**ZION’S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor**

**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

August 2, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please prepare bread and cup for the Service so we may partake together.

We will be live streaming worship each Sunday on our Zion’s Reformed Facebook Page and you can view the video there. Please “Like” or “Follow” the page to receive updates and notices. The video will also be posted on YouTube on our channel--Zion’s Reformed Greenville PA. The intent is that we continue to be in community with one another and offer worship and praise and thanksgiving in all the ways we can. We post worship materials in the “Pastor’s Corner” on our webpage [www.zionsucc.org](http://www.zionsucc.org) and send worship materials by email or postal mail each week so you all can have a sense of connection.

Please send Pastor June any prayer requests by email, text, phone, or messenger. And share any feedback or comment on worship in the sanctuary, the live stream, or video posting. This is meant to be meaningful for you so we appreciate knowing what works and what we could do differently.

The Consistory will meet on August 5 to discuss how the church will proceed given the increase in cases in Mercer County. We will continue to have lectors and musicians as part of the service. And many thanks to Allen Morrill, Leslie Graul, Lance Callahan and Julie Hills for helping with the livestream equipment. Please let Consistory know if you have any thoughts about resuming in person worship or activities.

As always, each of you is in our prayers. Physical distancing does not mean we are distant from one another in heart and spirit. And we know that our Creator, Redeemer, and Loving Spirit is present with us always and in every moment. For all this we give thanks.

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of Rena King, by Carol Ann Cash.

**A Time of Gathering**

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

THE PRELUDE “New Wine” Ligertwood/Beaney (CCLI# 7102397)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Isaiah 55:1,3

*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.*

GATHERING SONG “Awesome God” (CCLI #5001563) (bulletin page 5)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Return to the Lord your God,

**People: for God is gracious.**

Leader: Confess to the Lord your God,

**People: for God is merciful.**

Leader: Repent to the Lord your God,

**People: for God is slow to anger.**

Leader: Praise the Lord your God,

**People: for God abounds in steadfast love.**

Leader: Worship the Lord your God.

**People: Together, let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (CCLI #154773) (bulletin page 6)

**A Time of Prayer**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are rarely just in all our ways, and far from being kind in all our doings. What we want to be and what we actually are, are two different things. We need both your justice and your kindness to convict us of our sins, to forgive and cleanse us, and to save us from the power of evil in the days that lie ahead. We need your mercy to wipe away shame and disabling regrets, your light to give us our bearings, and your friendship to delight with us in our happiness and to comfort us in our sorrows. Hear our prayers, O God….**

A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

A SONG OF ASSURANCE “God Will Take Care of You”

**Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you;**

**Beneath God’s wings of love abide, God will take care of you.**

**God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way;**

**God will take care of you, God will take care of you.**

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.**

**Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.**

**Dwelling in the Word**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

**8**The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. **9** The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. **14** The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. **15** The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. **16** You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. **17** The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. **18** The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. **19** He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. **20** The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. **21**My mouth will speak in praise of the

Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

SERMON *Loving Kindness*

COMMUNION HYMN “As We Gather At Your Table” (CCLI #6271859 ) (bulletin page 7)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Preparation

Words of Remembering

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Life.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**Unison: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

**We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of bread and cup, the gifts of Christ’s body and blood. We thank you for nourishing us, sustaining us, and empowering us to live as one body. We thank you for your most amazing love, and pray that your love would abide in us now and always. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “God Be With You” (CCLI #2647645 ) (bulletin page 8 )

