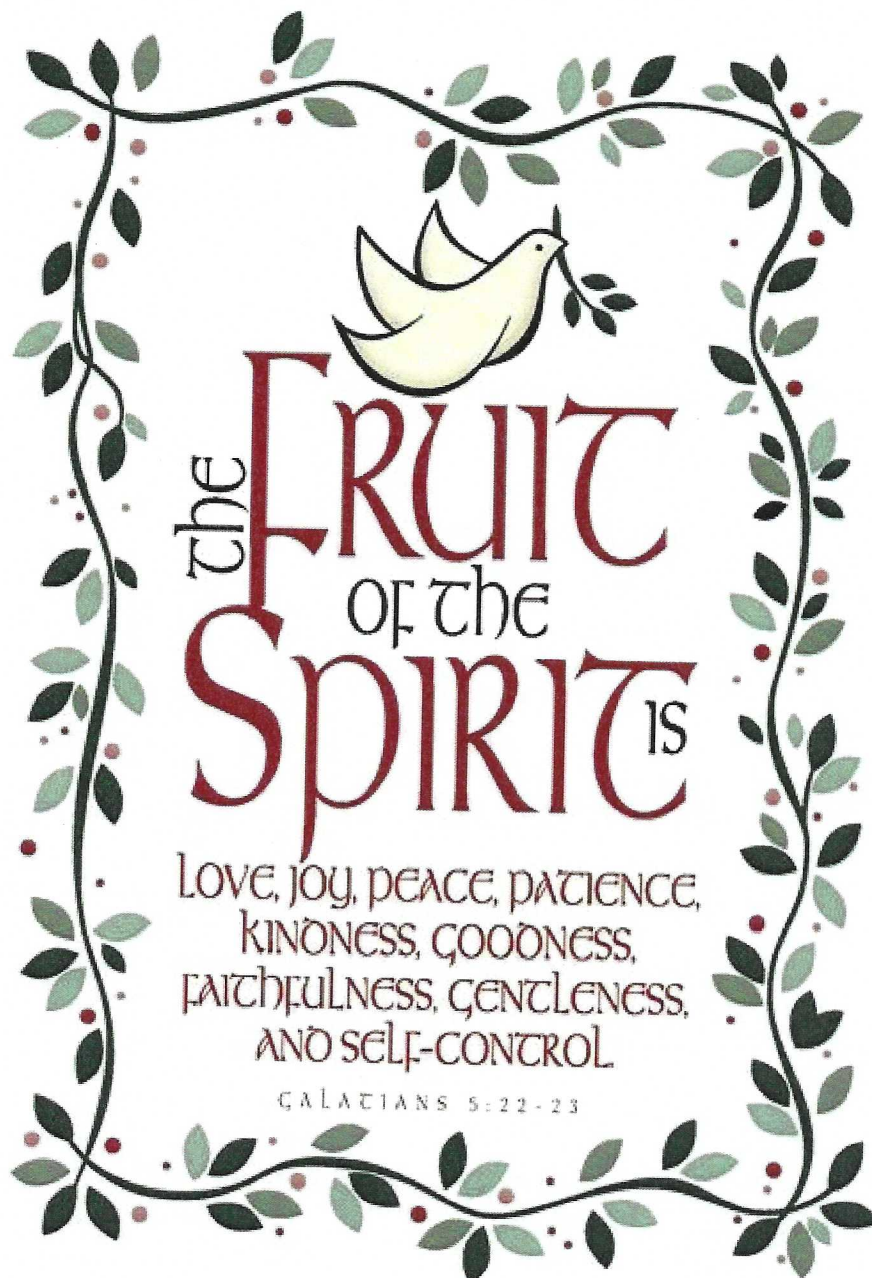


East Parish United Methodist Church

Established 1834

East Parish is a Church open to all, which nurtures and enables people to experience God's transforming love and serve others in Jesus' name.



August 15, 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Maud F. Ryan.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to become a member of our church family, or to be baptized, contact Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net

August 29th will be a "Hymn Sing." Please get your song suggestions to Pastor Wichmann by the 22nd so we can sing the most popular and so our wonderful organist can practice them in advance. You can call, text, Messenger, and even slip them through the slot on the office door.

* **OPENING HYMN** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart"* #500

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16, 1-2, 4-9, 11, NRSV)

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

P: I say to Yahweh, "You are my God; I have no good apart from you."

L: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows.

