October 4, 2026

"Callings — Invitations to Trust"

World Communion Sunday

Welcome!
We encourage wearing name tags.
Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

Gathering Music

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting "Here I Am, Lord" *J. Carter*
quietly acknowledging the light of Christ among us

Words of Welcome & Announcements

One Whoever we are and wherever we are on our life journey -
All We are welcome here - beloved within the body of God

Singing Bowl *...centering ourselves in stillness and breath*

Opening Words from a Neighbor

**indicates sitting or standing*
NCH = New Century Hymnal SPP = Sing! Prayer and Praise

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

People of God, come remember who you are. Return to the One who gives us life.
We come, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.

All who are thirsty for living water, open yourselves to the One who supplies it.
We long to drink from spiritual depths and experience life's meaning.

Gathered as people of faith, we long for renewal and well-being for all humankind.
We trust that God meets and accepts us where we are.

May we worship with enthusiastic expectation –
Anticipating salvation (renewal and well-being) in our lives and relationships.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #282)** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*unison*)

God of all people and places, we confess our lack of oneness as your creation. We sometimes close our ears to voices of pain and wisdom. We are too often jarred by ways our neighbors practice their faith. Yet we have no claim on genuine expression or true discipleship.

Gracious God, forgive us and renew a right spirit within us – a spirit of humility, respect and compassion. Thank you for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. Thank you for sending Jesus to break down walls that divide Earth's people. Through the power of your Spirit, may we become one community. Amen.

Musical Interlude *...to accompany our quiet prayers*

Assurance of Grace

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Passing the Peace *(seated)*

...smiles and gestures of peace - to those online and seated near us

Sung Invitation *...as young people come forward*

This little light of mine...

Singing "Happy Birthday"

Jere Fetter (10/8)

Blessing One Another *...with arms wide open*

Young Ones: God be with you **All: And also with you**

Sung Affirmation *...as young people depart or return to families*

Ev'rywhere I go...

Sunday School | *Children (age 3 - gr. 4) can go downstairs with Claire*
Youth Group | *Youth (gr. 5-12) can go with Eli'jah to our downstairs Youth Room*
Nursery | *Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to use the downstairs nursery*
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Reading from the Old Testament | *NRSV, p. 50* Exodus 3:1-14

Ancient words can speak to us today. **We listen for our still speaking God.**

Contemporary Reading | *Kate Lore* "The Whole of a Person"

God speaks wisdom through our neighbor. **May we be moved by what we hear.**

Morning Message "Callings - Invitations to Trust"

Prayer Song (insert) "The Summons"

verses 1-2, 5

Prayers of the People

We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
Please tell Pastor Clare if you prefer yours not be added to our printed Prayer Corner

...God, in your love **Hear our prayer**

Prayer of Jesus

We use several versions of this prayer, faithfully expressed across the ages

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and Earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

We give by cash, check, or electronically (scanning the QR code)
Blue electronic giving cards are in pew pockets

We might hover a hand over the plate as it passes -
to bless gifts of time, talent and money that support our ministries

Offertory "The Light of a Perfect Day" *Trad English Tune*

Holy Communion is open to members and friends of all ages
as we seek to follow Jesus in the way of radically inclusive love

Words of Invitation

Communion Prayer *(unison)*

God of all, across the world today, we gather at your table. May all who long to follow the way of Jesus be one in your Spirit. Knead us together as one loaf. Free us from division. Unite us as partners in mission and service everywhere. As we work with our neighbors, may we sow love and justice – until we harvest deep and lasting peace through the grace of Jesus your Christ. Amen.

