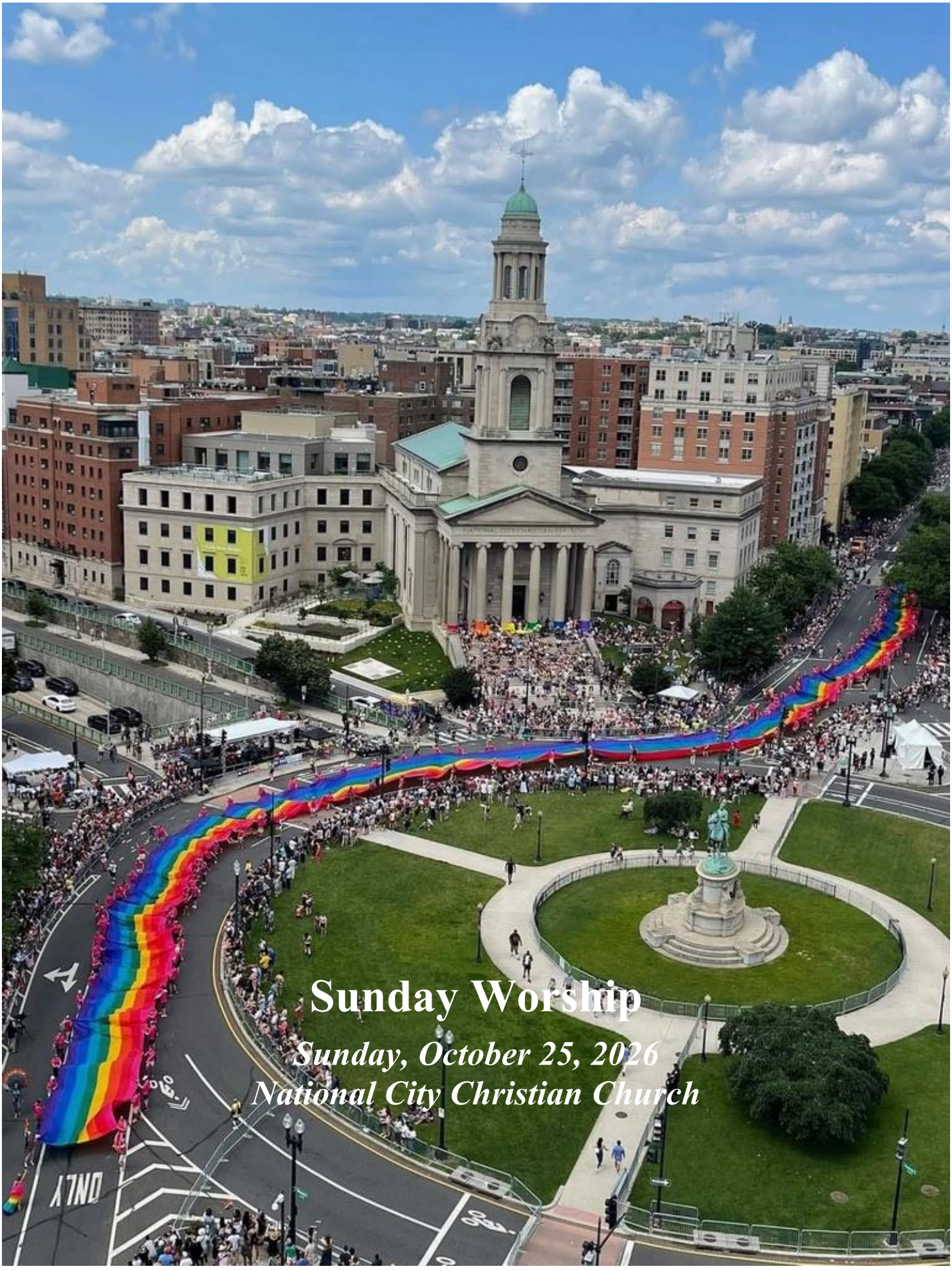


Sunday Worship

Sunday, October 25, 2026

National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude **Kevin Biggins**

Meditation of UNION SEMINARY

Based on the tune by Harold Friedell, Arr. Charles Callahan

Choral Call to Worship **Chancel Choir**

God Be in My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer, Amen.