THE BENEDICTION

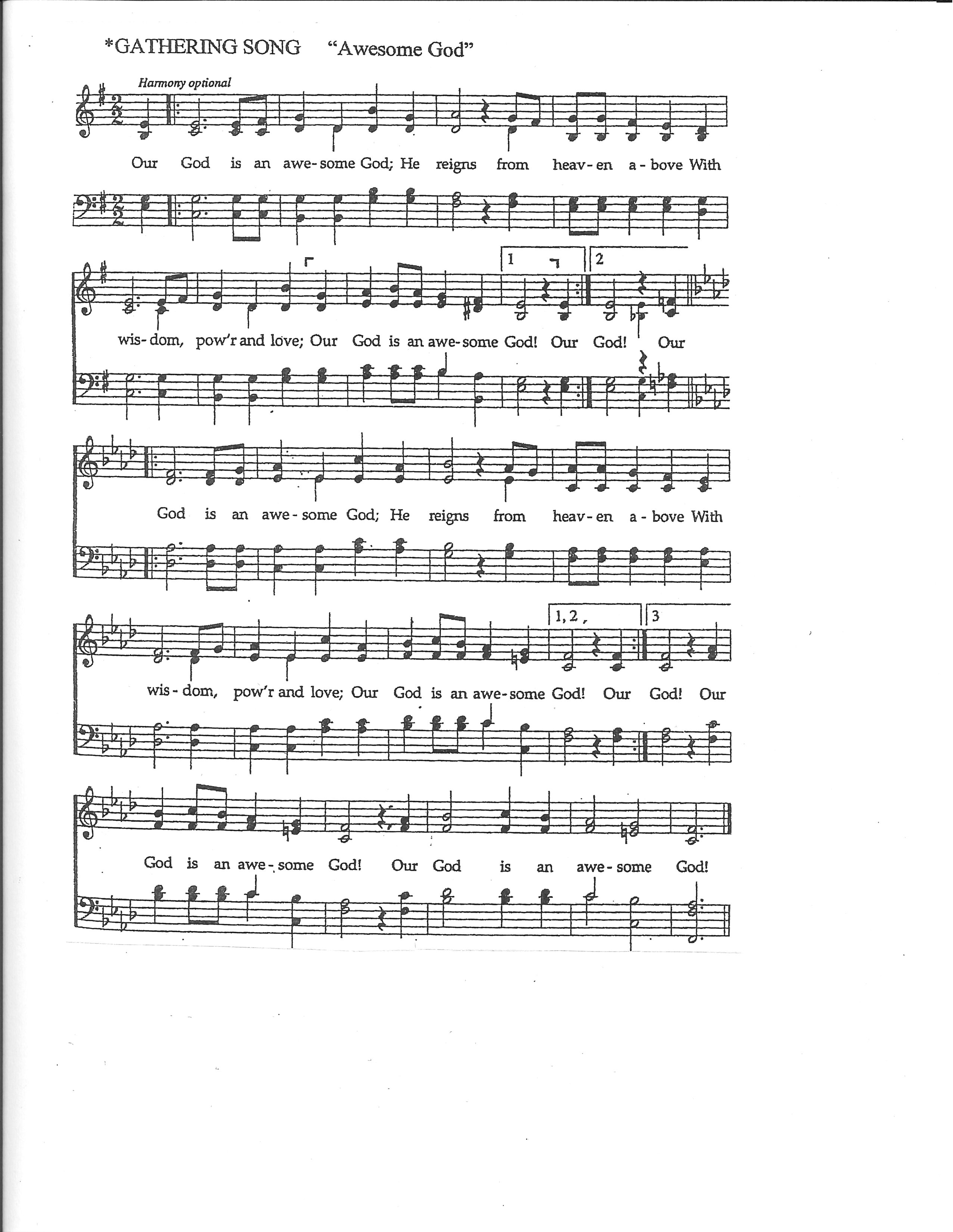
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