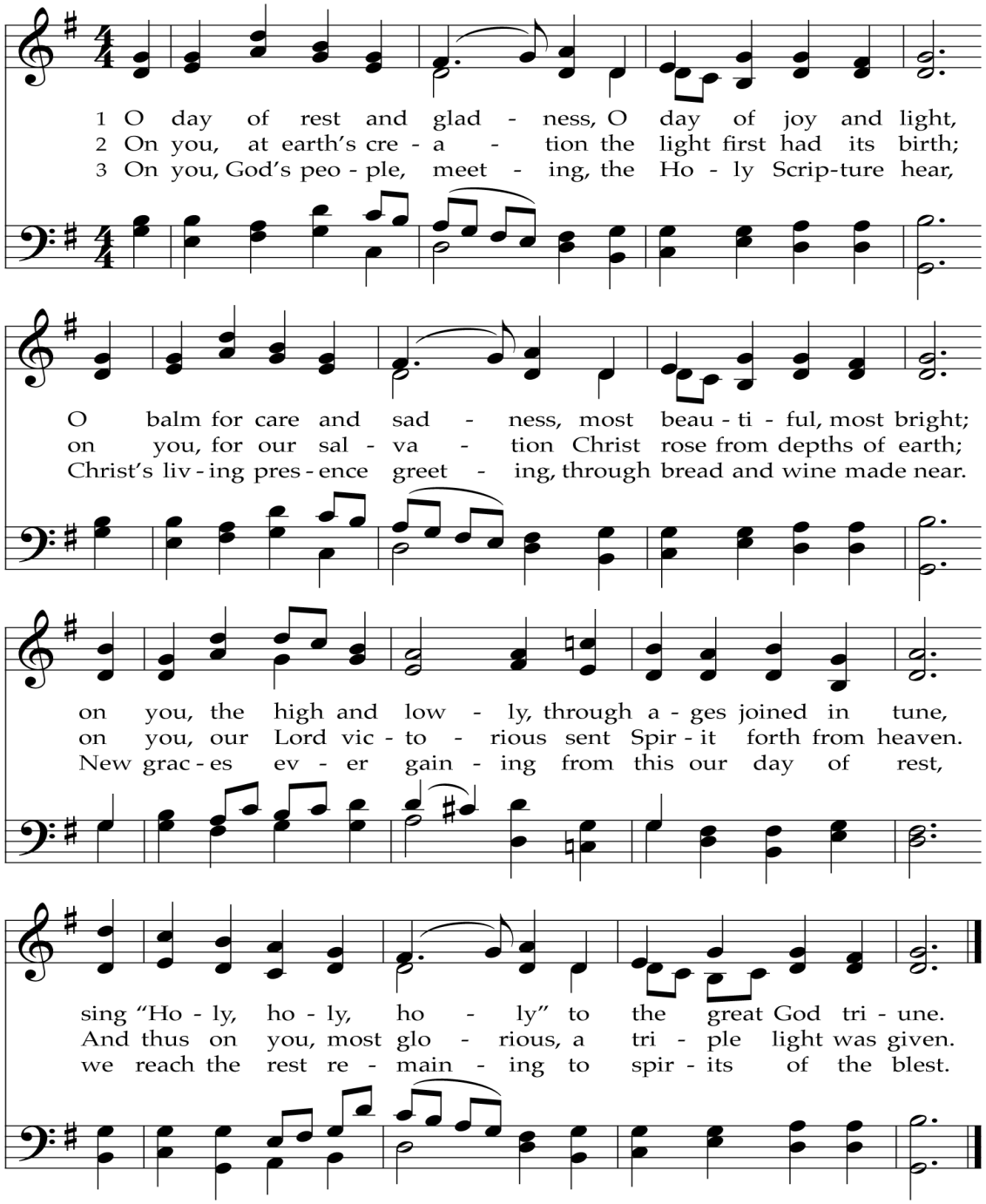
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GATHERING