***Processional Hymn** **Congregation**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!

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Welcome **Pastor Stephanie**

***Call to Worship** **Rev. Tori**

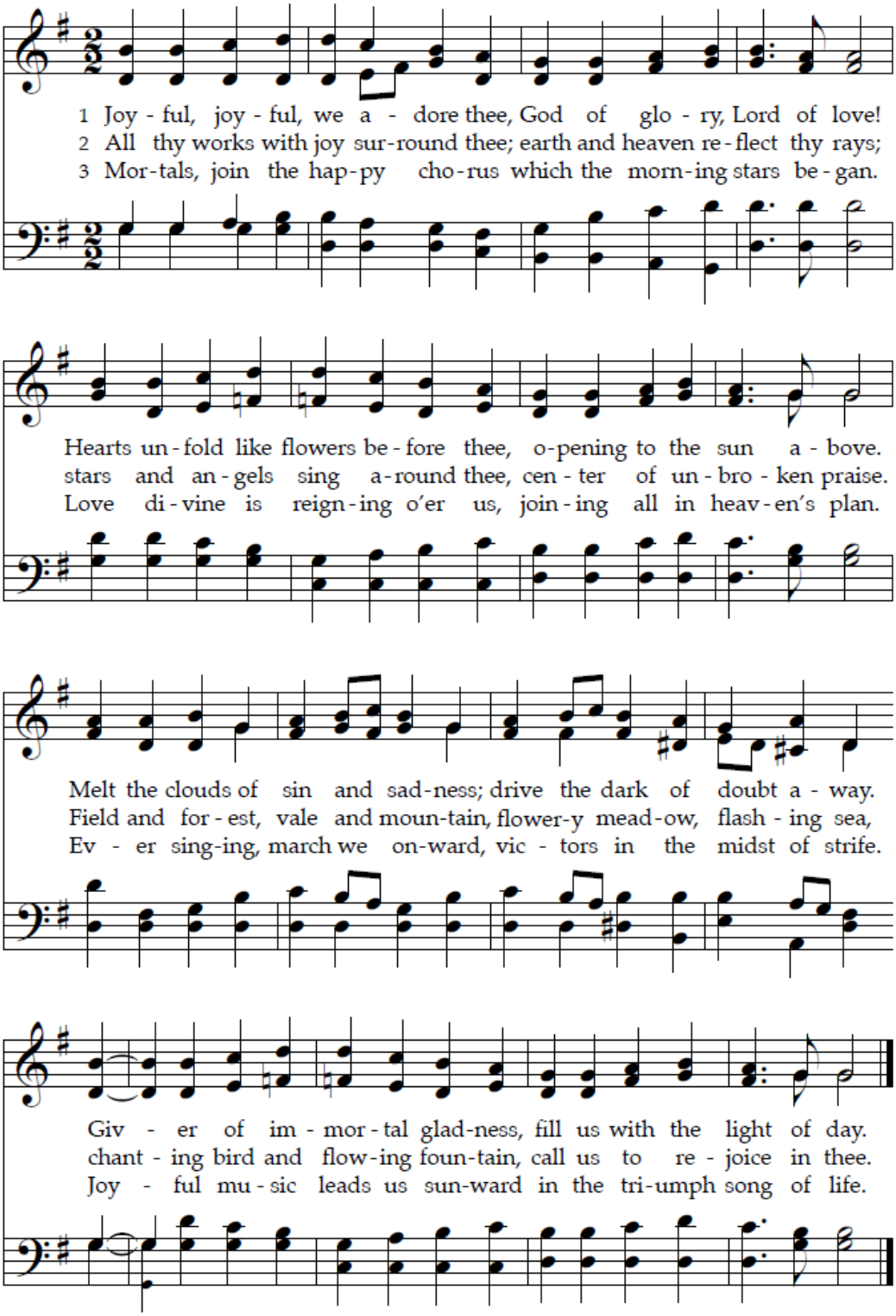
One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
***Many: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days**.*
One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are Sovereign!
Many: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.
One: Holy One, you are our dwelling place! From everlasting to everlasting, you are God!
Many: Let your favor be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!

