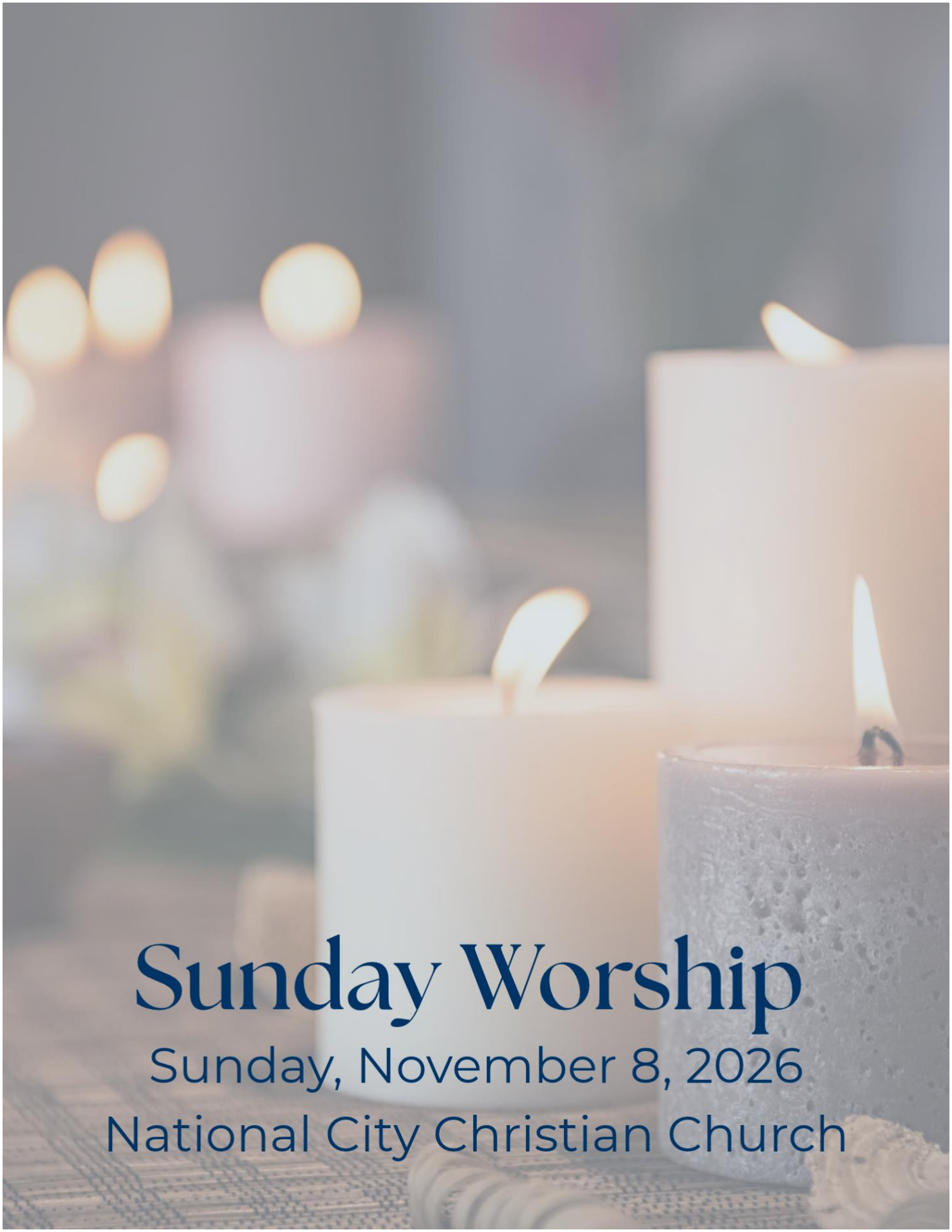


Sunday Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2026

National City Christian Church

The Service of Worship

Prelude **Kevin Biggins**

Voluntary on BUNESSAN
Based on the Gaelic Tune, Arr. John S. Dixon

Choral Call to Worship **Chancel Choir**

I Love the Lord

I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And pitied every groan.
Long as I live and troubles rise,
I'll hasten God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And chased my grief away,
O let my heart no more despair
While I have breath to pray.