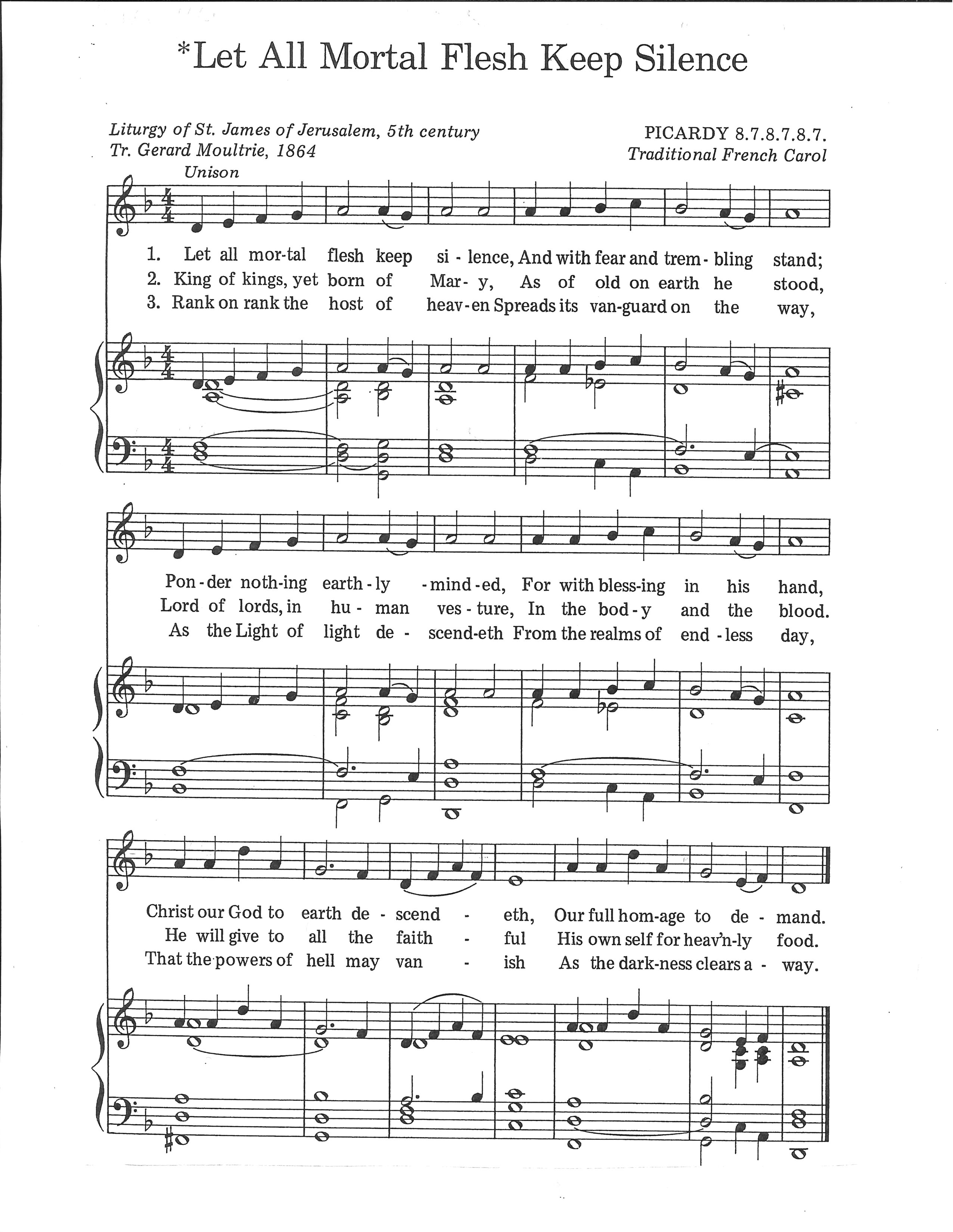
**Our worship is ended and our service begins.**

