

A group of graduates in blue gowns are shown from the chest up, celebrating with their arms raised against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Welcome Home!
May 3, 2026
Graduation Sunday
Worship Service with
Communion
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM



FUMC Links

*Please Scan to
Record Your
Attendance*

Announcements!



HAPPY
Graduation



SCOTT

Congratulations on your graduation! Wishing
you all the best for the future

A hand in a white sleeve reaches out from the left side of the frame, palm up, over a field of yellow flowers. The background is a soft-focus field of yellow flowers under a bright sky.

Choral Call to Worship

Here, O Lord,

Your Servants Gather

UMH # 552, V. 1

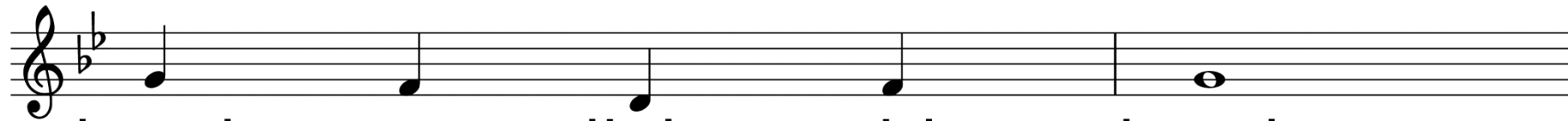
Words By: Tokyo Yamaguchi

Music By: Isa Koizumi

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498



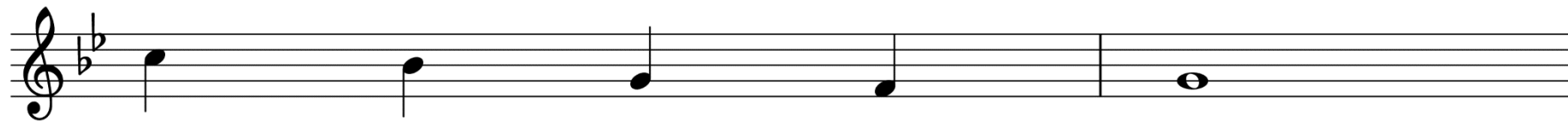
1. Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er,



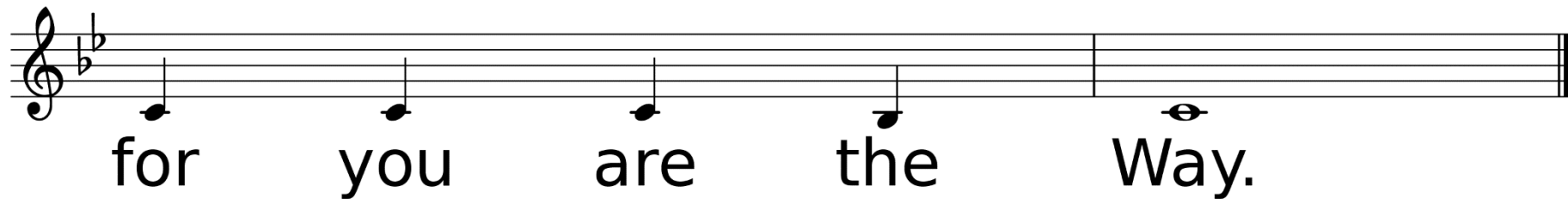
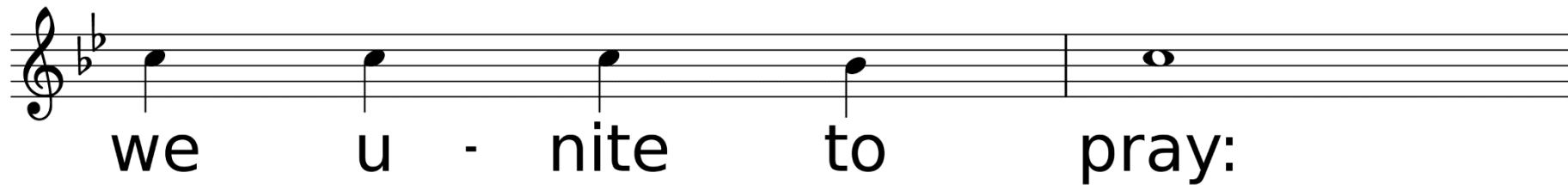
hand we link with hand;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross,



joined in love we stand.