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

O Worship the King
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Welcome **Pastor Stephanie**
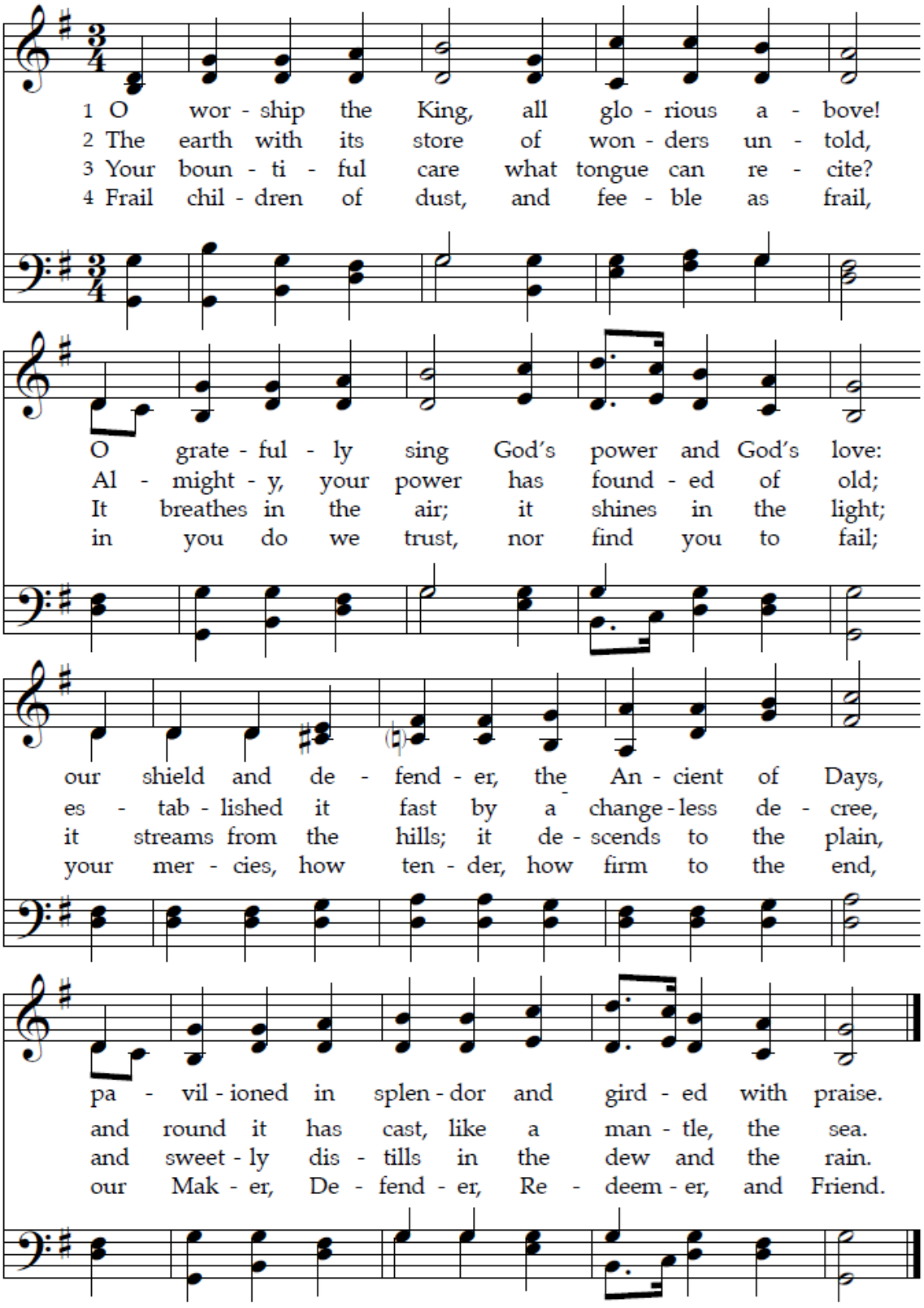
***Call to Worship** **Rev. Tori**

