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March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent; Immigration Justice Sunday

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.

Gathering Music — **"Allegretto" (from Sonata in C Major)** — ***Josef Hadyn***
Bob Iams, piano

Prelude — **"Land of Seeking"** — ***Spencer LaJoye***

Music/Lyrics

***Gathering Words** — **Cheryl Weiss**

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

God is revealing glory to any who will look—
Dios está revelando gloria a cualquiera que mire—

from a new perspective / desde una nueva perspectiva
through strange eyes / a través de ojos extraños
in different bodies / en cuerpos diferentes
by a variety of voices / por una variedad de voces

Right here, right now. / Aquí y ahora.

Let us open our hearts to see.
Abramos nuestros corazones para ver.

***Opening Prayer** **Cheryl Weiss**

Let us pray…

Slow us down today, O God.
Give us time to hear stories, and ponder them,
pause in the rush to judgment, room for welcome.
Where we so quickly think we understand,
and fill in the gaps with assumptions,
pull us back and let all our senses work together
to experience the fullness of your grace
in community, in the world, in us.

In this time together,
may we be attuned to your presence in the unexpected.
Amen.

Disminuye nuestro ritmo hoy, oh Dios.
Danos tiempo para escuchar historias y reflexionar sobre ellas,
páusanos en la prisa por juzgar, crea espacios de bienvenida.
Donde tan rápidamente pensamos que entendemos,
y llena los vacíos con suposiciones,
hace que nosotros vayamos despacio y hace que todos nuestros sentidos trabajen juntos
para experimentar la plenitud de tu gracia
en comunidad, en el mundo, en nosotros.

En este tiempo juntos,
que estemos en sintonía con tu presencia en lo inesperado.
Amén.

Opening Hymn No. 411 **"God Is Here Today"** ***Dios Está Aquí***
(sung three times: English, Spanish, English)

Call to Confession **Bill Weiss**

In the prayer of confession, we stop pointing fingers at others.
In confession, we turn our attention toward ourselves
and invite God into that honest and vulnerable space.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin…

En la oración de confesión, hace que dejemos de señalar con el dedo a los demás.
En la confesión, que volvamos nuestra atención hacia nosotros mismos e invitemos
a Dios a un espacio honesto y vulnerable. Con confianza en la misericordia de Dios,
confesemos nuestros pecados …

Prayer of Confession **Bill Weiss**

Who here has sinned?
We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need.
We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

¿Quién aquí ha pecado?
Nosotros hemos pecado Nos encondemos.
Ignoramos a las personas necesitadas. Hacemos suposiciones falsas y no somos amables.
Tenemos necesidad de perdón.

Silent Confession

Musical Response No. 595 **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** ***Argentine Santo***
(sung four times: English, Spanish, English, Spanish)

Assurance of Forgiveness **Bill Weiss**

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

¡Buenas nuevas! Nuestro Dios es un Dios misericordioso.
Dios no castiga, no guarda rencor, ni lleva la cuenta. Cuando sufres, Dios llora.
Cuando pecas, Dios perdona. Cuando te pierdes, Dios viene corriendo.
Gracias a Dios por un amor así.

Musical Offering **"There is a Balm in Gilead"** ***African American Spiritual***
Westminster Choir

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 9: 1-12, 35-41 (New International Version)
Juan 9:1-12, 35-41 (Nueva Version Internacional)

John 9:1-12, 35-41

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of God who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was.
Others said, "No, he only looks like him."
But he himself insisted, "I am the man."
10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.
11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."
12 "Where is this man?" they asked him.
"I don't know," he said.

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."
37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."
38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.
39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."
40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"
41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Juan 9:1-12, 35-41

9 A su paso, Jesús vio a un hombre que era ciego de nacimiento. 2 Y sus discípulos le preguntaron:

—Rabí, para que este hombre haya nacido ciego, ¿quién pecó, él o sus padres?
3 —Ni él pecó, ni sus padres —respondió Jesús—, sino que esto sucedió para que la obra de Dios se hiciera evidente en su vida.4 Mientras sea de día, tenemos que llevar a cabo la obra del que me envió. Viene la noche cuando nadie puede trabajar. 5 Mientras esté yo en el mundo, luz soy del mundo.