*** Hymn of Spiritual Readiness** **Congregation**
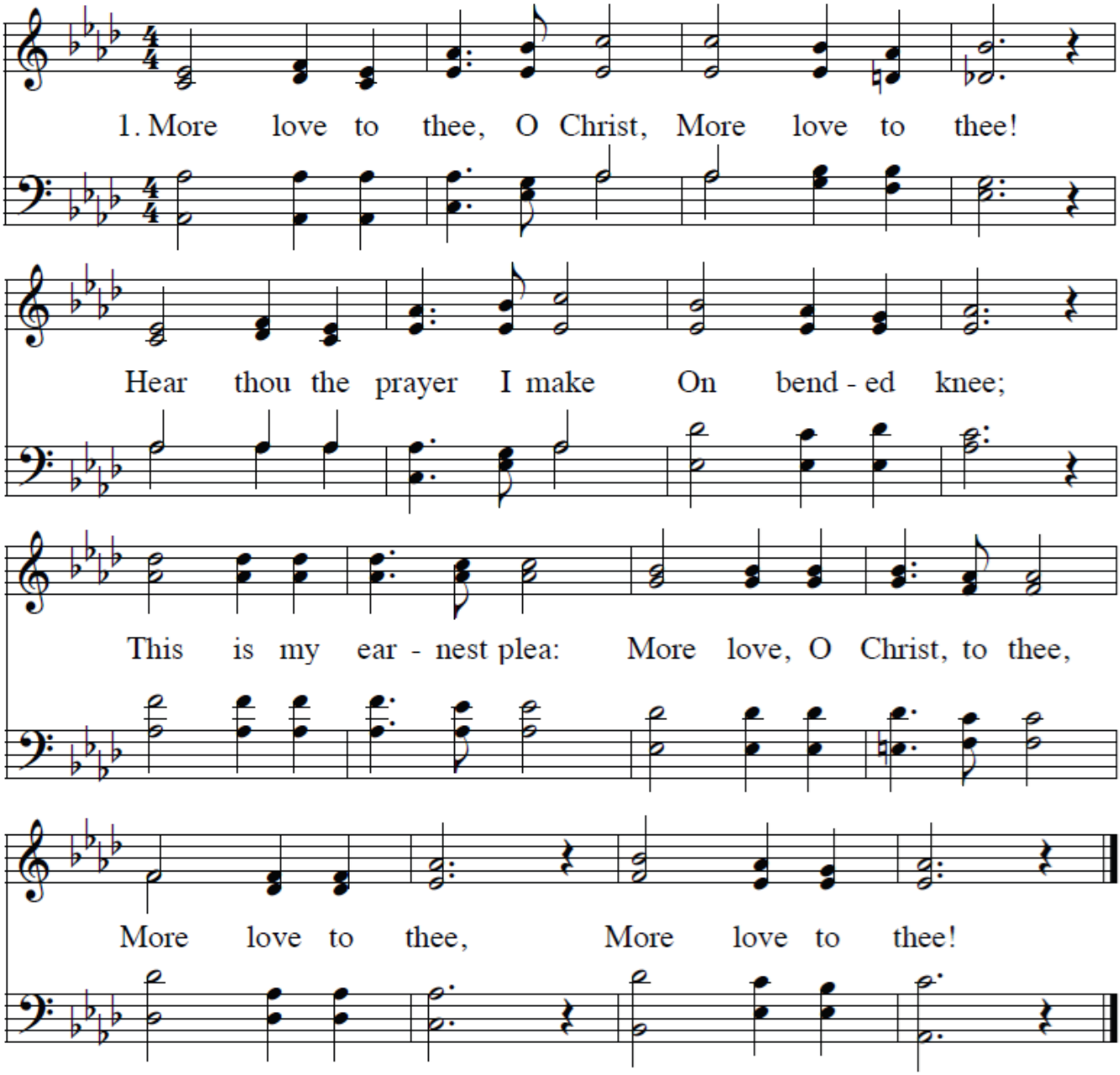
More Love to Thee

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!



