

November 15, 2026

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Chris Bellefeuille

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 "To the Praise of Your Glorious Grace" *Ed Kee*
...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

***Gathering Prayer** (*responsive*)

Spirit of extravagant welcome,
help us to invite all parts of ourselves into worship today.

Guide us to see no stranger within us or around us
as we care for our world as the Body of Christ.

Help us to break down all barriers to belonging
and the systems sustained by suffering and greed.

For, in discipleship there is abundance through togetherness
and your acceptance of all we feel, carry, and desire.

So, today, and on any given Sunday, use all that we come here with
to build a sanctuary for you. Amen.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #547)** "Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Confession and Longing (*responsive*)

God of our lives, as you move among your beloved children –
you are always turning the world upside down,

calling us to follow you into new ventures, new challenges,
new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we get tired, or feel disappointed,
remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations –so that we may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you always. 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

Solo "Angel" *by Sarah McLachlan*

Sung Invitation to Children and Youth *...as they come forward*

This little light of mine...

Singing "Happy Birthday"

Mary Maren Bjork (11/19), **Andi** Favilla (11/21)

Wondering Together

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 Mary*
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 Gospels | *NRSV, p. 861* Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5a, 6:6-8

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

Morning Message

Prayer Song (insert) "Before You I Kneel"

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

O Great Spirit, our Parent from above, your name is 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. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

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

Offertory "How Blessed" *Clarkson*

***Song of Thanks**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Song (NCH #11)** "Bring Many Names"
verses 1-3

***Benediction**

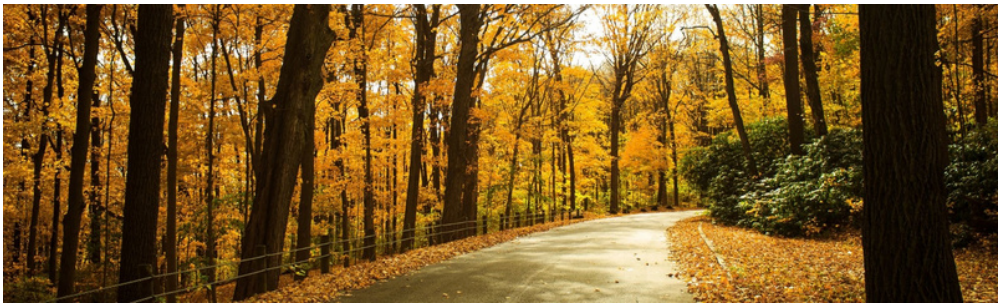
***Sending Song** *...forming a circle*

Irish Blessing
sung twice

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
Till we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand

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

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



Pastor Clare will be away on vacation | November 9 - 16

In the event of a question or need, please contact one of the following:

Megan Adams, Office Coordinator (651-439-5667, office@stcroixunitedchurch.org)
Nat Graf, Leadership Council Moderator (651-470-0408, ngraf11@gmail.com)



Adult Forum: A Moment of Truth -- Faith in a Time of Genocide.

Today | 11 am - 12 pm

Join us after fellowship as we continue our study of Christians in Palestine.

A Moment of Truth -- Faith in a Time of Genocide.
Come and learn about the descendants of the first church.



Welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. Chris Bellefeuille!

Chris is a retired ELCA pastor, having served churches in Plymouth, Golden Valley, and most recently as Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater. A resident of Bayport, Chris and her husband Ted Olson love living in the St. Croix Valley. They are parents of three and grandparents of three. They enjoy good food, binging BritBox, hiking, movies, and travel.

PRAYER CORNER

*With Bob Dickie, gratitude that daughter **Erin** is safe after narrowly avoiding a deadly accident on I-70 in Colorado. Prayers for her as she processes this event; and for all of us to be reminded of the gift of second chances.

*With Rebecca Dennis, prayers for **Tim and his family** as he continues to be hospitalized with diverticulitis.

*With Rolf Dittmann, prayers for his sister **Solveig** as she recovers from spinal surgery.

*With Nat Graf, prayers for colleague **Jen** as she continues to develop nodules in her lung and brain. May doctors have the wisdom to find the cause and a course of treatment.

*With Beryl Garloff, prayers for brother-in-law **Steve**, as he recovers from hand surgery.

*With Betsy Runke, prayers for sister **Vicky** as she faces into a diagnosis of advanced colon cancer. Prayers for the family to walk this journey with her in strength, peace, and love.

*With Bob Schwartz, gratitude that **Ebony's** cancer is shrinking!



