Westminster
Presbyterian Church

March 13, 2022
2nd SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Prelude "A Summer Reverie" TRYGVE TORGUSSEN

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

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

If God is a hen,
we are under God's wing.
If God is a table,
we each have a seat.
If God is a house,
we are safe from the storm.
If God is a party,
we're invited to dance.
If God is a melody,
our names are the lyrics.
If this is God's house,
then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.
Let us worship Holy God.

***Opening Prayer** **Dhanashree**

Holy Mother God, you are on your way,
gathering your children into your arms
and offering them to us as precious gifts,
so, through our sisters and brothers,
we might be blessed.

Love-in-the-flesh,
you who weep over our stubbornness,
keep nudging us to follow you,
imitating your every act
of compassion and justice.

Holy Advocate,
Spirit with confidence in us,
transform our humiliation into grace,
shelter us fear-filled people
under the wings of your peace.

Today, tomorrow, and the next day,
Help us to be faithful,
and follow your ways of resistance and liberation.
Bless our righteous anger towards the work of your kin-dom. Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 654** "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" Sung 3 Times IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Call to Confession **Joshua Amimo**

Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen. Let us confess our sins together…

Prayer of Confession **Joshua Amimo**

When Jesus encountered resistance or obstacles, he said,

"I will keep on."
I will keep on healing.
I will keep on teaching.
I will keep on preaching.
I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.
I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.
I will keep on believing that this world can change.
I will keep on
and keep on
and keep on until God's promised day.

Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Joshua Amimo**

Family of faith,
because Jesus' love just keeps going,
we can trust that that love and grace exists for us.
So rest in this good news:

No matter what we do wrong
or what we leave undone,
we are under God's wing.

We are loved, held, and forgiven.
Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

Musical Response ”Morning Prayer” PETER ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading **Luke 13: 31 - 35** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”
32 He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today
and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my
way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city
that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children
together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you.
And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.’”

Sermon **Mothering** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. No. 409 “God is Here!” ABBOT’S LEIGH

Sharing of Joys and Concerns **Dhanashree and Joshua Amimo**

Prayer of the People

We ask 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. 740** “Lead Me, Guide Me” LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Sung 2 Times

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

Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" J. S. BACH

The service continues with fellowship.



To continue to assure the safety of all, the offering plate is located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are moved to support our ministry, we invite you to place your gifts there or on-line through our website.



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

Note: The Gathering Words, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Forgiveness were adapted from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. The Opening Prayer was adapted from Thom Shuman.

Music:	Drum , Piano	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
	Tambourine	Pong Thiemmedh
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Sunday Assistant		Cheryl Weiss

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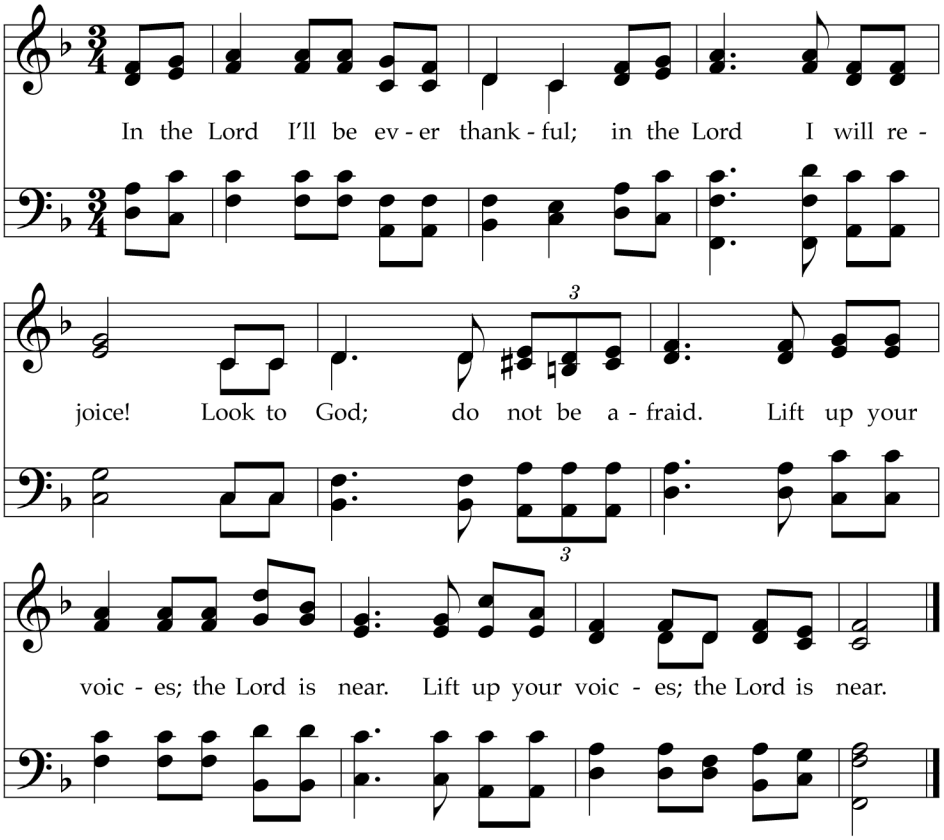
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Sung 3 Times