More Love to Thee



The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People **Pastor Stephanie**

Gary Lewis, Nicholas Bullock, Dick Hamm, John Humbert, Norman Kruse, Dorothy Davis, Betty Jones, Warren Brooks, Eddie Franklin, Wes Strotman, Will White, Lon Schreiber, Monte Hillis, Bill Kambic, Fred Kendell, Angie Bradley, Stephanie Kocka and her family, Katie John and her family, and the family of Greg Ogren and all who loved him as we lovingly remember him.

If you would like to add your name or someone else's to this prayer list, please reach out to Pastor Stephanie or Terri Malone, Elder and Worship Chair.

Choral Response to Prayer **Sung by Stephanie Kocka**

10,000 Reasons

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
(Refrain)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
(Refrain)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
(Refrain)

Refrain
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship God's holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

Sacred Text: Matthew 22:34-39 (NRSVUE) **Ashton Brown**
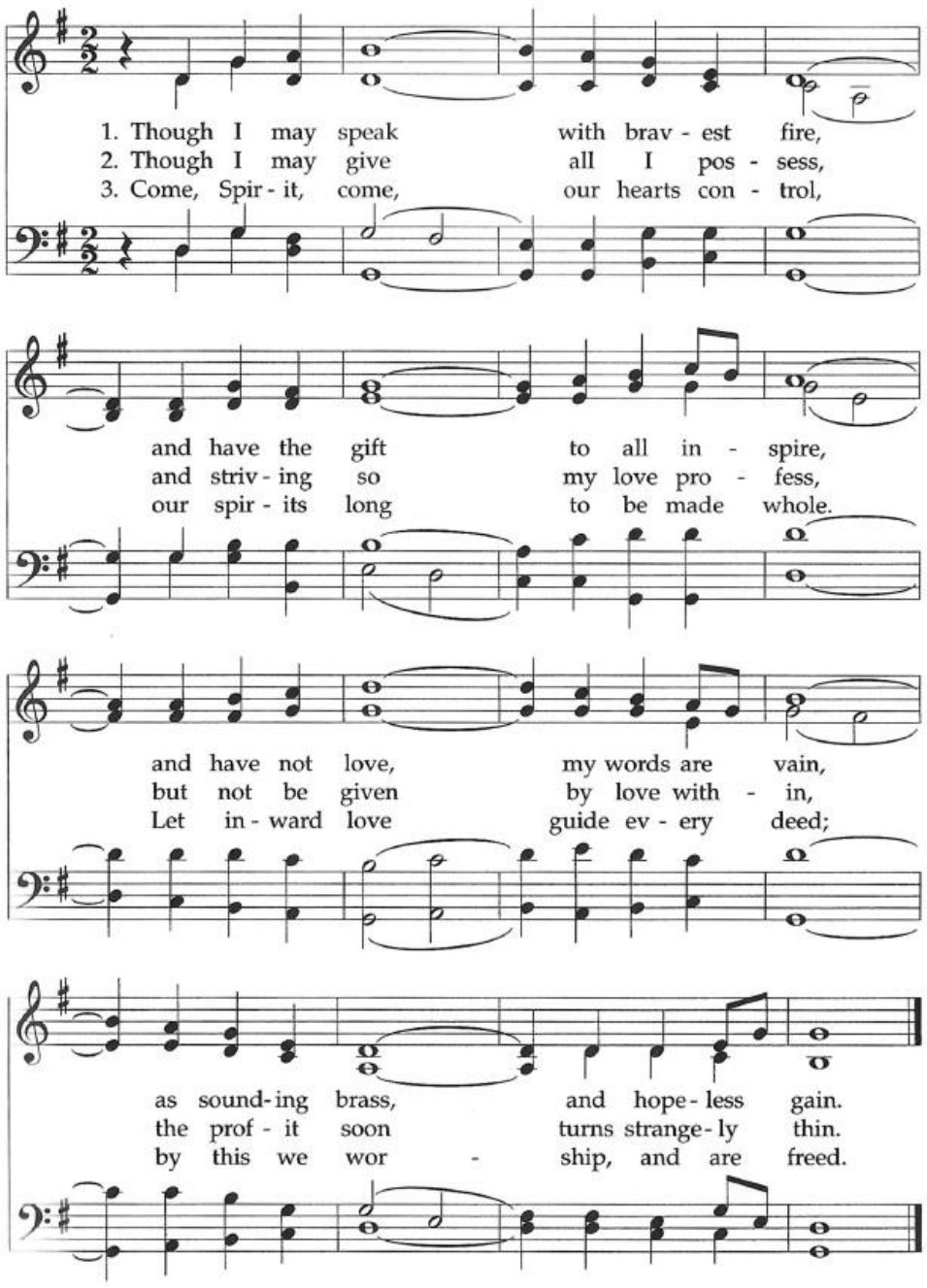
Hear these words from the Gospel of Matthew. Let us open our hearts to receive the Good News once more:

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.
"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'
This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

One: The Word of God, for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God

***Song of Response** **Congregation**

The Gift of Love



Message **Dr. Joel A. Brown,** *Disciples of Christ Historical Society*

The Service of Community

***The Lord's Prayer** **Joseph Johnson-Schacht**

You're invited to rise as you are able and join in the Lord's Prayer
using the words and the language that resonates most with your relationship to God.

Our God who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name,
Your Kindom come, Your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today 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 Yours is the Kindom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen

Cultivating Generosity Donate online **Rev Tori**

Offertory **Chancel Choir**

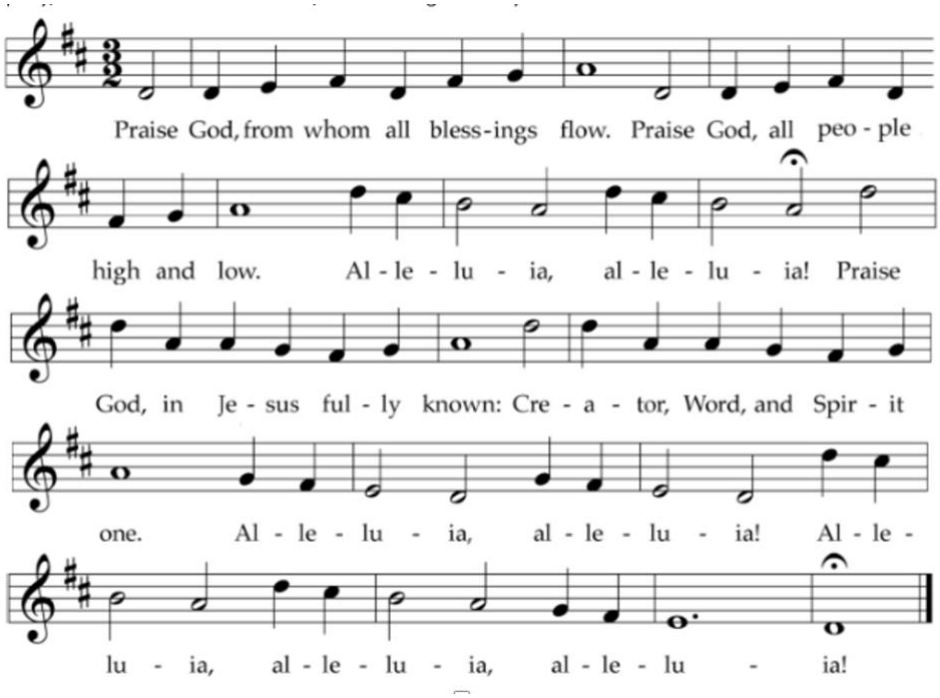
Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long!