Inquirers Gathering - mark your calendar!

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd | 4 pm

Interested in learning more about the past, present, and future of St. Croix United Church? Join Pastor Clare and church members in a casual conversation with new friends.



Thanksgiving Meal Packing Event

Wednesday, November 18th | 6:30 pm

Community Collective is organizing a Thanksgiving Meal Packing event after the Community Supper on Wednesday evening. These meals will be shared with our neighbors that evening and through our food share pantries.

We are asking for food contributions for the meals and for people to stay after the meal on Nov. 18th to help pack bags. If you'd like to share food items, please bring some of the following items to the church on or before Nov. 18th:

THANKSGIVING CASSEROLE ingredients: Boxed stuffing mix, Instant mashed potatoes, Large canned chicken, Canned French cut green beans, Canned turkey gravy

PUMPKIN PIE ingredients: Canned pumpkin, Evaporated milk, Pumpkin pie spice, Pie crust mix

OTHER: Canned cranberries, Shelf stable milk, Rolls

Thank you!

Soup & Shop is coming!

Saturday, Nov. 21st | 10 am - 3 pm

Want to help? Sign-ups are available in the Fellowship Hall for:

- Crafts
- Soups, Baked Goods, Pies, Cookies (for variety boxes)
- Kitchen & Dining Room help
- Cashiers, Greeters, Raffle Assistants
- Set-up and Clean-up
- Porch Pot & Swag Party



Soup & Shop Porch Pot Party

Tuesday, Nov. 17th | 10 am - 3 pm

Join us outdoors on the church patio as we create porch pots and greenery swags for Soup & Shop!

Bring your own snippers and gloves; all other supplies provided.

Questions can be directed to Mary Horak Binger (651-357-8601).



Week at a Glance

Pastor Clare on Vacation | **Nov. 9 - 16**

Soup & Shop Porch Pot Party | **Nov. 17, 10 am** | @ Church
Worship & Sanctuary Team | **Nov. 17, 4 pm** | @ Church

Connecting with the Word | **Nov. 18, 11 am** | @ Church & Zoom
FREE Community Meal | **Nov. 18, 5:30 pm** | @ Church
Teen Time | **Nov. 18, 6 pm** | @ Church
Community Collective Service Night | **Nov. 18, 6:30 pm** | @ Church
Evensong | **Nov. 18, 6:45 pm** | @ Church

Conversations from the Heart | **Nov. 19, 9:30 am** | @ Church
Fireside Friends | **Nov. 19, 9:30 am** | @ Church
Nominating Committee | **Nov. 19, 3:30 pm** | @ Church
Flourish Task Force | **Nov. 19, 4:30 pm** | via Zoom
Conversations from the Heart | **Nov. 19, 6:30 pm** | @ Church

Thank you to today's partners: Rev. Chris Bellefeuille, Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Mary Horak Binger & Carol Dusbabek (ushers), Sharri Kinkead (greeter), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (liturgist & soloist), St. Croix United Choir, Sue Favilla & Claire Spilseth (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Mary Piasecki & Kim Klisch (children's activity)

