NOVEMBER 1, 2026
9:00AM

ALL SAINTS' DAY

ST. MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
606 W 15TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS

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LOVE, SHARE, & SERVE BOLDLY.

No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey—join us! Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord. At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered—from all walks of life, backgrounds, and cultures—we welcome you!

We welcome you to our Family Worship, a casual and reflective service of togetherness. The Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace - the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.
Families with small children may enjoy playing with toys on the Prayground rug in the narthex. The nursery is open for children 0-4 years. The joyful noise of our young ones is always welcome in our worship.
Please sign in at the Welcome Desk or on your smartphone and wear a name tag so we can greet each other by name.
Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the narthex, or you can listen through your smart phone. The ushers are happy to help you.
Notes in italics offer directions about the service. **The people's responses are in bold.**

PRELUDE

TURN, TURN, TURN — PETE SEEGER

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

The tower bell rings as we begin worship.

Please stand and take a moment to say hello to those near you.

Please be seated for the musical reflection.

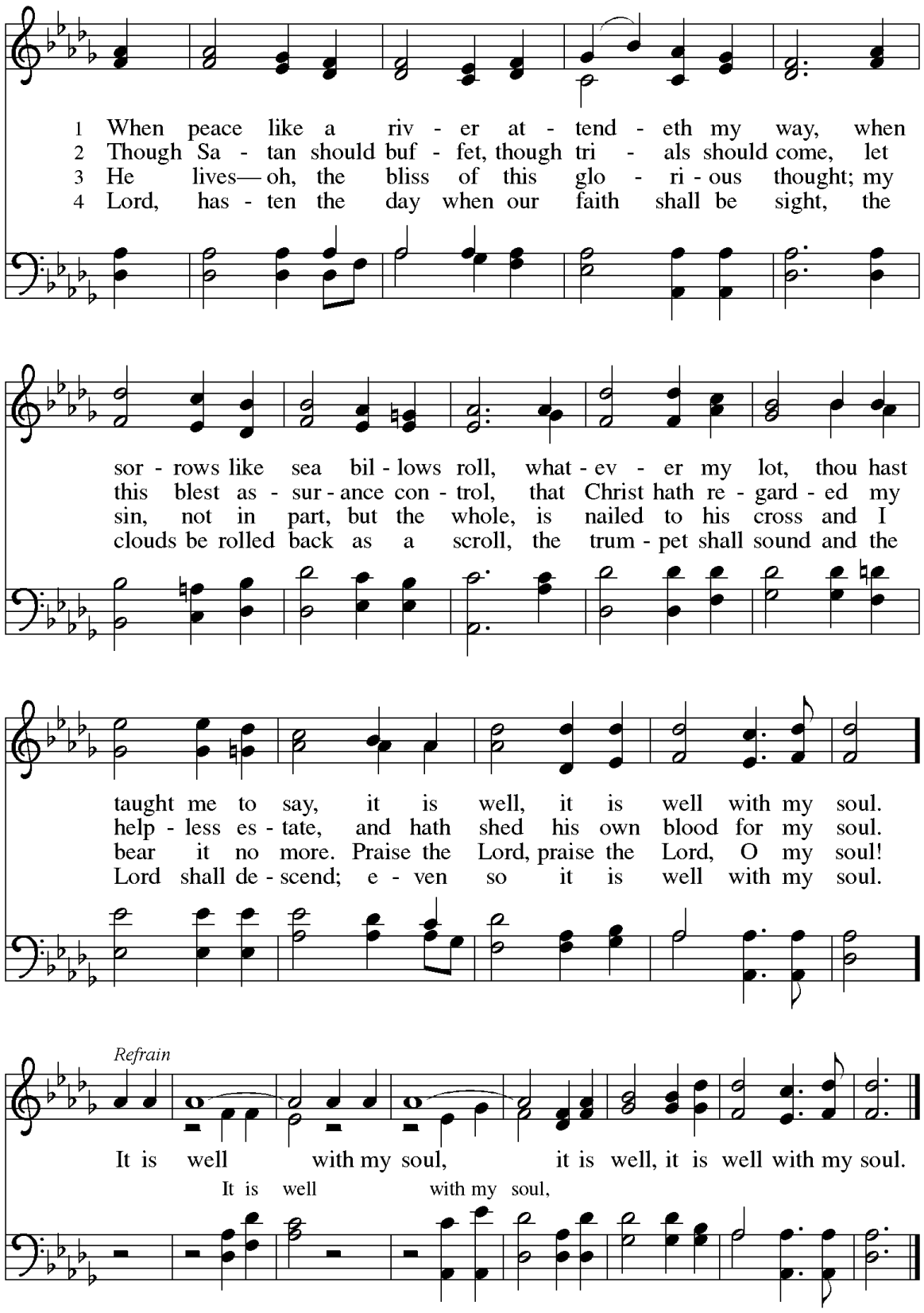
REFLECTION

We share a piece of writing to invite us into consideration of scripture and worship through different voices.

WHEN GREAT TREES FALL — MAYA ANGELOU

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.
When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.
When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.
Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance,
fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance
of dark, cold
caves.
And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING SONG
WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER (IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

May God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us as we worship today.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of

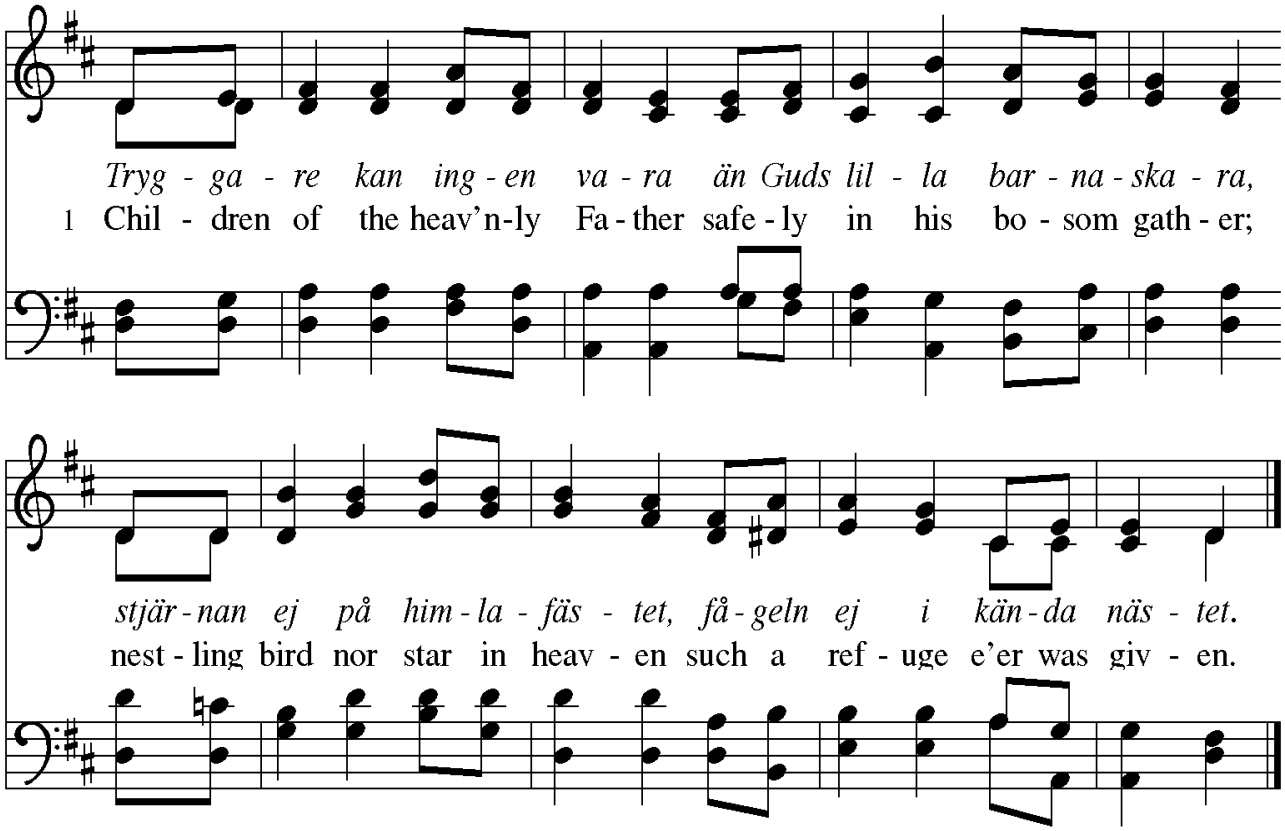
evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