***Doxology** **Congregation**



***Passing of the Peace** **Pastor Stephanie**
One: The Peace of Christ be always with you!
All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Response** **Congregation**

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***Moment of Centering:** Psalm 100:3-5 **Congregation**

Know that The Lord is God! God made us, and we belong to the Creator,
We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise!
Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name! For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

The Service of the Table

All are welcome to take communion. ***The elements are alcohol free and gluten free.***
If you would like a deacon to bring communion elements to you in your pew, please raise your hand.
If you're in need of prayer, an elder is available at the back of the sanctuary.

Invitation to the Table **Rev. Tori**
Prayers for the Bread and Cup **Robin Schacht**
Words of Institution **Rev. Tori**

Communion Meditation **Chancel Choir**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup--
Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.
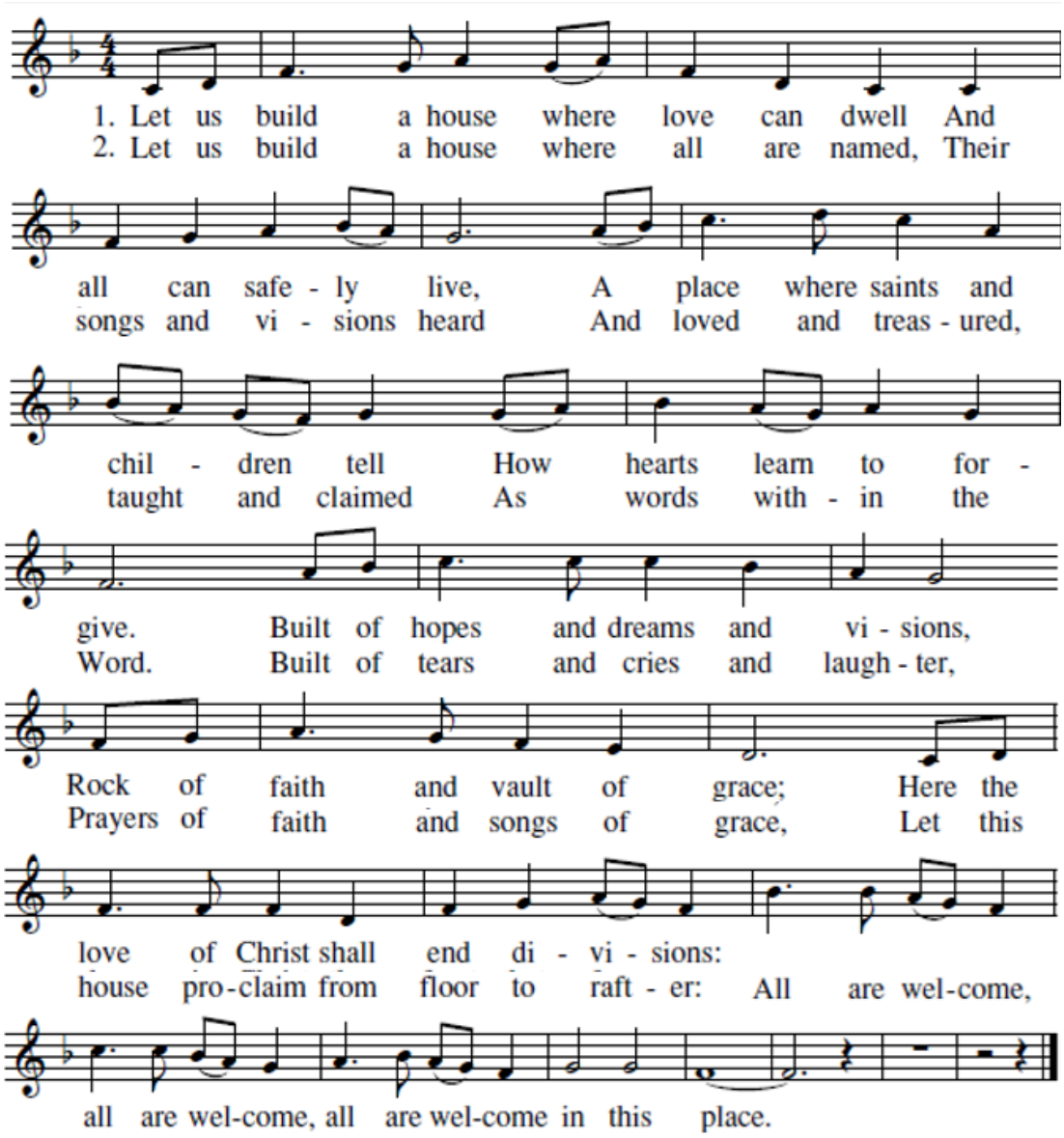
All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! We will serve with faith a-new.