*Call to Worship – Crystal Hammerschmidt

Leader: Since then we have a
great high priest who has
passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,

**Congregation: let us therefore
approach the throne of grace
with boldness, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace
to help in time of need.**

***Hymn of Praise**
Sing Praise to God
Who Reigns Above

UMH # 126, V. 1 & 2

Words By: Johann J. Schutz

Music By: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove,
the God of all cre - a - tion,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our sal - va - tion.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a slur over the notes for 'cre - a - tion'. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line, with a slur over the notes for 'sal - va - tion'.





2. The Lord is nev - er far a - way,



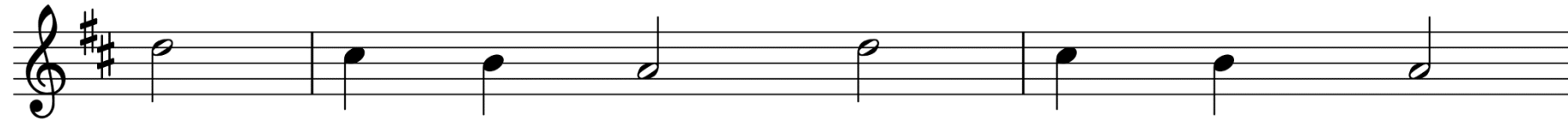
but through all grief dis - tress - ing,



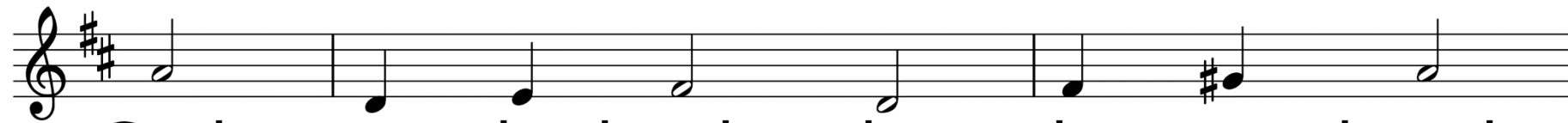
an ev - er pres - ent help and stay,



our peace and joy and bless - ing.



As with a moth - er's ten - der hand,



God gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:



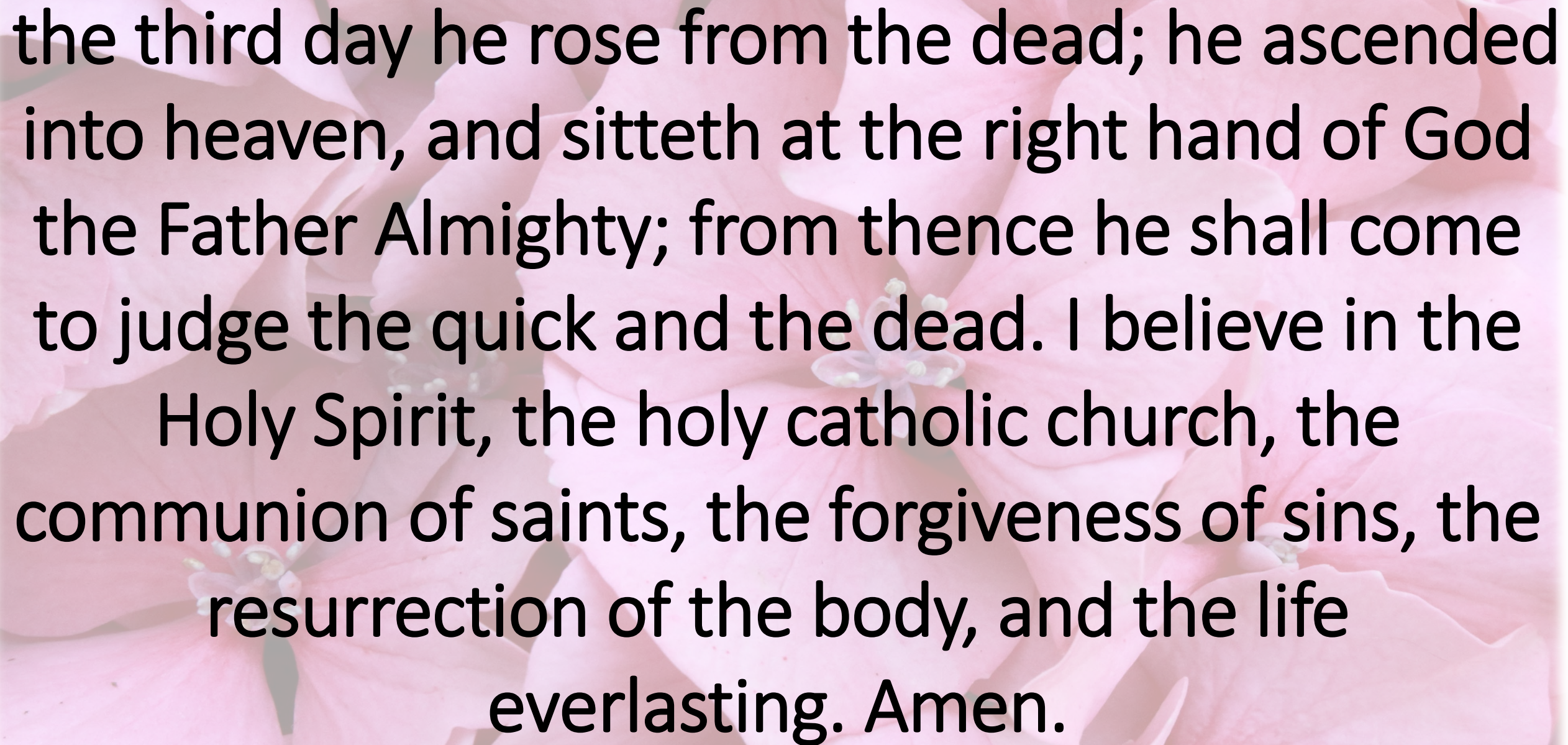
To God all praise and glo - ry.