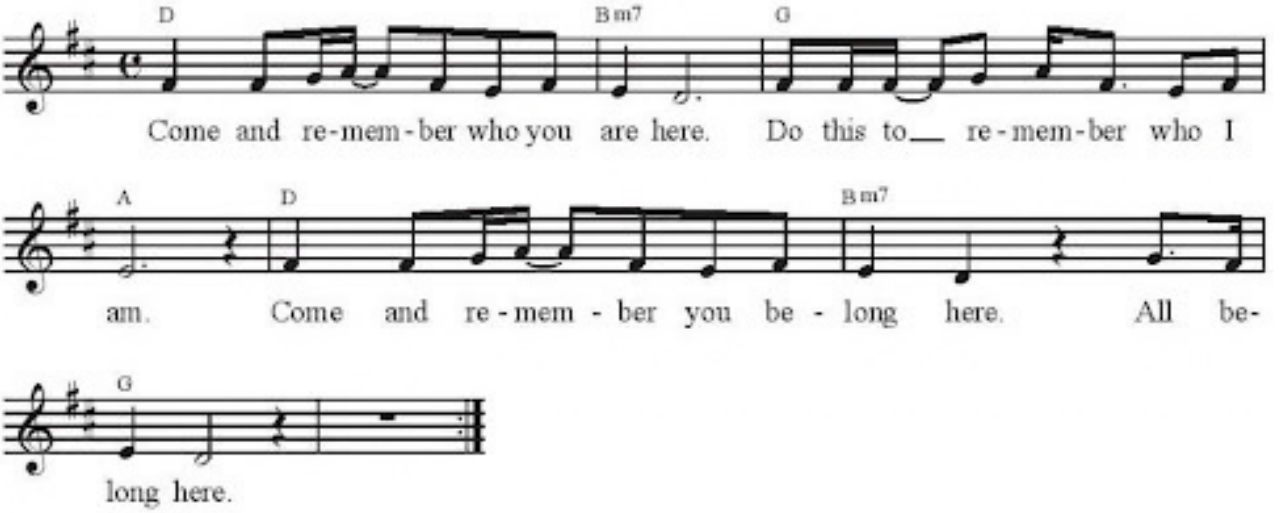
Presentation of Breads of the World *As each bread is lifted and named*

One: The people of _____ are our neighbors
All: Members with us in the body of God

Words of Remembrance and Blessing

Communion Song "All Belong Here" *by The Many*

cantor begins, all join in the chorus



As recorded by The Many.
Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Music by Hannah Rand.
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Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Take a piece of (gluten-free) bread and a cup of juice, receiving words of blessing
Place your empty cup in a basket as you return to your seat

Musical Interlude *...as we participate in the sacred meal*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The bread of life and cup of blessing for everyone! **Thanks be to God!**

God of all, at this table we have been shaped and formed by you – the mystery that makes us one. Your bread nourishes our souls – bringing healing and wholeness to our broken and divided spaces. Your cup quenches our thirst – sustaining us as we join Jesus' quest to honor all members of your body. May we become the Earth community you created us to be. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Sending Song (insert)** "God Be With You" *...forming a circle*
verses 1 & 4 (refrain x2)

***Parting Music** *...as we greet one another*

Today following worship:
all are welcome to linger for refreshments and good company!

"Bridge the Gap" Hunger Walk
TODAY | 11:30 am

Will you be joining us today for our 3rd Annual BRIDGE THE GAP Hunger Walk?

Registration begins at 11 am and the Walk will begin at 11:30 am.

We're raising funds, collecting non-perishable food items, and spreading the word.

Come walk with us, donate, and make a direct impact right here in our community!

PRAYER CORNER

*For **Cindy Baker**, as she tends to details after the death of her brother Karl.

*With Bob Dickie, gratitude for Cindy Parsons' mom, **Angie**, celebrating her 95th birthday with family and friends last weekend.

*With Rolf Dittmann, joy that son, **Drew**, has a girlfriend!

*With **Sharon Binger**, gratitude for a safe move into her new home in Wisconsin and the many blessings that surround.

*For **Carol Dusbabek**, may this community surround in her in love in the wake of Tom's recent passing.

*Thanks for the many gifts people of our church share, especially **Beryl's** music last Sunday.

Inquirers Gathering

Wednesday, Oct. 7th | 6:30 pm

Newer friends, Pastor Clare, and a cohost from our Welcome & Care Team learn about each other, our church, our denominations, what membership means to us.

Please let Pastor Clare know if you're interested.

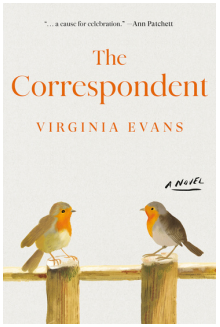
Seekers

Thursday, Oct. 8th | 7:30 am & 7:30 pm

Finding insight & renewal together
Breath, song bowl, a reading, discussion... to speak to our human experience

Linger for gentle yoga, 8:15-8:45. *Bring a beverage & yoga mat/blanket*

All ages, genders, worldviews welcome (not limited to Christian perspective)



Book Club

Thursday, Oct. 8th | 6:00 pm

Join us as we read *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans.

"Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, The Correspondent is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person."

Valley Bookseller in Stillwater has copies for 15% off!

Week at a Glance

Personnel Team | **Oct. 6, 6 pm** | @ Church

Connecting With the Word | **Oct. 7, 11 am** | @ Church & Zoom
FREE Community Meal | **Oct. 7, 5:30 pm** | @ Church
Teen Time | **Oct. 7, 6 pm** | @ Church
Inquirers Gathering | **Oct. 7, 6:30 pm** | @ Church
Community Collective Game Night | **Oct. 7, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

Seekers | **Oct. 8, 7:30 am** | @ Church
Book Club | **Oct. 8, 6 pm** | @ Church
Community Collective | **Oct. 8, 7 pm** | @ Church
Seekers | **Oct. 1, 7:30 pm** | @ Church

Justice Outreach Joint Meeting | **Oct. 9, 11 am** | @ Church

Delores Davis Celebration of Life | **Oct. 10, 11 am** | @ Church

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), Sharri Kinkead (greeter, liturgist, altar decorations), Bob Dickie (usher & communion server), Cheri Schwartz (usher), Carol Dusbabek & Cindy Parsons (communion servers), St. Croix United Choir, Sue Favilla & Jane Hanson (communion prep), The Hunger Walk Team (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Claire Spilseth & Kim Klisch (children's activity)

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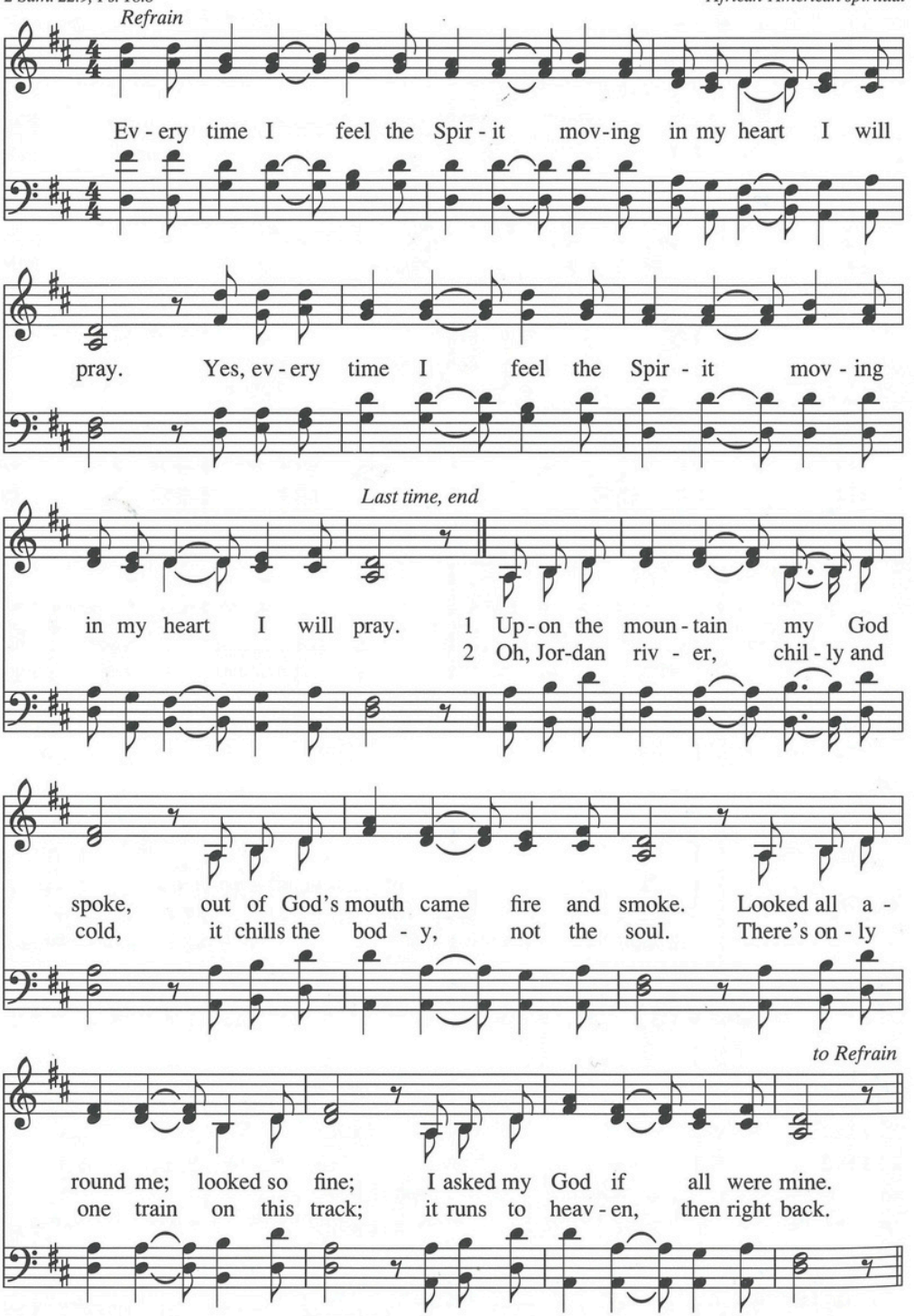
2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual



Will You Come and Follow Me

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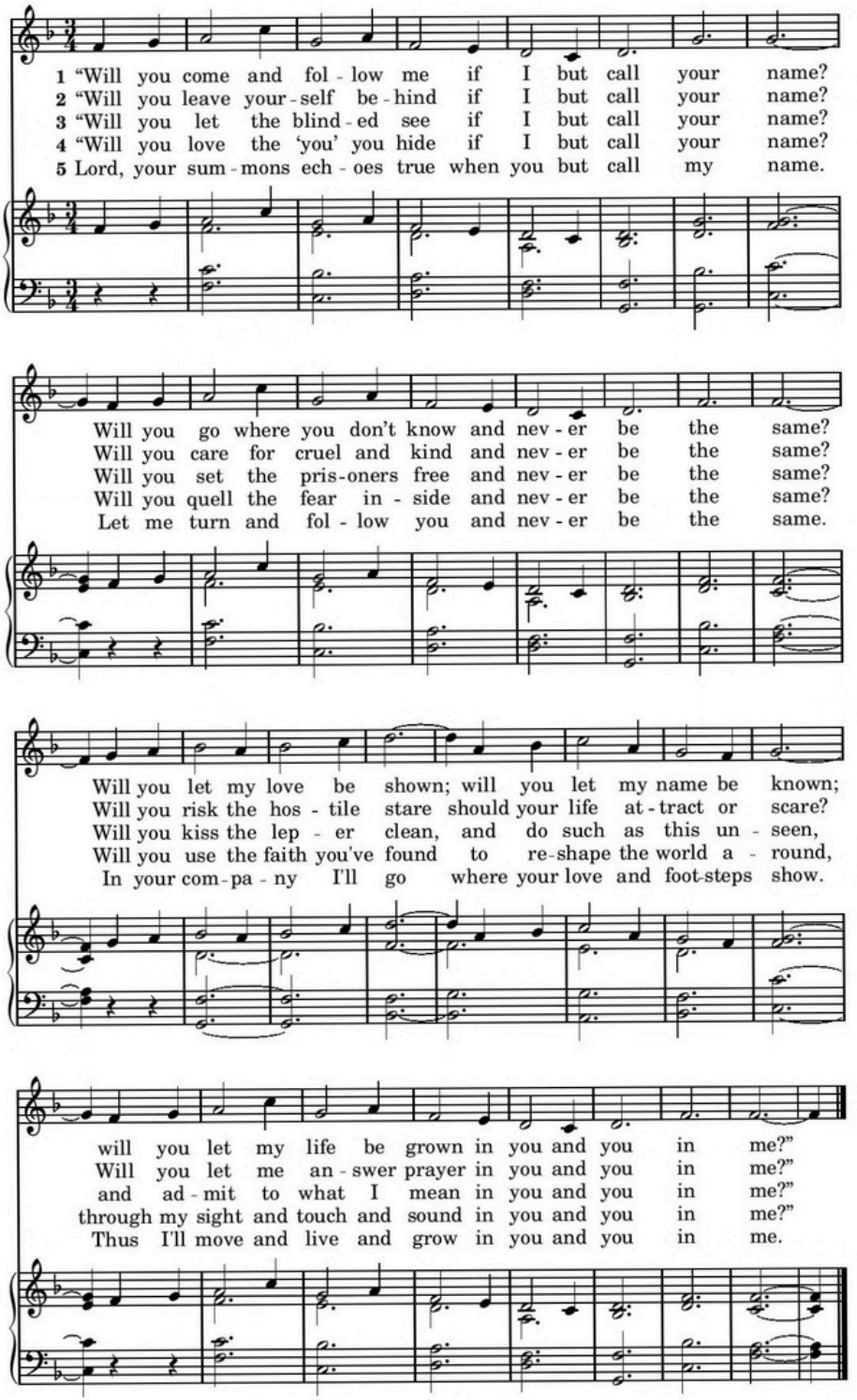