P: Yahweh is my chosen portion and my cup; I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless God who gives me counsel;

P: I keep God always before me; I shall not be moved.

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body rests secure.

P: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God, you call us to go where Christ leads. Turn us from the ways of the world; guide us to fullness of joy in the Spirit, where bodies and souls rest secure; and grant us strength to follow the way of the cross, which frees us to love one another for the sake of all creation. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

"No Excuses"

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. You may also send them to Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, you gave us the most precious gift, your Only Begotten. Yet we sometimes fail to heed Jesus' teachings. We spend too much time looking back at what cannot be changed. We worry excessively about what has not yet happened. Guide us, O God, in the moment; help us to focus on you alone.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L. Please greet your neighbors with the blessing: "The peace of Christ be with you."

P. And also with you.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*** DOXOLOGY**

No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*** HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"This is the Feast of Victory"* #638 (insert) vs. 3 – Antiphon

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

**Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.*

Many thanks to Dooseon Woo for sharing her musical talents with us today, in Linda's absence.

Luke 9:51-62 (CEB)

51 As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. 52 He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival, 53 but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" 55 But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, 56 and they went on to another village.

57 As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

59 Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me." He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

61 Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house." 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (CEB)

1 Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again.

13 You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but serve each other through love. 14 All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. 15 But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

16 I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. 17 A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. 18 But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. 19 The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, 20 idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, 21 jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self with its passions and its desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

Prayer List

Church of Christ

Ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church

For the slain everywhere

Vicki Hall (for a kidney)

Ashley Fowler (Craig's brother)

Family and friends of Debbie McAdams

Steve Smith

Candice Short

Joni McPhee

Ken Eaton

Julie Allred

Corey Amlin (BIL of Martha Murray)

Linda Murphy (friend of Samantha Stanton)

Victims of sexual abuse and assault

Victims of natural disasters

Division in the United Methodist Church

Deplorable treatment of refugees and asylum-seekers on the southern border of the US

For those whose voices are so often ignored

All who have suffered with, because of, or died from COVID-19

All who have suffered with or because of addiction

For our country, desperately in need of unity and humanity

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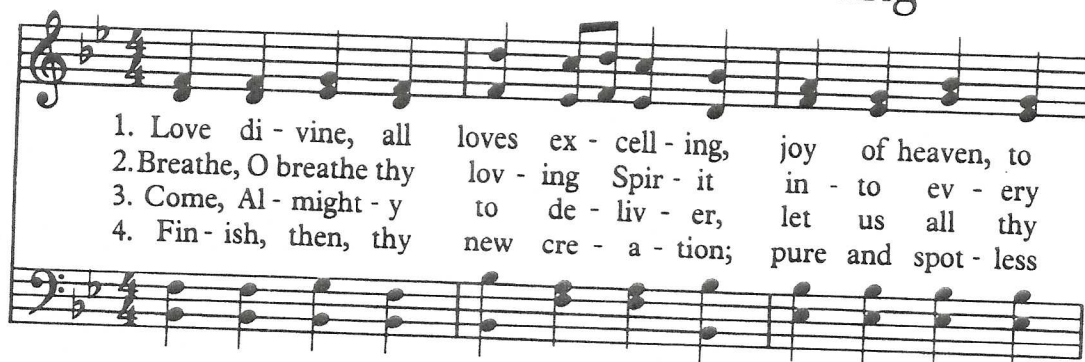
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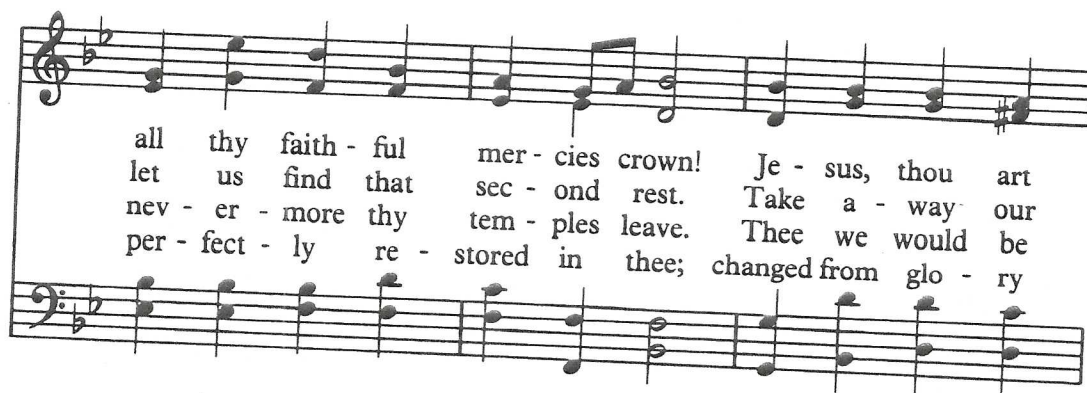
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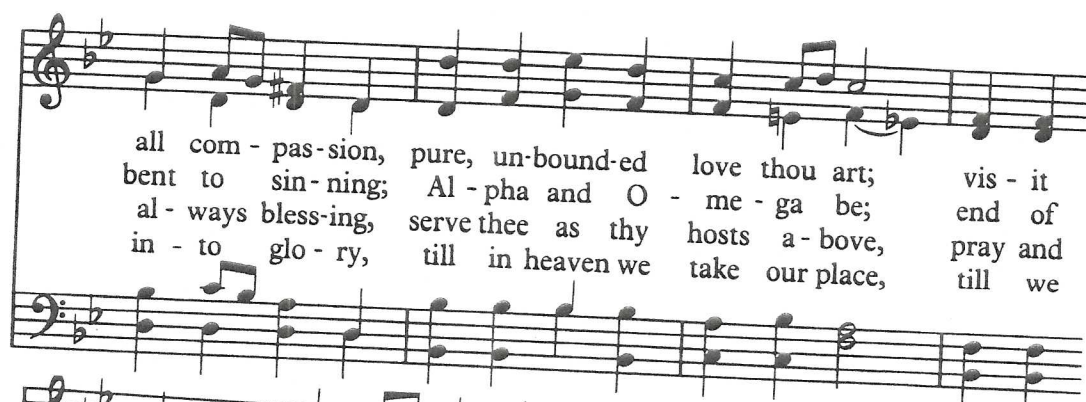
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