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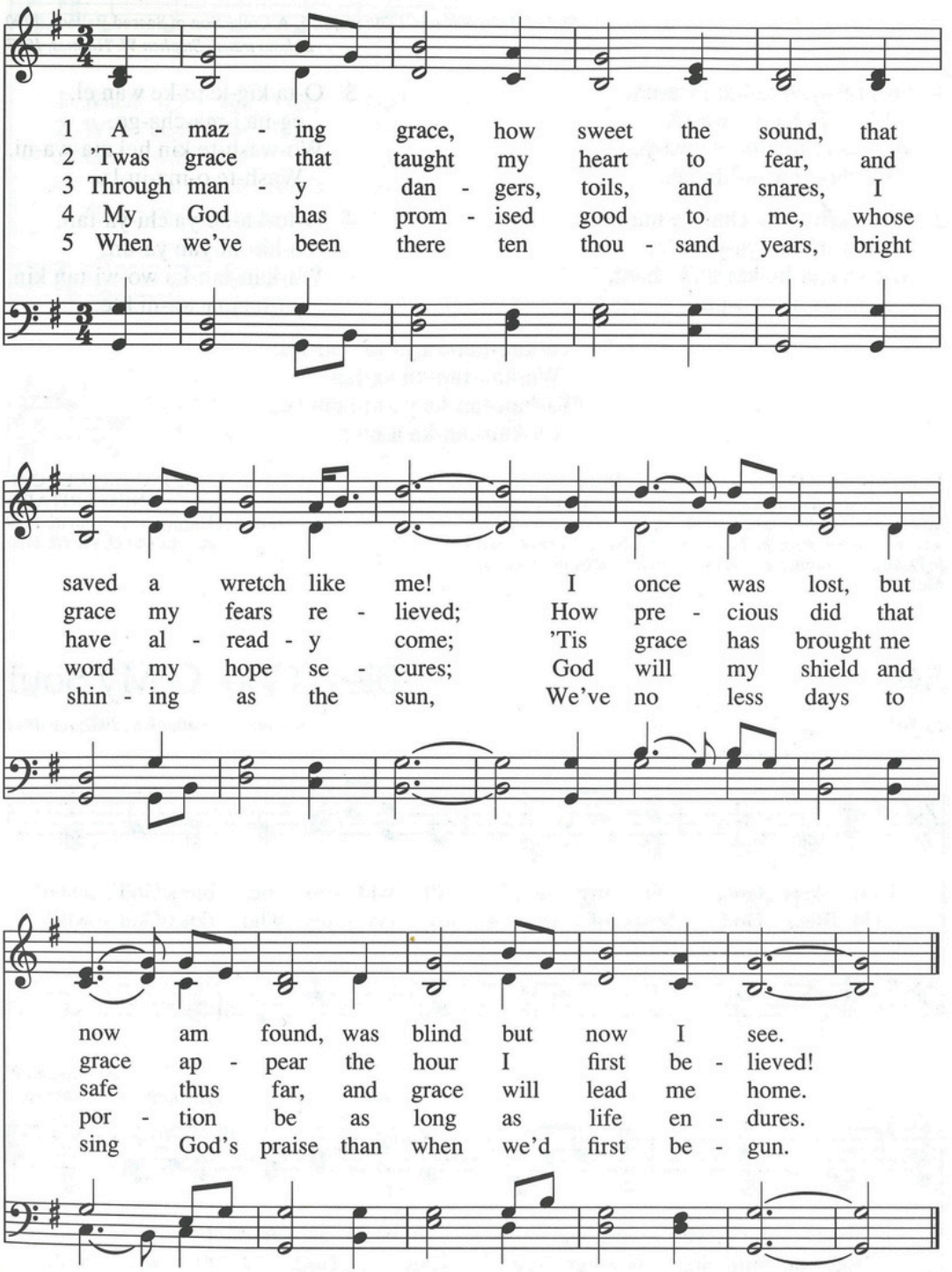
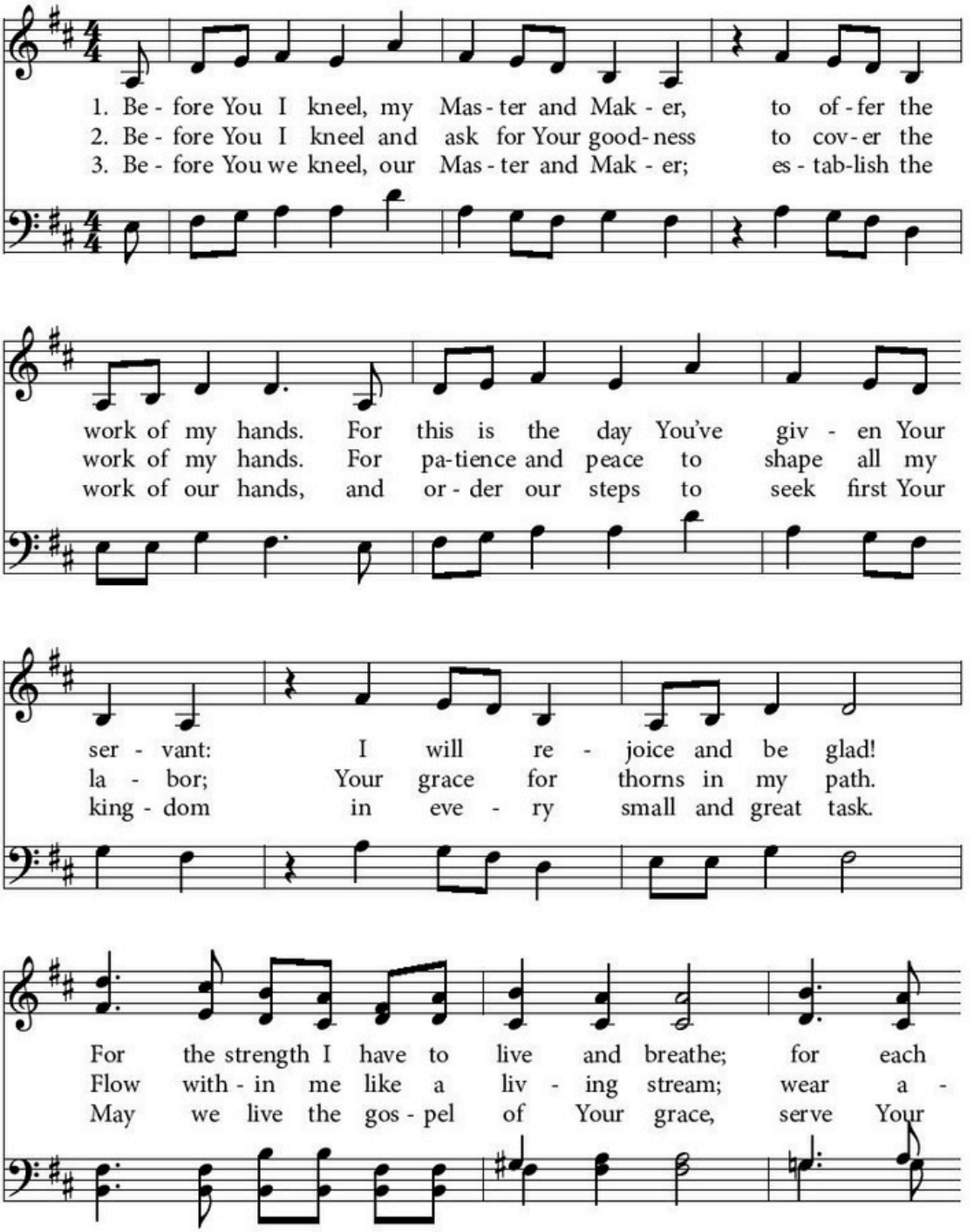
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 547