6 Dicho esto, escupió en el suelo, hizo barro con la saliva y se lo untó en los ojos al ciego, diciéndole:
7 —Ve y lávate en el estanque de Siloé (que significa: Enviado).
El ciego fue y se lavó, y al volver ya veía.
8 Sus vecinos y los que lo habían visto pedir limosna decían: «¿No es este el que se sienta a mendigar?» 9 Unos aseguraban: «Sí, es él». Otros decían: «No es él, sino que se le parece». Pero él insistía: «Soy yo».
10 —¿Cómo entonces se te han abierto los ojos? —le preguntaron.
11 —Ese hombre que se llama Jesús hizo un poco de barro, me lo untó en los ojos y me dijo: "Ve y lávate en Siloé". Así que fui, me lavé, y entonces pude ver.
12 —¿Y dónde está ese hombre? —le preguntaron.
—No lo sé —respondió.

35 Jesús se enteró de que habían expulsado a aquel hombre, y al encontrarlo le preguntó:
—¿Crees en el Hijo del hombre?
36 —¿Quién es, Señor? Dímelo, para que crea en él.
37 —Pues ya lo has visto —le contestó Jesús—; es el que está hablando contigo.
38 —Creo, Señor —declaró el hombre.
Y, postrándose, lo adoró.
39 Entonces Jesús dijo:
—Yo he venido a este mundo para juzgarlo, para que los ciegos vean, y los que ven se queden ciegos.
40 Algunos fariseos que estaban con él, al oírlo hablar así, le preguntaron:
—¿Qué? ¿Acaso también nosotros somos ciegos?
41 Jesús les contestó:
—Si fueran ciegos, no serían culpables de pecado, pero, como afirman que ven, su pecado permanece.

Sermon Seeking: Who sinned? Rev. Haroldo Nuñes

Hymn No. 721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" *Pescador De Hombres*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Cheryl and Bill Weiss

Prayer of the People Cheryl Weiss / Rev. Haroldo Nuñes

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga a nosotros tu Reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyos son el reino, el poder y la gloria.
Ahora y para siempre.
Amén.

*Closing Hymn No. 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" *The Servant Song*

*Benediction Rev. Haroldo Nuñes

Postlude "Adagio and Fugue in C Major" *George Frederick Handel*

The service continues with fellowship.

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*The prayers were adapted from the Rev. Teri Peterson – Bibleworm
*Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal.
*Music: Organ – Tom Shaw, Ken Shafer; Piano – Bob Iams
*Sunday Service Assistant/Treats – Cheryl Weiss
*Sunday Flowers – Lemoine Peart

We welcome today: Haroldo Nuñes, Executive Director, Open Arms Hispanic Ministries; Jeff Stewart, Director, Immigrant Worker Project; Manuela Pena, Social Services Coordinator; IWP organizing our meal by the IWP Amigas Cooperative.



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, March 19
- Choir rehearsal – 9 am – The Meeting Place
- Worship Service – 10 am – Mackey Hall
- "Open Arms Hispanic Ministries: Welcoming and Accompanying our local Latinx Immigrants" and lunch following worship
- Wooster Friends Meeting – 10.30 am – The Meeting Place

Monday, March 20
- Troop 61 – 6 pm – Mackey Hall

Thursday, March 23
- Dance & Exercise – 8.30 am – The Meeting Place
- Lenten Study – 6 pm – The Lounge