One: Set your hope in God, who is worthy of our trust.
Many: We remember the glorious deeds of the Holy One.
One: Set your hope in God, who orders our days and redeems our lives.
Many: We rejoice in the wonders the Holy One has done.
One: Set your hope in God, who leads us.
Many: We recommit to the ways of the Holy One. Our hope is in God!
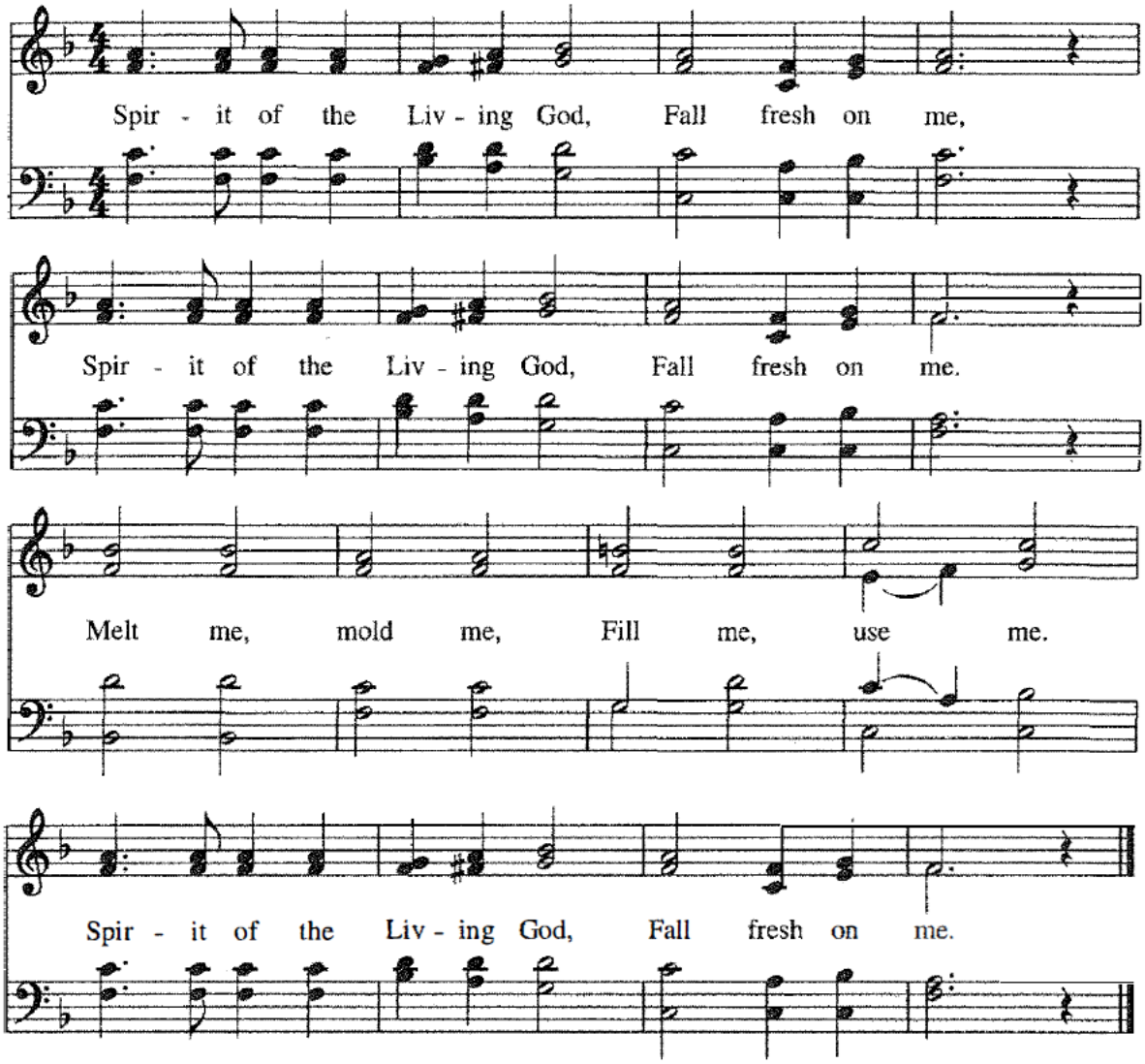
*** Hymn of Spiritual Readiness** **Congregation**