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654
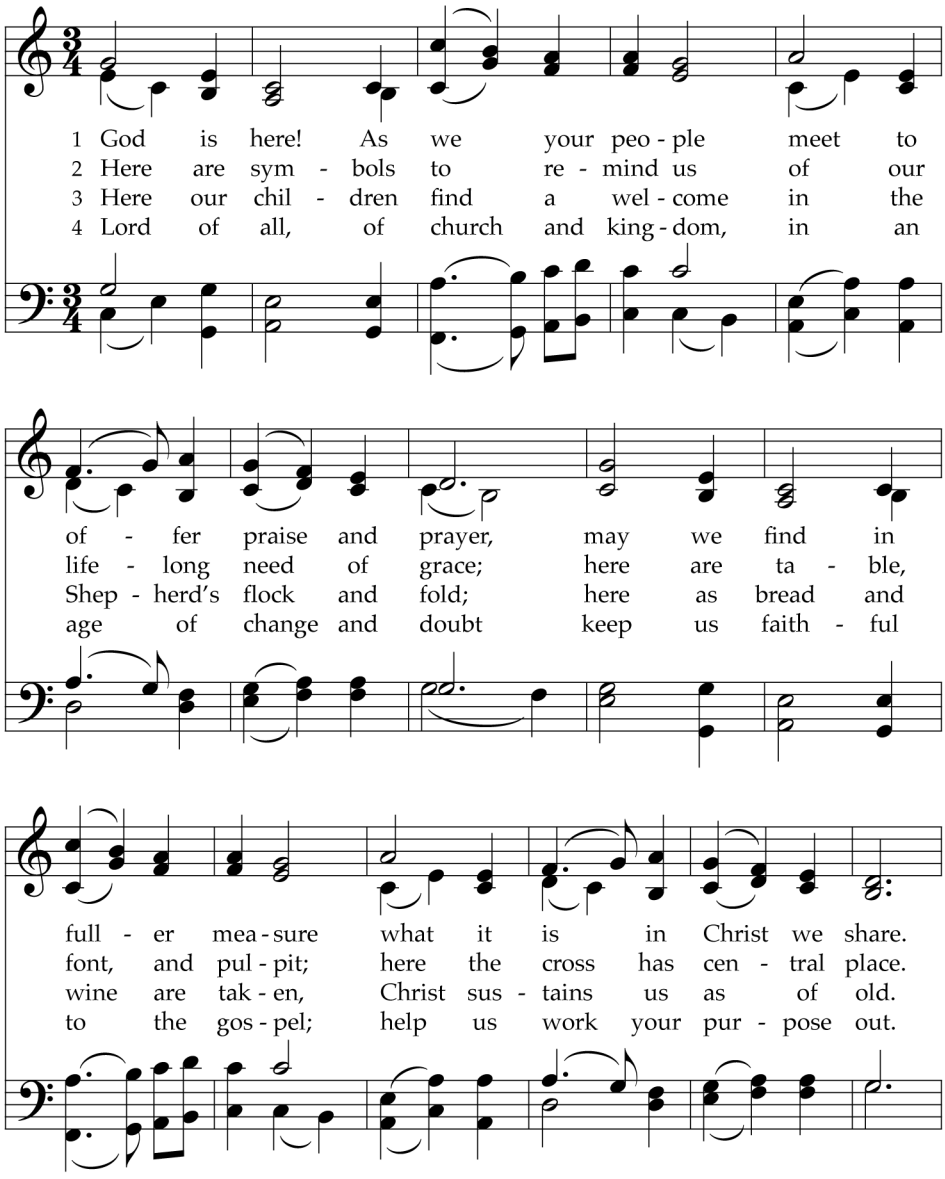