Sunday, March 26

- 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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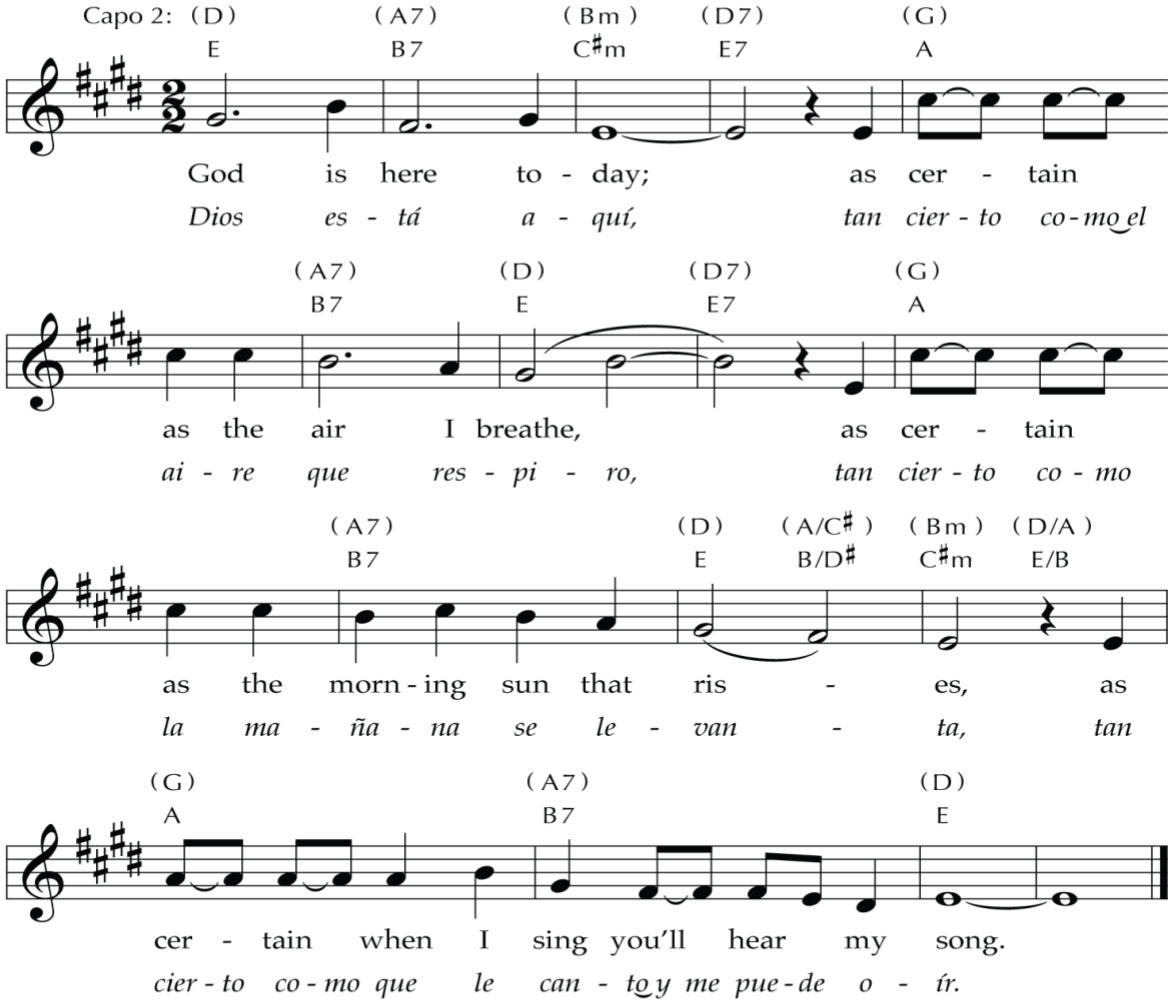
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seeking:
Who sinned?

God Is Here Today

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Dios está aquí



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.