Spirit of the Living God
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O Worship the King



Spirit of the Living God



The Service of the Word

Prayers of the People **Rev. Tori**

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, and Katie John and her family.

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.

Sacred Text: Acts 20:7-12 **Polly He**
The First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

Hear these words from Acts. Let us open our hearts to receive the Good News once more:

It was the first day of the week, when we gather to eat our sacred meal together. Small Man (Paul) was doing the talking because he planned to leave the next day. He was long-winded and kept talking until the middle of the night. There were many torches burning in the upper room of the house where we had all gathered.

The number of people and the torches in this room, using up the air, may have made some people sleepy or lightheaded.

As Small Man (Paul) spoke on and on, a young man named Greatly Blessed (Eutychus), who was sitting on the window ledge, began to sink into a deep sleep. When the sleep overcame him, he fell from the third-floor window and was found dead. Small Man (Paul) went down, bent over the young man, and put his arms around him.

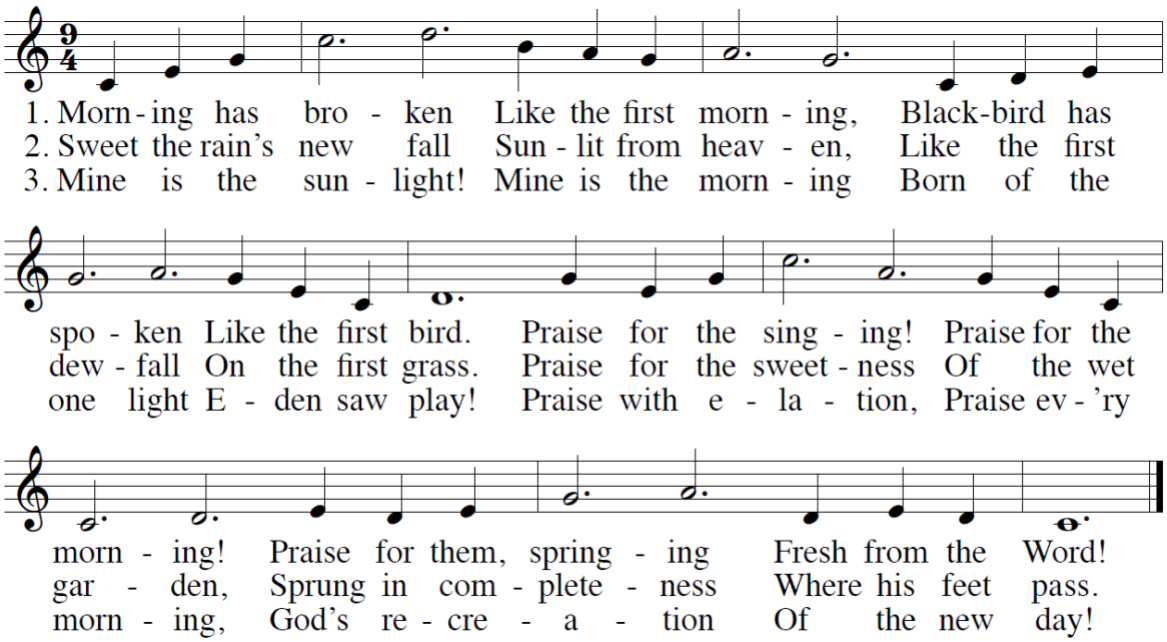
"Do not fear!" he said to all. "His life has returned to him."