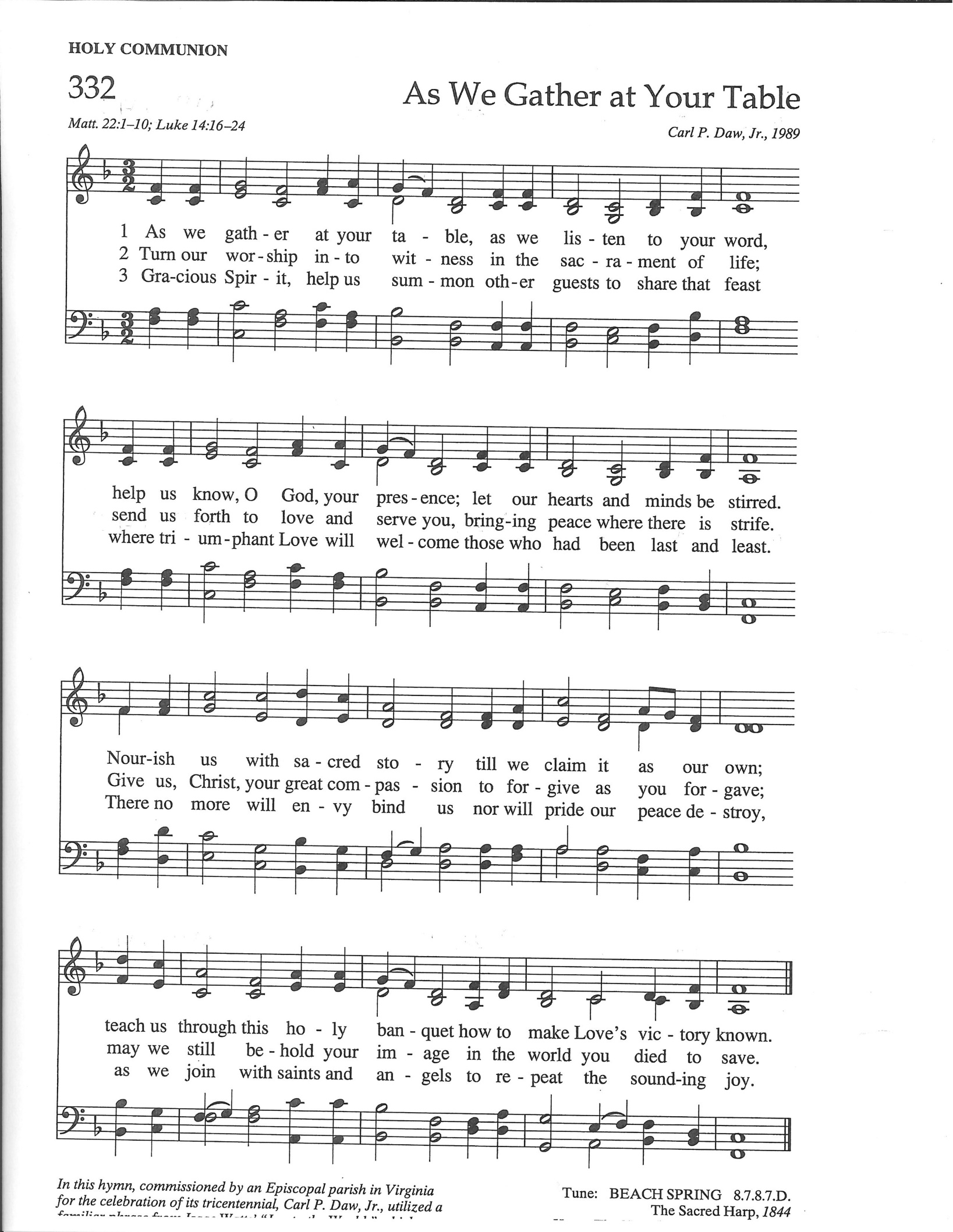
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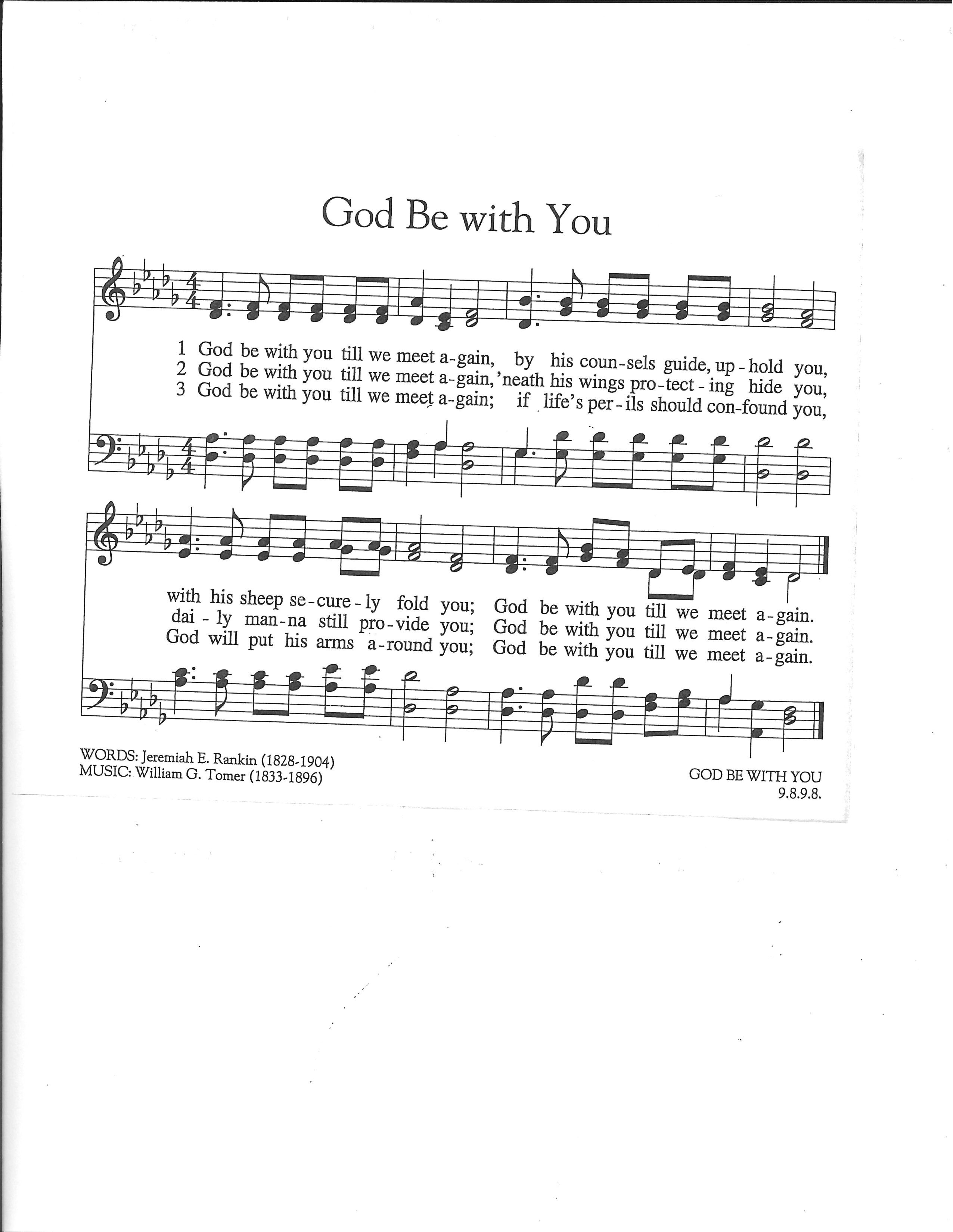
*Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the figure of a free people.*

*A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.*





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