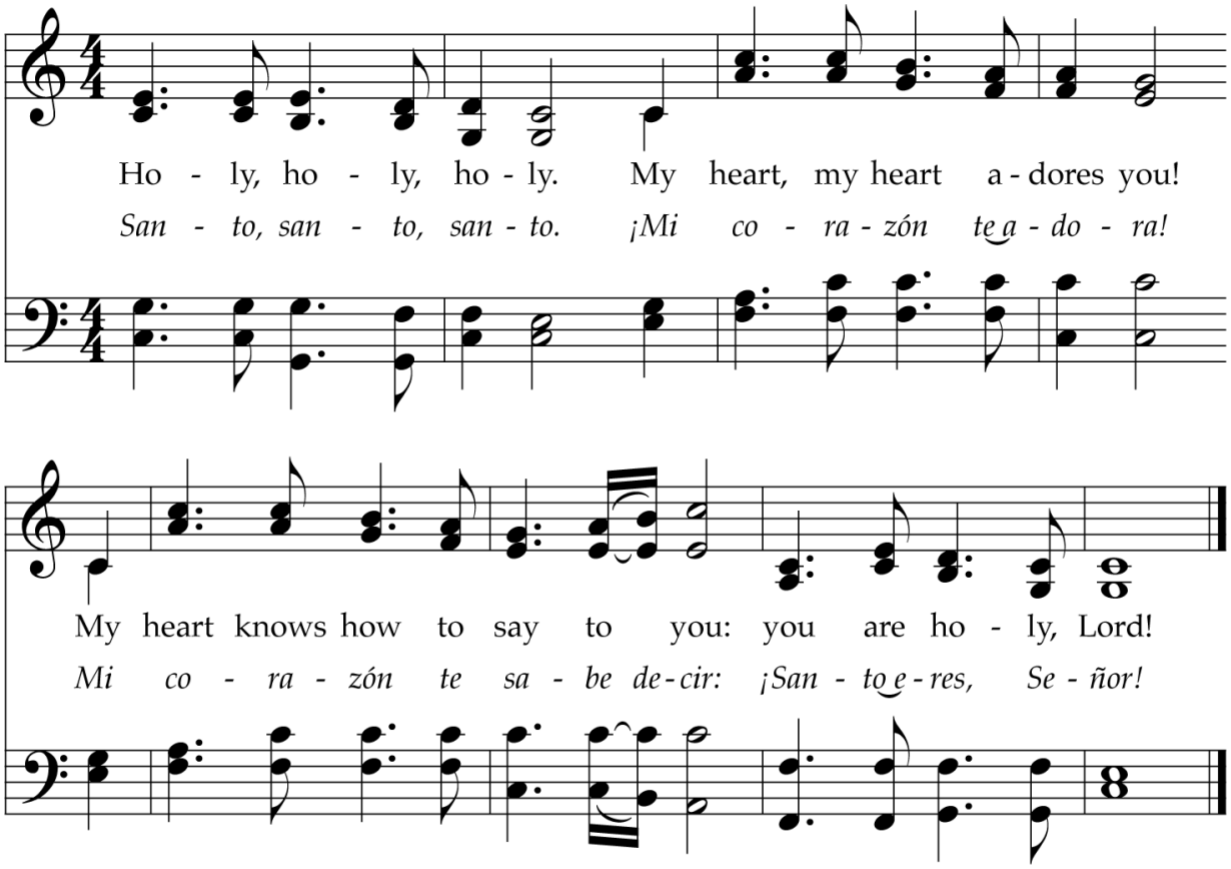
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DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ
Irregular