Small Man (Paul) went back to the upper room, ate the ceremonial meal with them, and continued speaking until sunrise. He then went on his way, and with glad hearts they took the young man home alive!

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

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

Morning Hymn



Poetry Reading **Rev. Tori**

The Dawn by N. Scott Momaday

On the short-grass prairie where I was born,
and where generations of my family were born before me,
grasshoppers are innumerable in the summer.
In the shimmering waves of August heat
they make a dense green and yellow cloud above the red earth.
It is slow in motion, and sometimes hesitant,
like an ascending swarm,
and it is irresistible.
You walk along, and you are constantly struck by these bounding creatures.
If you catch one and hold it close to your eyes, you see that it appears to be very old,
as old as the earth itself,
perhaps,
and that its tenure is as original as
your own.

Message **Lee Yates,** *Vice President of HELM*

The Service of Community

***The Lord's Prayer** **Noah Williams**

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.

O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so!

Cultivating Generosity **Shana Williams**



Offertory **Arr. Andre Thomas**

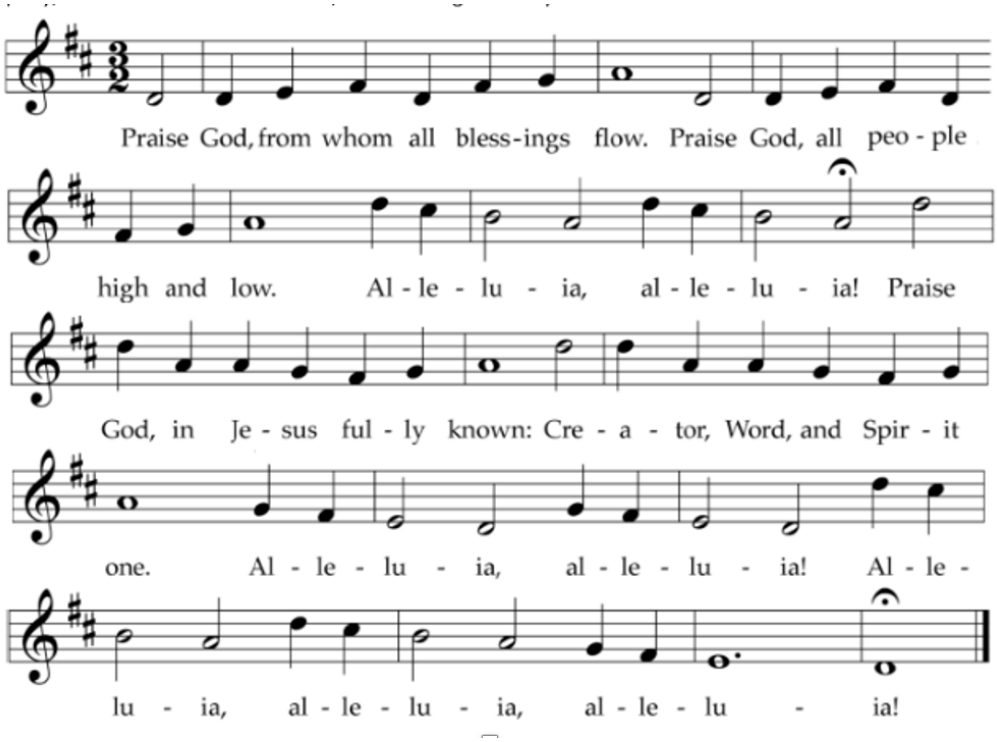
Keep Your Lamps!

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.

Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning
The time is drawing nigh.