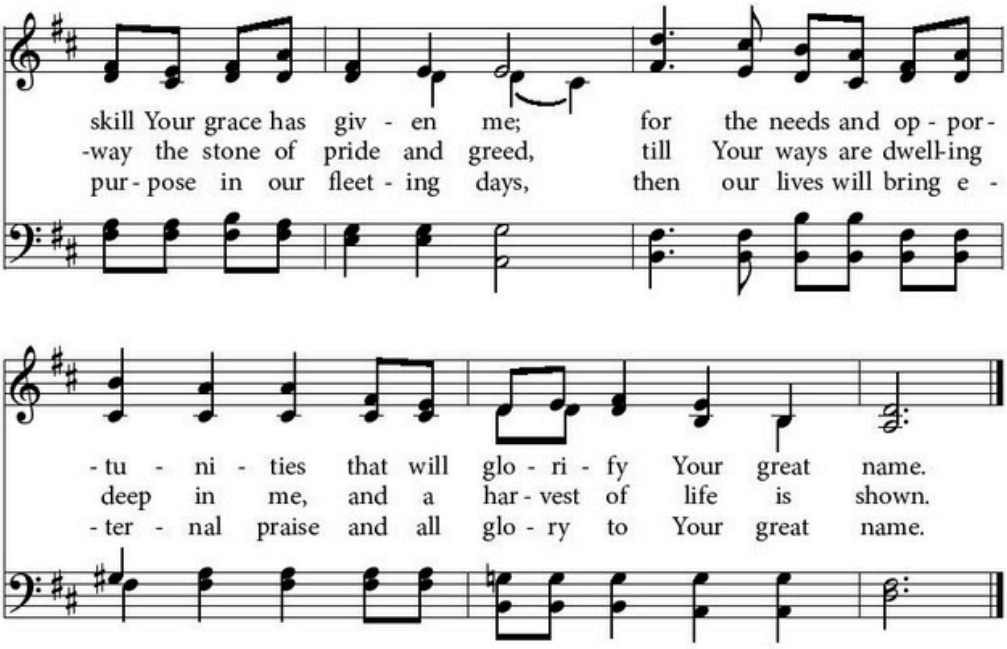
St. 1–4, John Newton, 1779; alt.
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, *1790*



Before You I Kneel

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. Romans 12:1




skill Your grace has giv - en me; for the needs and op - por-
-way the stone of pride and greed, till Your ways are dwell-ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -
- tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy Your great name.
deep in me, and a har - vest of life is shown.
- ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to Your great name.