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

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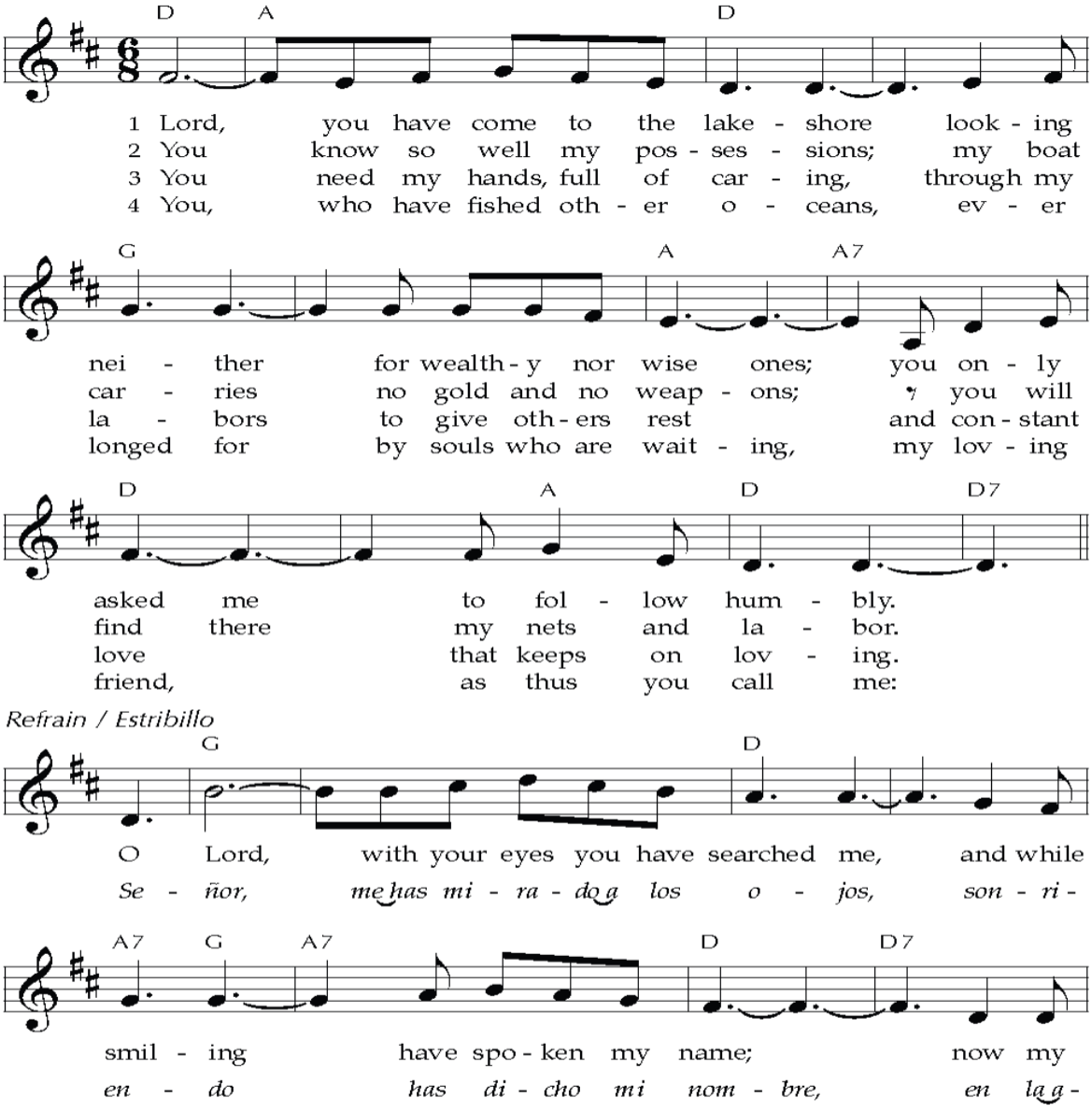


TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. Argentine

ARGENTINE SANTO
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721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

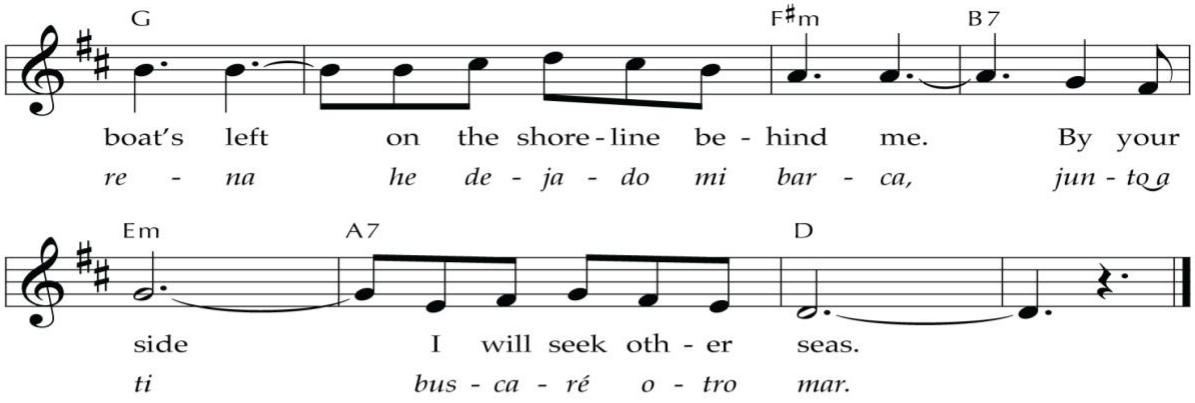
Tú has venido a la orilla



This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood, and Raquel Guttierez-Achón, 1988, alt.
MUSIC: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987
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PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
8.10.10 with refrain