***Doxology** **Congregation**
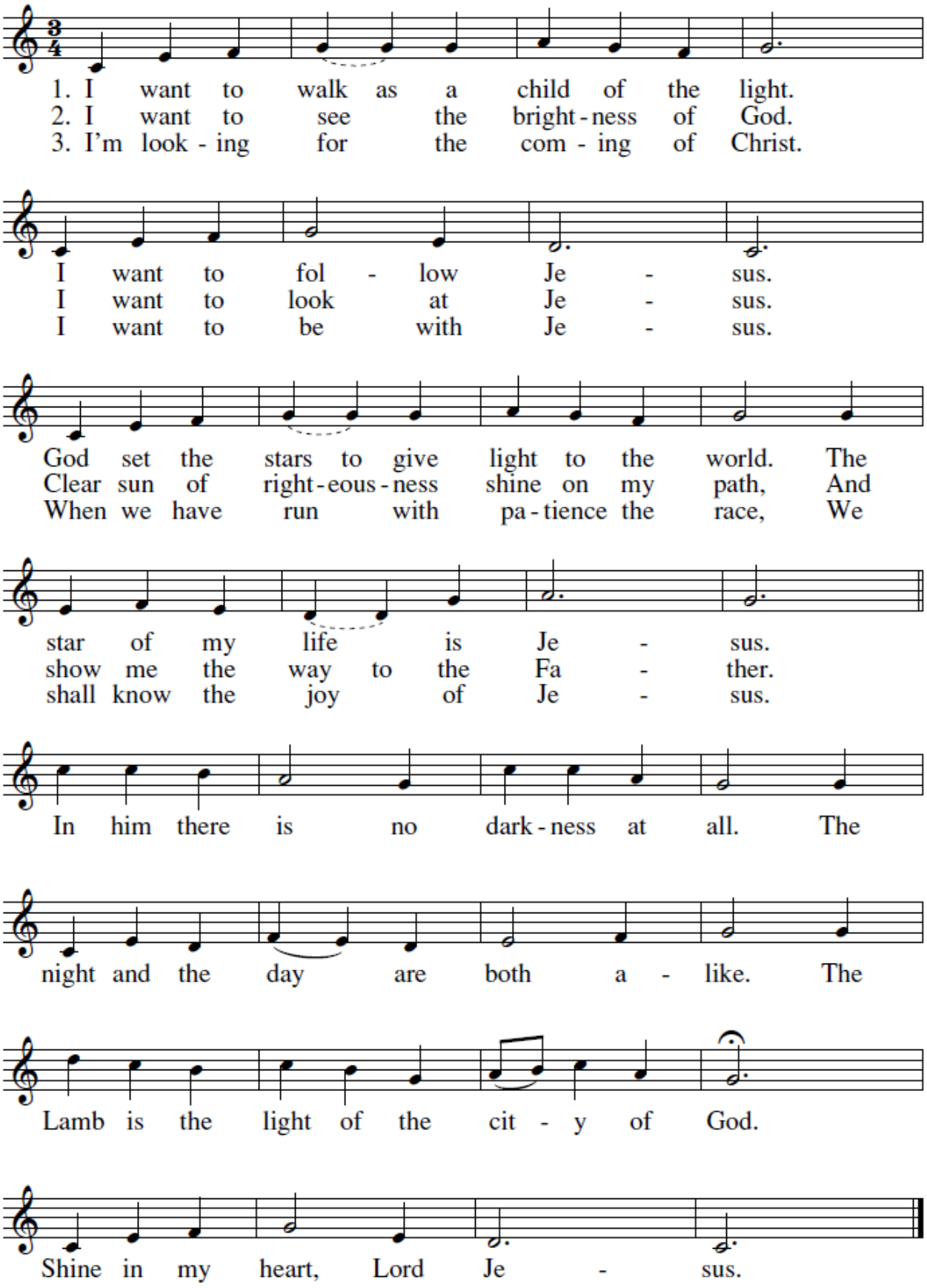


***Passing of the Peace** **Rev. Tori**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you!
All: And also with you.

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
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1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.
I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We
star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

From The First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

Take to heart that Grandfather is the Great Spirit. He created us for himself.
We are his people, the sheep he watches over with tender care.
Enter the sacred circle and dance in step with the drum as they sing honor songs.
Send up prayers of thanksgiving and bless his name.
For Grandfather is good, with a love so strong it never ends.
He is faithful and true to all generations to come.