393 O Day of Rest and Gladness
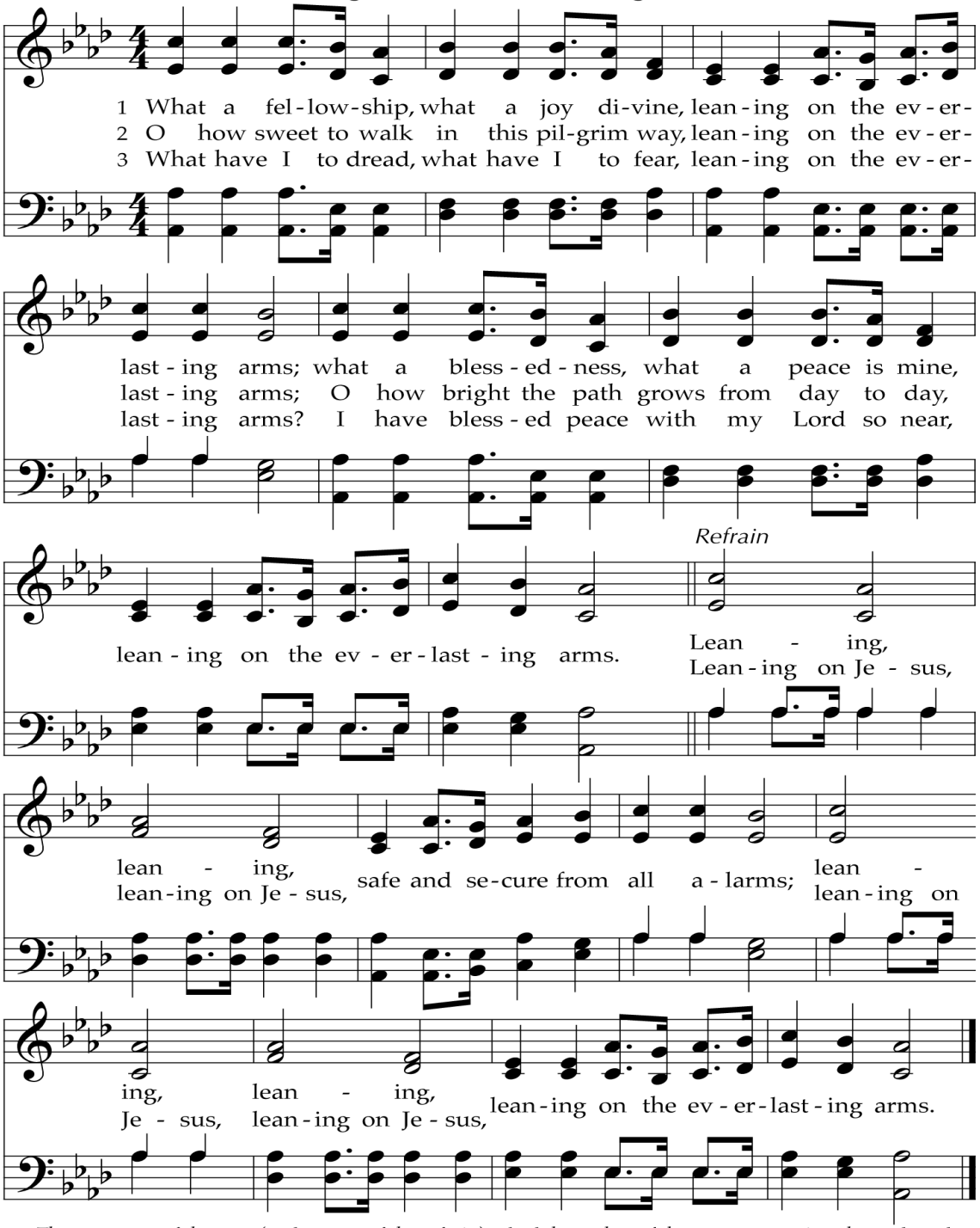


In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, alt.; stanza 3, Charles P. Price, 1980, alt. ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904 7.6.7.6.D
Text St. 3 © 1985 Charles P. Price

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

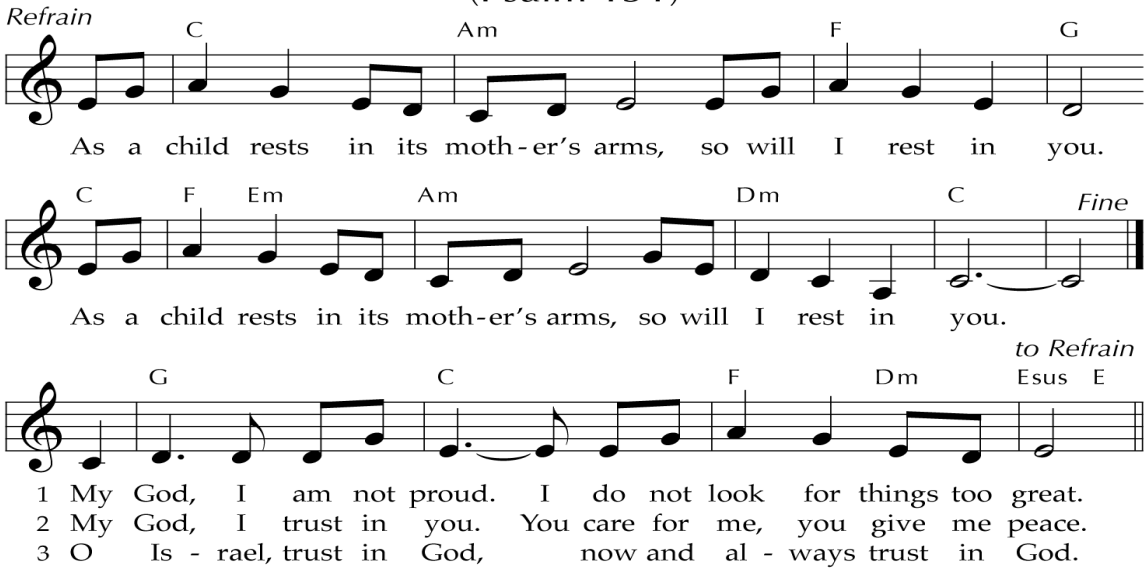
TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER
10.9.10.9 with refrain