SPANISH

1 *Tú has venido a la orilla,*
no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos,
tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
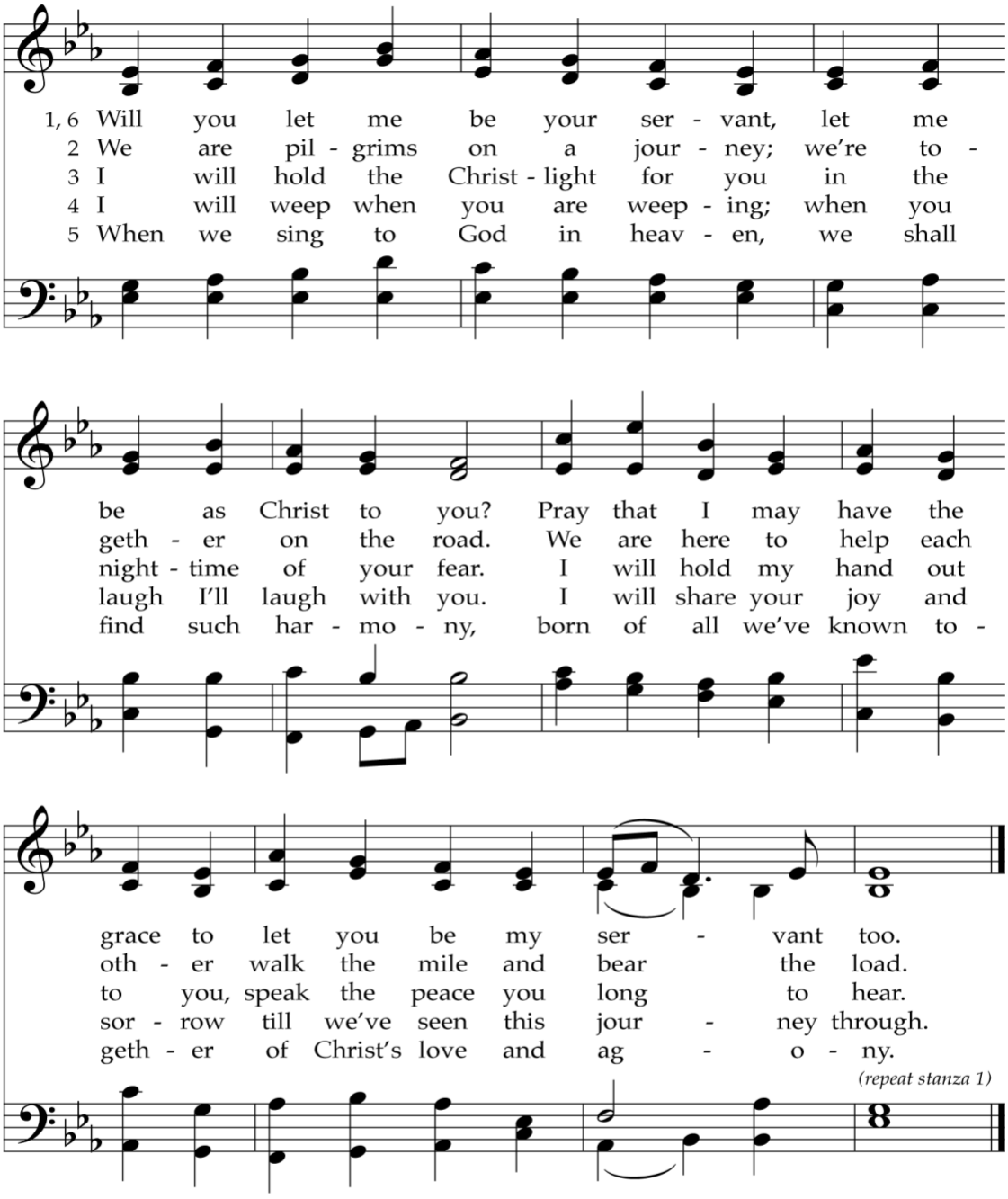
2 *Tú sabes bien lo que tengo:*
en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas,
tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo

3 *Tú necesitas mis manos,*
mi cansancio que a otros descanse,
amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo

4 *Tú, pescador de otros lagos,*
ansia eterna de almas que esperan,
amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.
MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham
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THE SERVANT SONG
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