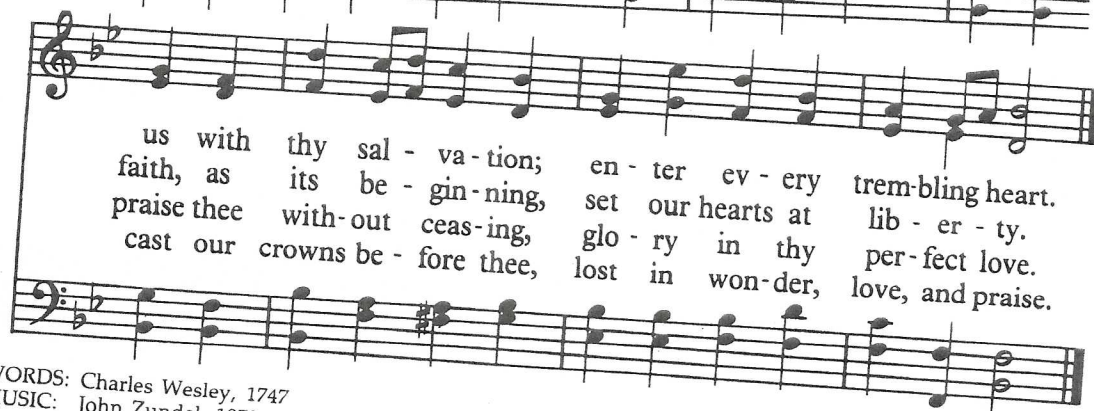
earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

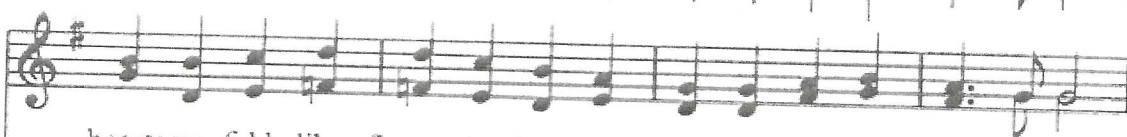
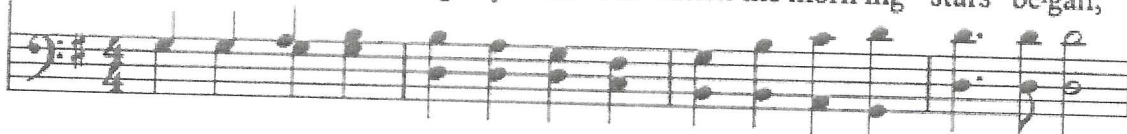


us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

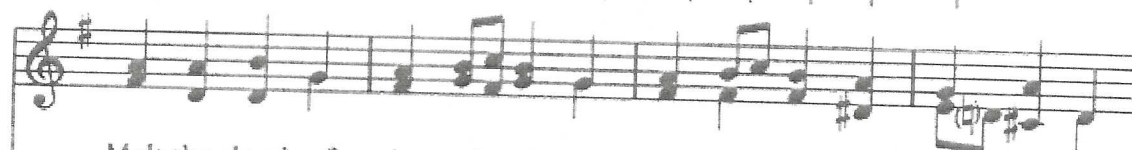
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