This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1986
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986
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IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
Irregular

GATHERING
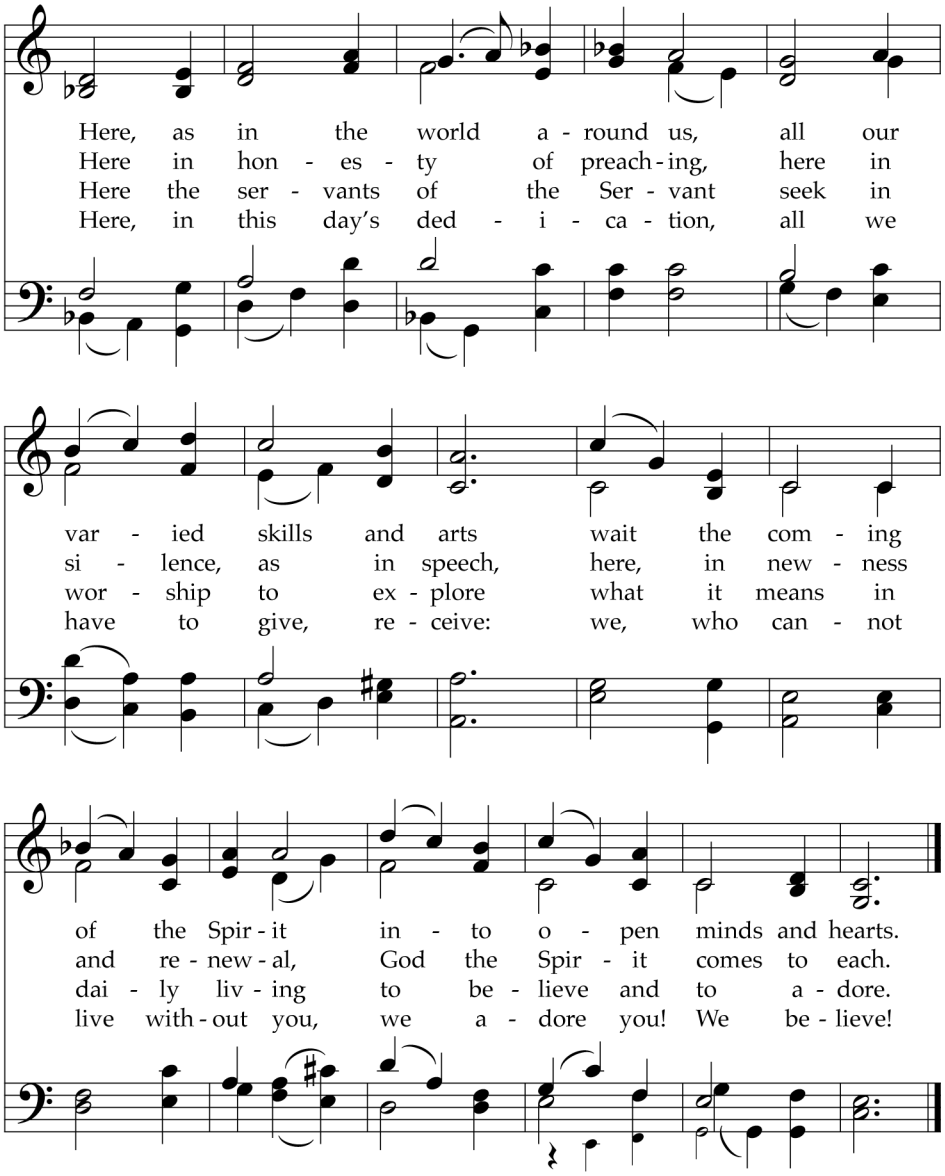
409 God Is Here!