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Robin Schacht**

The Service of Going Forth

***Hymn of Going Forth** **Congregation**

All Are Welcome
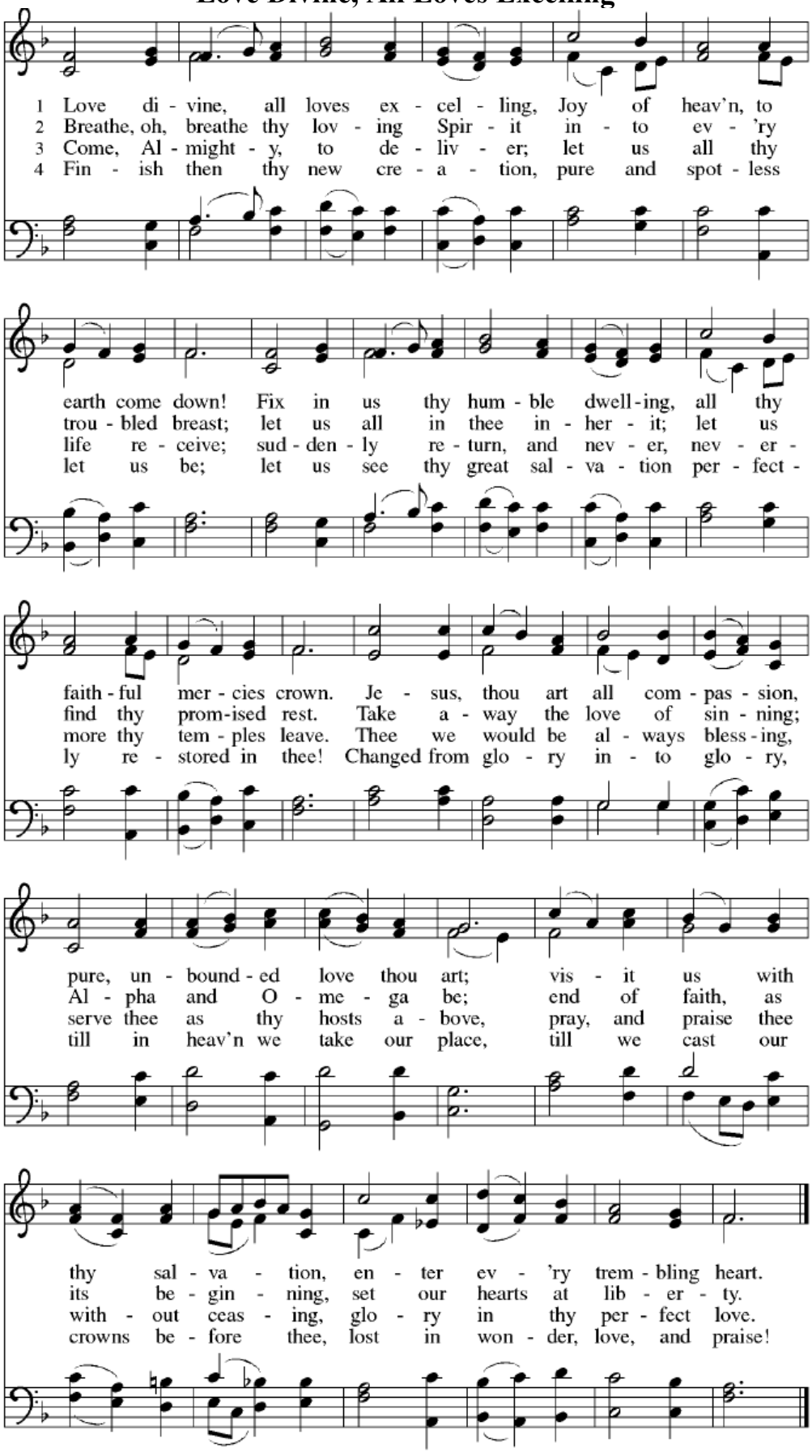


***Benediction** **Pastor Stephanie**

Postlude **Kevin Biggins**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Based on the tune EIN' FESTE BURG, By Martin Luther, Arr. Daniel Burton

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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If a call to membership has been placed on your heart, please see Pastor Stephanie

About our Guest Preacher: Joel A. Brown (he/him) is President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, which is located in Bethany, West Virginia, just a few steps from the home of Alexander Campbell. The Historical Society is a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with the special mandate to serve all three major streams of the Stone-Campbell