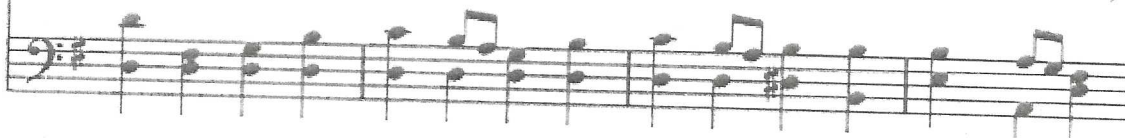
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



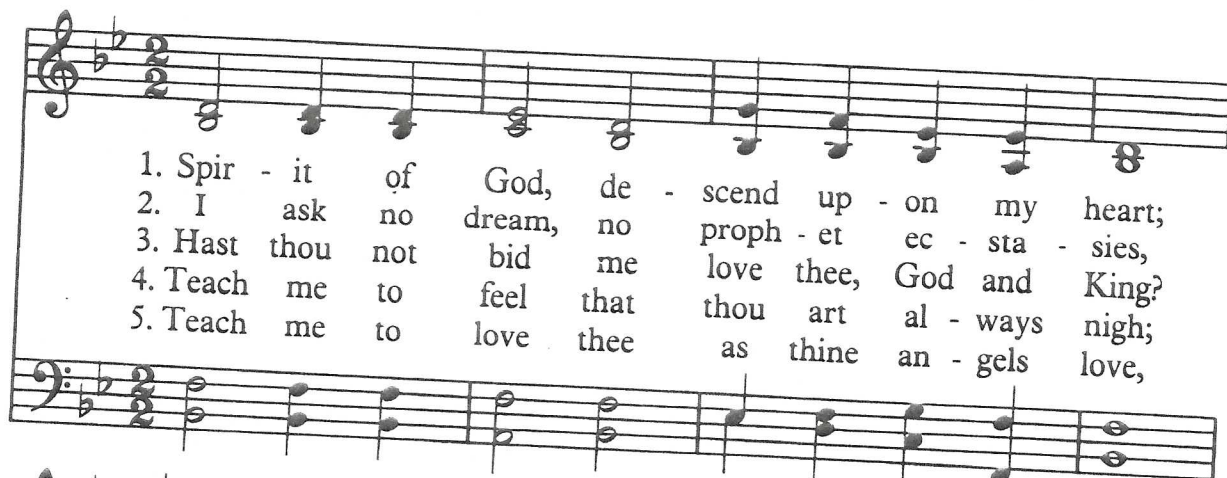
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



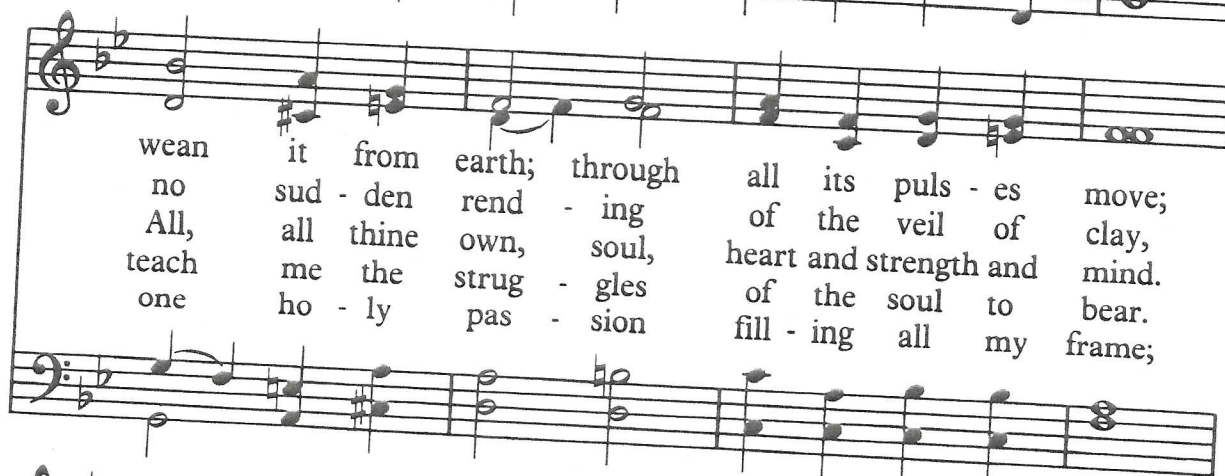
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