Bring Many Names

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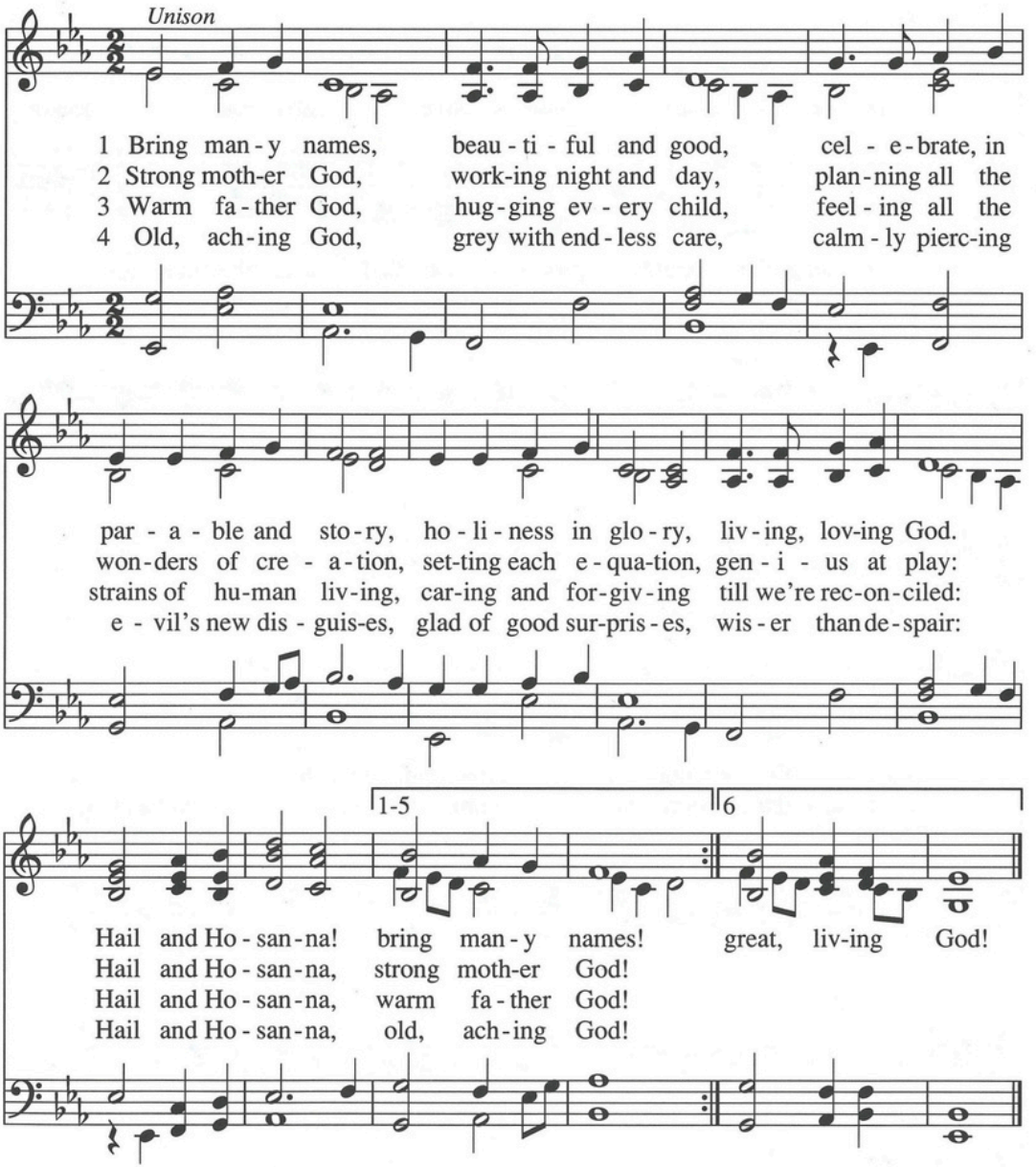
Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27



5 Young, grow-ing God, ea-ger,
on the move,
say-ing no to false-hood and
un-kind-ness,
cry-ing out for jus-tice,
giv-ing all you have:
Hail and Ho-san-na,
young, grow-ing God!

6 Great, liv-ing God, nev-er ful-ly known,
joy-ful dark-ness far be-yond our see-ing,
clos-er yet than breath-ing,
ev-er-last-ing home:
Hail and Ho-san-na,
great, liv-ing God!