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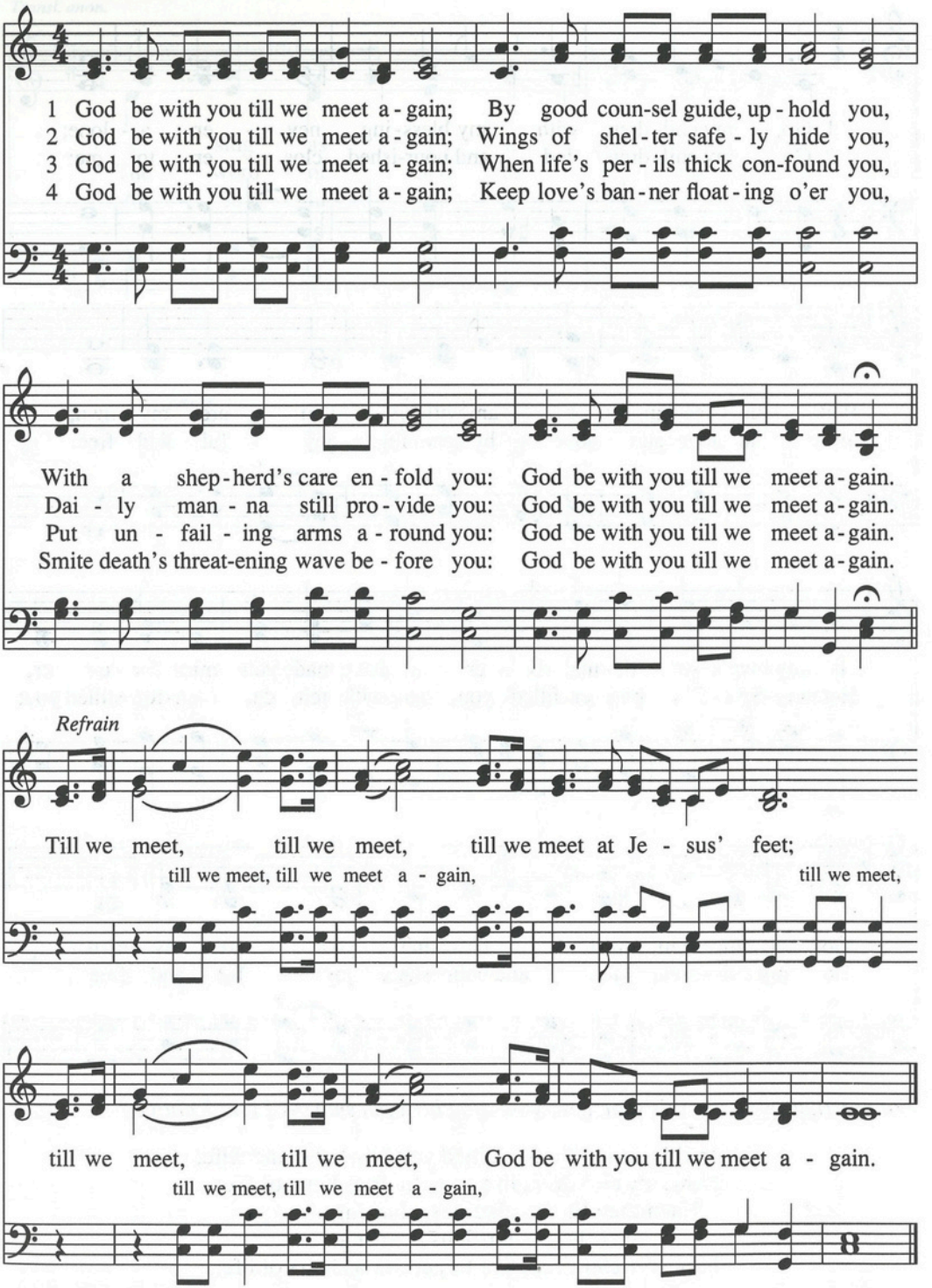
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