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 **Alan Williams**
Words of Institution **Rev. Tori**

Communion Meditation **Chancel Choir**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
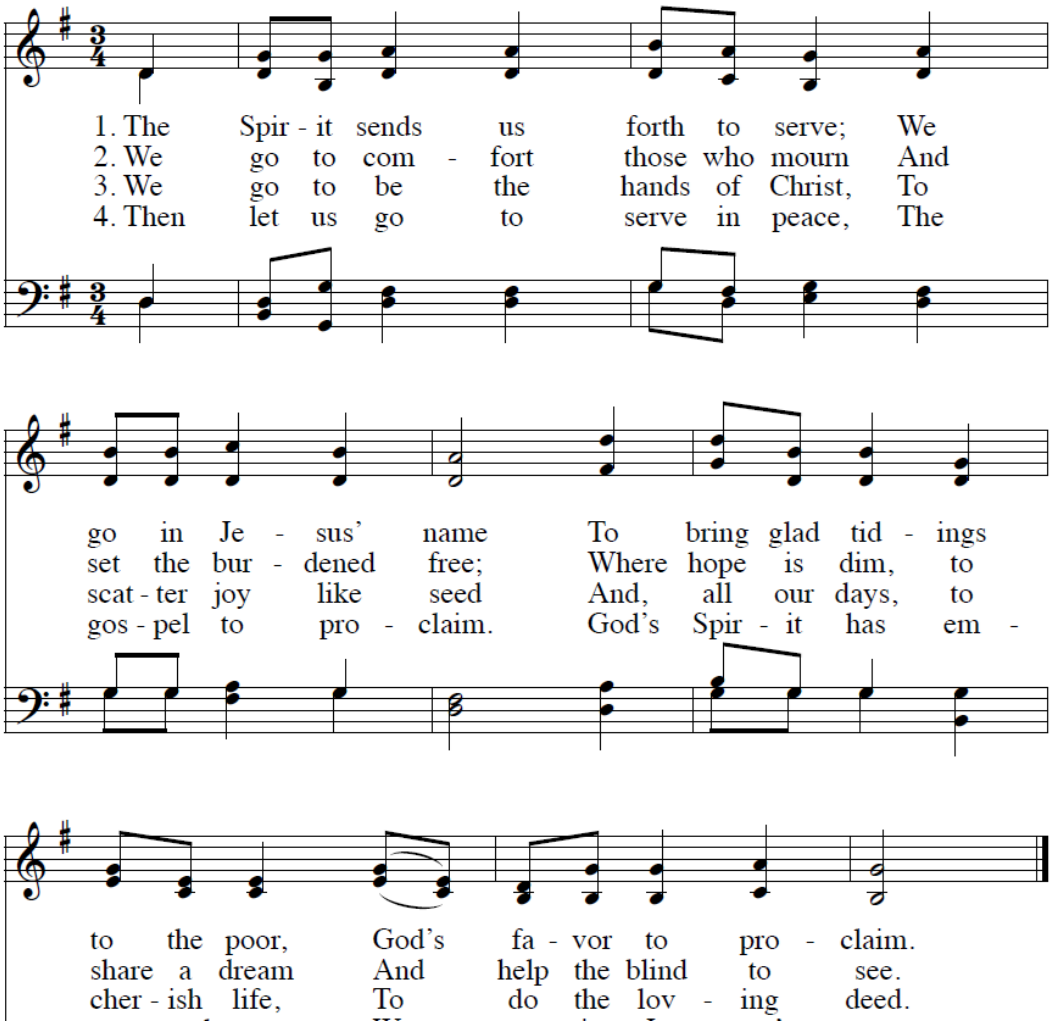
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Alan Williams**

The Service of Going Forth

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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
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***Benediction** **Rev. Tori**