CHILDREN'S INVITATION

As the adults are seated, the children are invited to come forward for their special time.

CHILDREN'S SONG

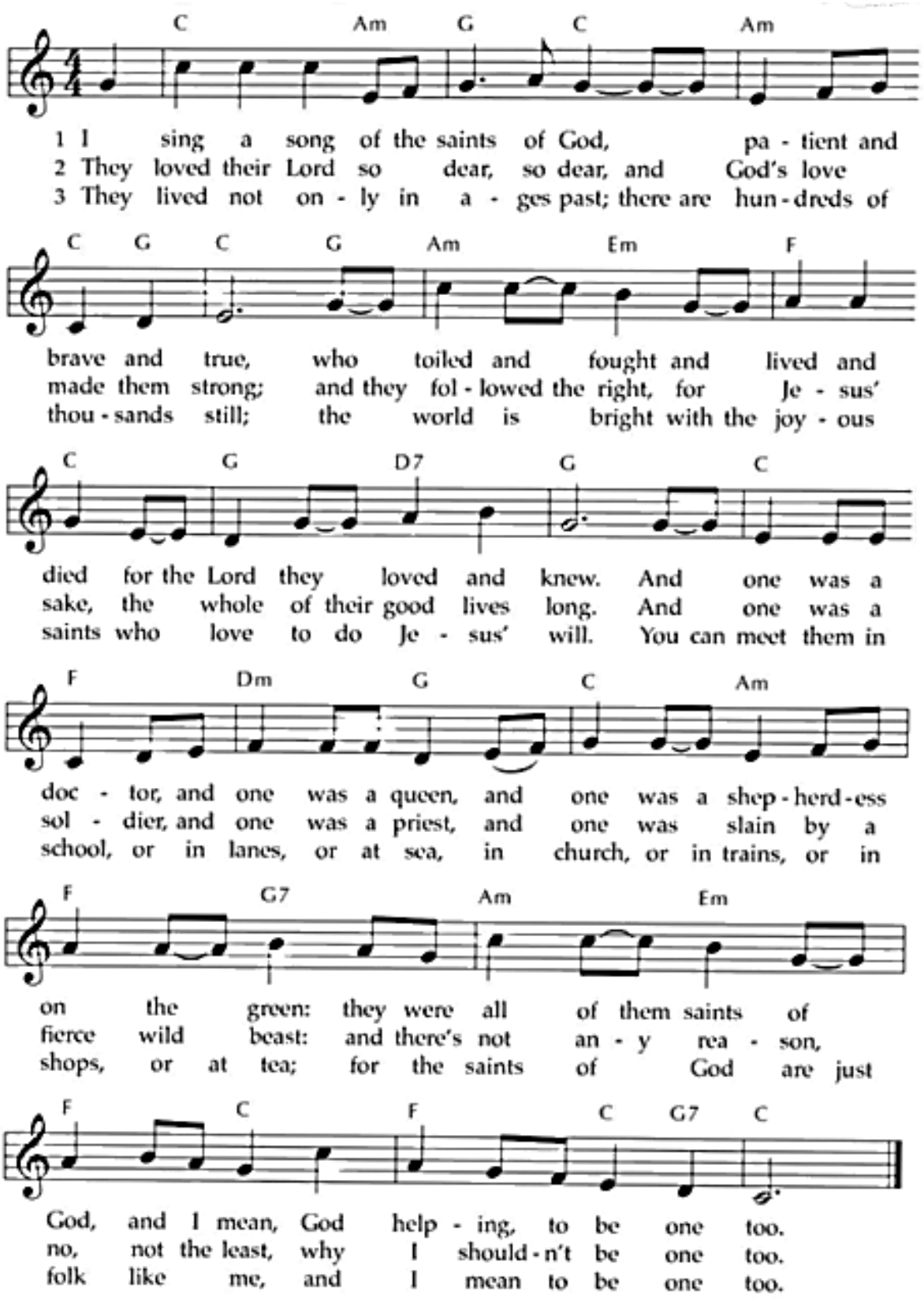
CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER: *TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA*