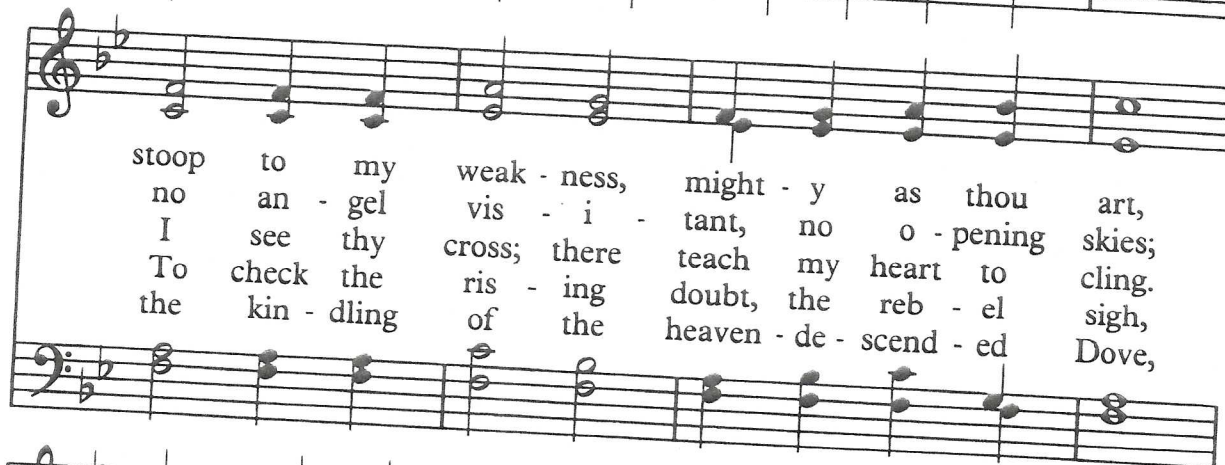
500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



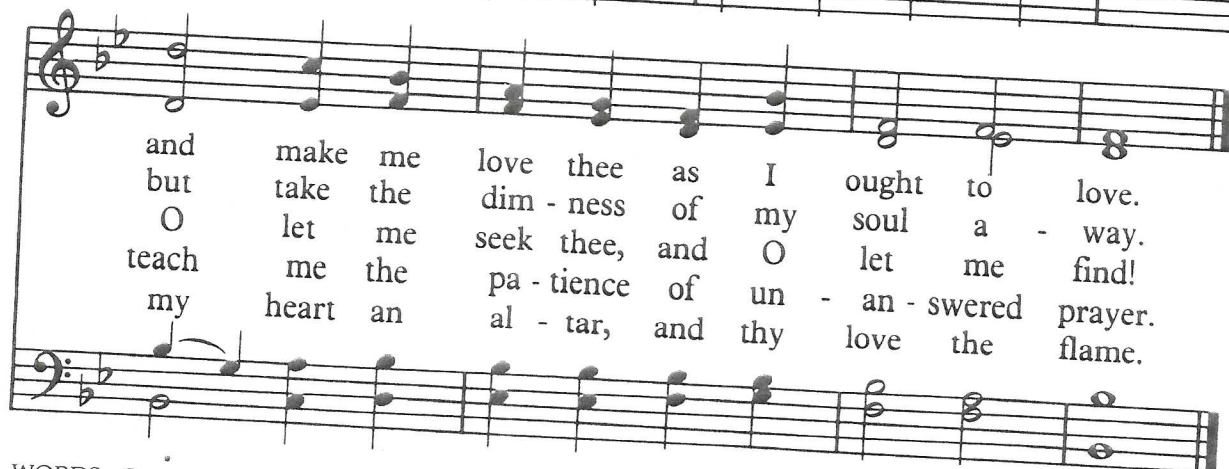
1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,



wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
 the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,



and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.