Postlude **Kevin Biggins**

March in C Major
Daniel Ficcari

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

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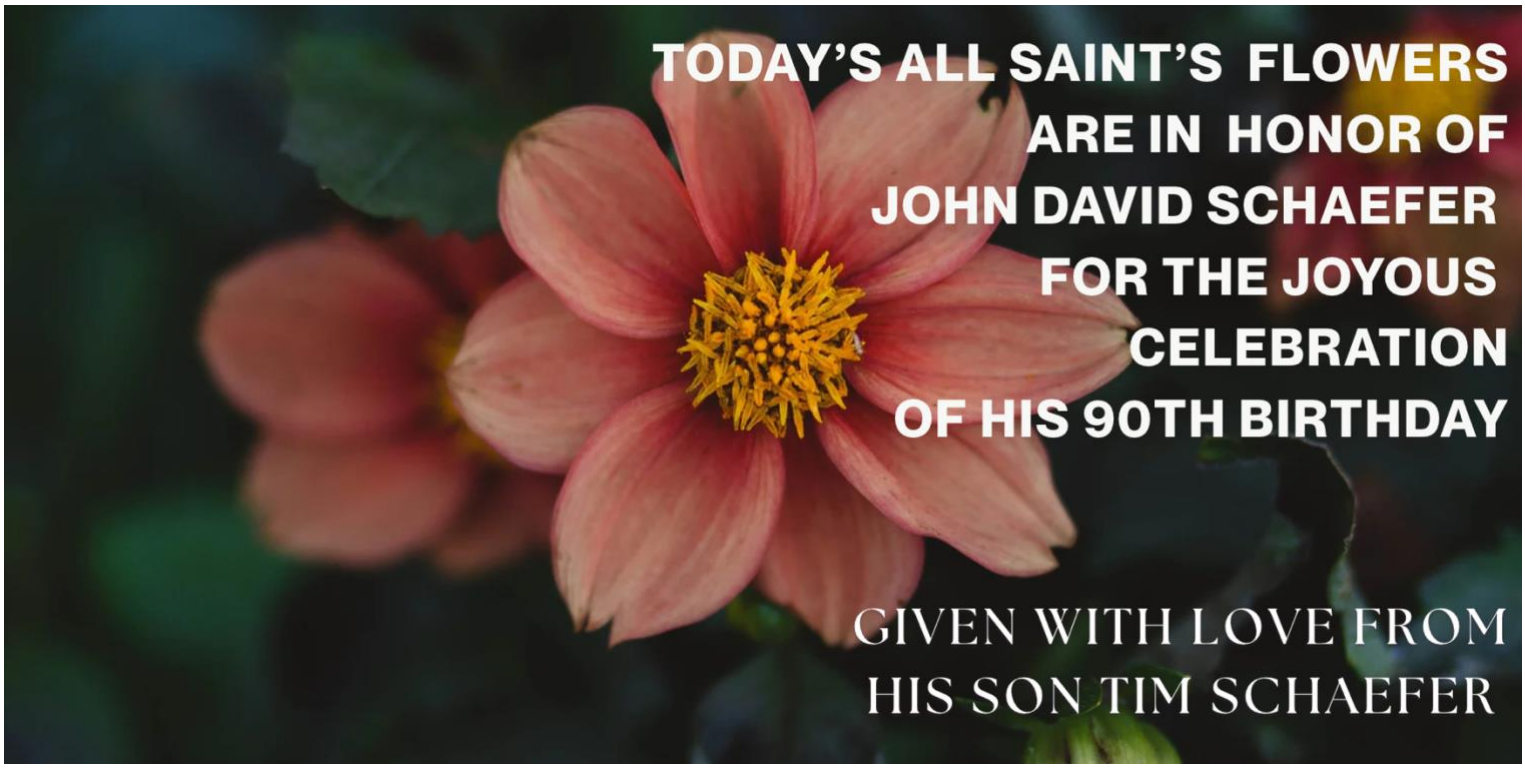
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