CHILDREN'S TIME

MESSAGE

Please stand as you are able.
Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during this time. Prayer requests may also be sent via email or text message to prayer@saintmartins.org.

SONG
I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this All Saints' Day, with grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, including those among us who have left this world in the past year:

Leona Abrahamson
Terry Adcock
Helen Altobello
Jo Ann Buerger
Stan Cravatt
E. David Henry
Eugene Johnson
Bob Mann
Bunny Oliver
Arthur Zenkner

Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presiding Minister: Into your steadfast love, faithful god, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

St. Martin's and its ministries are supported by our offerings of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We give now as God has so graciously given to us. To donate, go to saintmartins.org/giving or scan the QR code.

MUSICAL OFFERING

HOW GLORY GOES (FROM FLOYD COLLINS) — ADAM GUETTEL

Is it warm?
Is it soft against your face?
Do you feel a kind of grace
Inside the breeze?
Will there be trees?
Is there light?
Does it hover on the ground?
Does it shine from all around
Or just from you?

Is it endless and empty and you wander on your own?
Slowly forget about the folks that you've known?
Or does risin' bread fill up the air
From open kitchens everywhere?
Familiar faces far as you can see
Like a family?
Do we live?
Is it like a little town?
Do we get to look back down
At who we love?
Are we above?
Are we everywhere?
Are we anywhere at all?

Do we hear a trumpet call us
And we're by your side?

Will I want, will I wish for all the things I shoulda done?
Longing to finish what I only just begun
Or has a shining truth been waiting there
For all the questions everywhere
In a world of wonderin', suddenly you know
And you will always know

Will my mama be there waitin' for me?
Smilin' like the way she does
And holdin' out her arms
And she calls my name
She will hold me just the same

Only heaven knows how glory goes
What each of us was meant to be
In the starlight, that is what we are
I can see so far

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
    our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
    broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
    Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore…
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. We practice distribution by taking the wafer in your hand, then before consuming the bread, dipping it into the bowl of wine. If you prefer a blessing, cross your arms over your chest at the altar. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available on the small table as you approach the altar. If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the Narthex or ask an usher to let the minister know to bring communion to you. You are invited to bring your personal prayer concerns to the Stephen Minister who will be near the altar. You are welcome to light a prayer candle on the table nearby.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

SWIMMING TO THE OTHER SIDE — PAT HUMPHRIES

We are living 'neath the great big dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in this stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

I am alone and I am searching
Hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it will be my crime
In humility I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

On this journey through thoughts and feeling
Finding intuition, my head my heart
I am gathering the tools together
I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow
We're all swimming to the other side

When we get there we'll discover
All of the gifts we were given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you today, tomorrow and always. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God bless you always
Happy Birthday to you!