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.

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MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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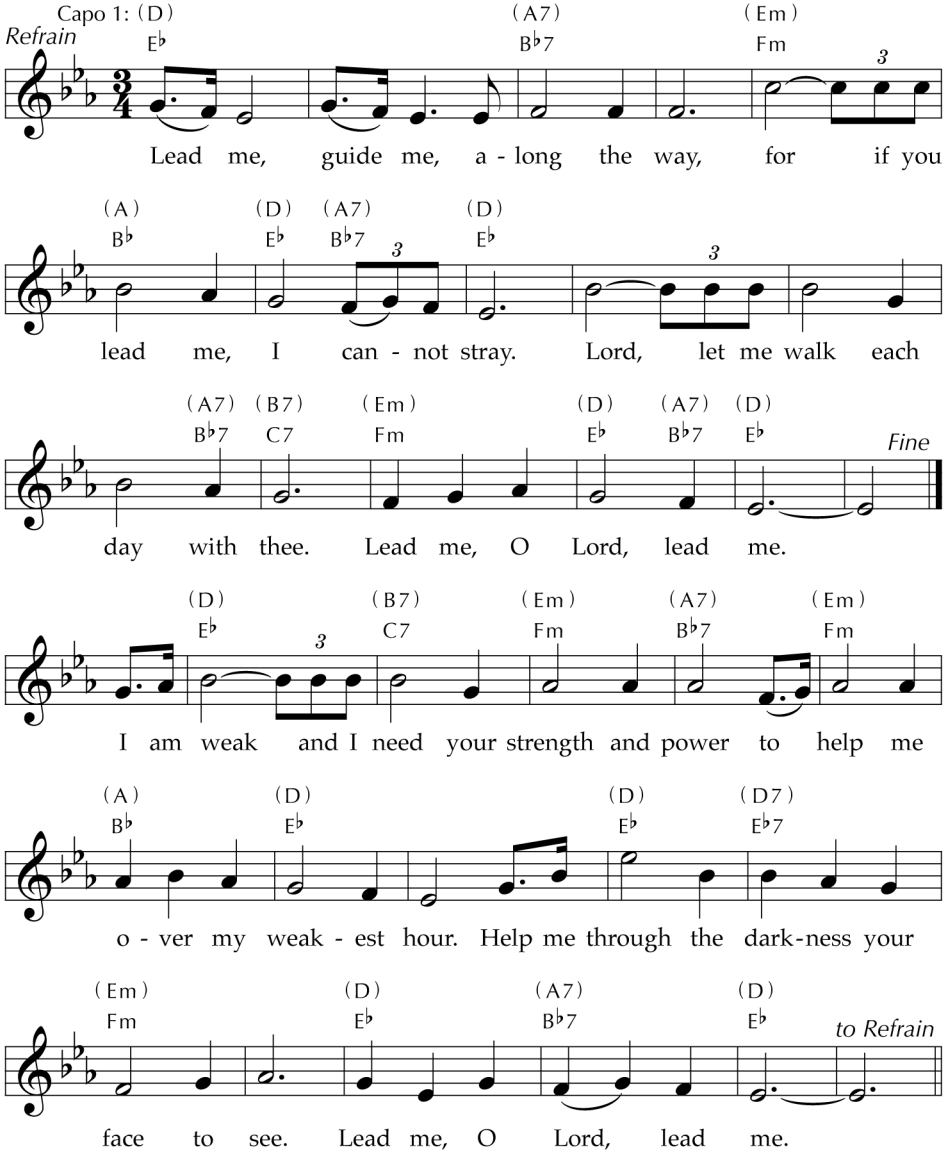
ABBOT'S LEIGH
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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we
var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - 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.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Sung 2 Times

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740 Lead Me, Guide Me



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

TEXT: Doris Akers, 1953
MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood
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