movement: Churches of Christ, the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Historical Society preserves records and artifacts common to our traditions and foster collaboration and conversation through historical research, publications, and lectures.

Joel is a scholar of American religious history and specializes in the study of race and religion in modern U.S. history. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and is currently finishing a book titled Saving Black Metropolis: African American Club Women and Social Christianity in Turn-of-the-Century Chicago. Joel is also in the early stages of writing a religious biography of Lyndon B. Johnson, a Disciple and member of National City Christian Church. Learn more about Joel and the Historical Society at discipleshistory.org.

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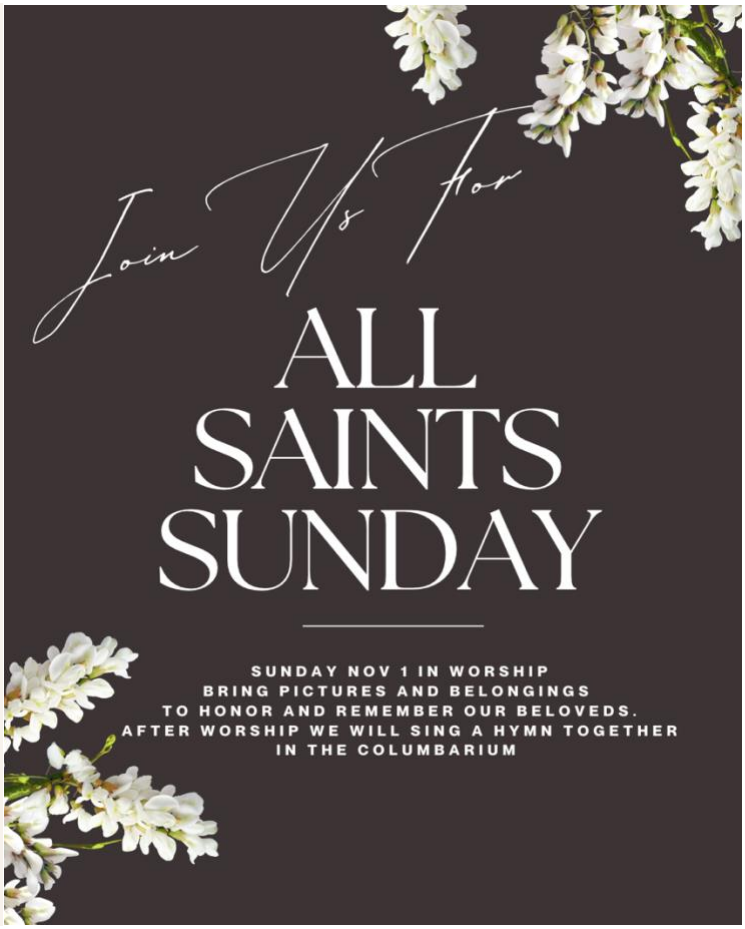
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