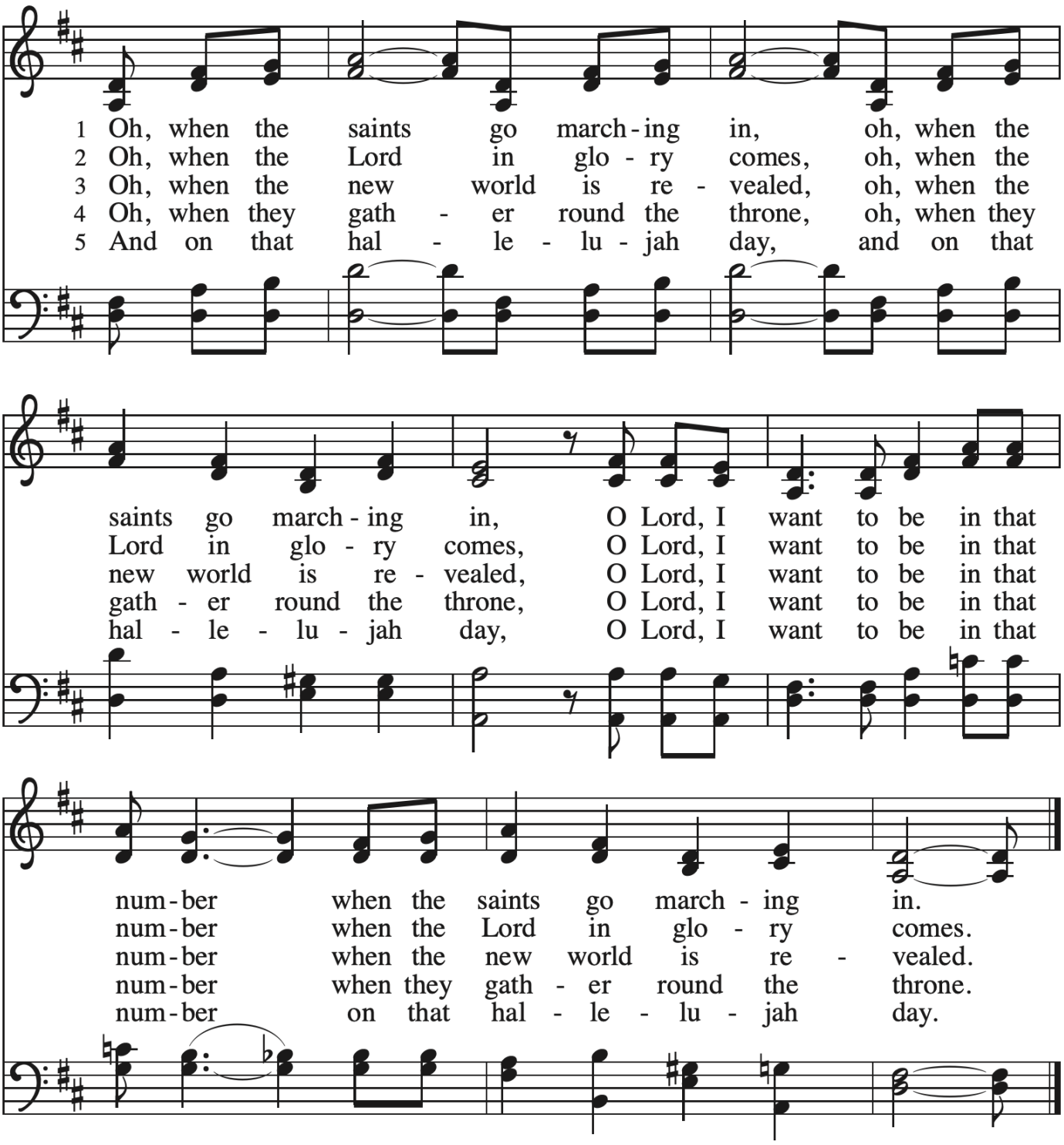
The children are dismissed at 9:45 to go to Sunday School classes.

You are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG
OH, WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Alan J. Watt - preaching/presiding
Mike Bruemmer - assisting minister
Nora Friedrich, Brett Bunger - communion assistants
Kathy Edgar - Stephen Minister

Tim O'Brien – Director of Music
Austin Haller - Associate Director of Music
Jenny Ohrstrom and Mark Istratie, vocals; Andrew Fuhrman, drums;
Darin Layne, guitar; Jay Clement, bass - musicians

Scot Salmon - video
Mike Kaase - sound
Garry Flandermeyer - ushers
Sandra Creswell - Welcome Center
Virginia Haas, Mamie Hickerson,
Donna Gunter -Altar Guild
Connections Committee - fellowship snacks

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