PRAYER

474 As a Child Rests

(Psalm 131)



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.
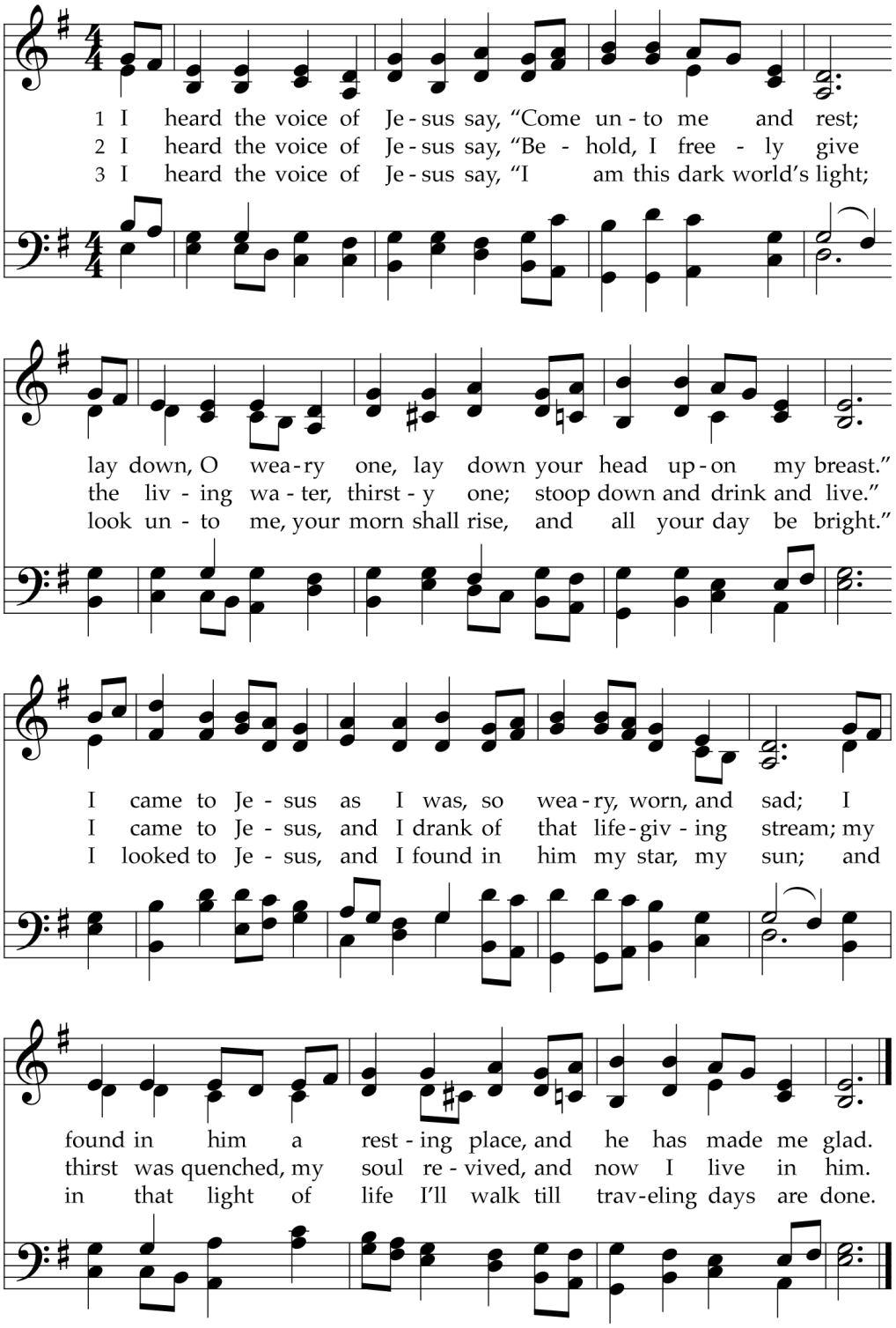
The image of the resting child in this paraphrase of Psalm 131 seems even more remarkable when this psalm is put in context. It is one of the Songs of Ascent sung by pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem. To be still in God in the midst of such activity is indeed a blessed condition.

TEXT: Christopher Walker, 1988, alt.
MUSIC: Christopher Walker, 1988
Text and Music © 1988, 1989 Christopher Walker (Published by OCP)

AS A CHILD RESTS
Irregular

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10–14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

TEXT: Horatius Bonar, 1846, alt. KINGSFOLD
MUSIC: *English County Songs,* 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 CMD