The background of the slide is a soft-focus image of several large, light pink flowers, possibly peonies, with delicate petals and visible stamens. The lighting is gentle, creating a warm and serene atmosphere.


***Affirmation of Faith – Crystal Hammerschmidt**

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son Our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of several light pink flowers, possibly peonies, with soft, layered petals and visible stamens. The lighting is gentle, creating a warm and serene atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this background in a clean, black, sans-serif font.

the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.



Sharing Our Joys and Concerns



Call To Prayer

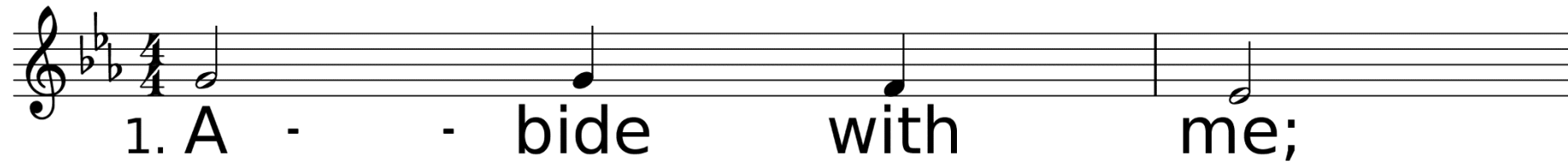
Abide with Me

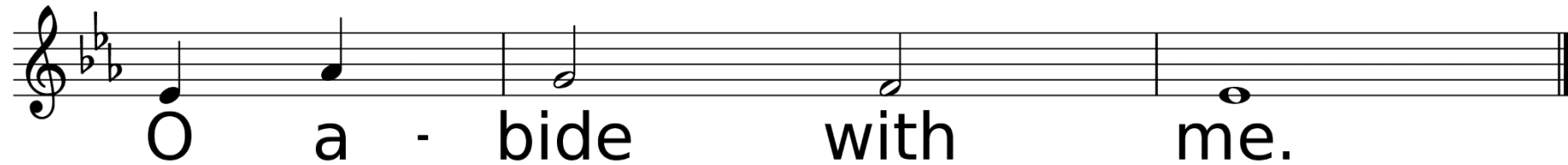
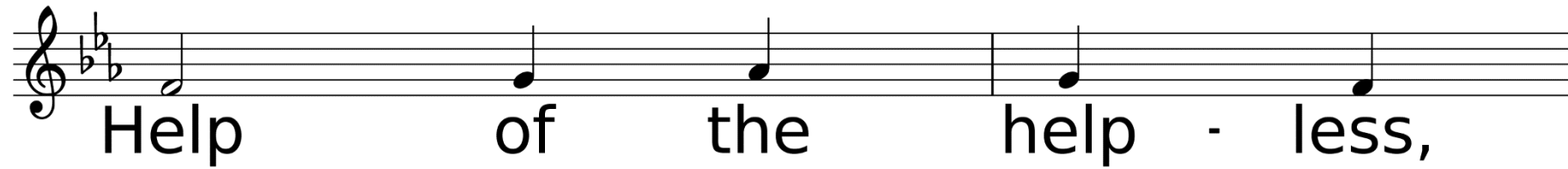
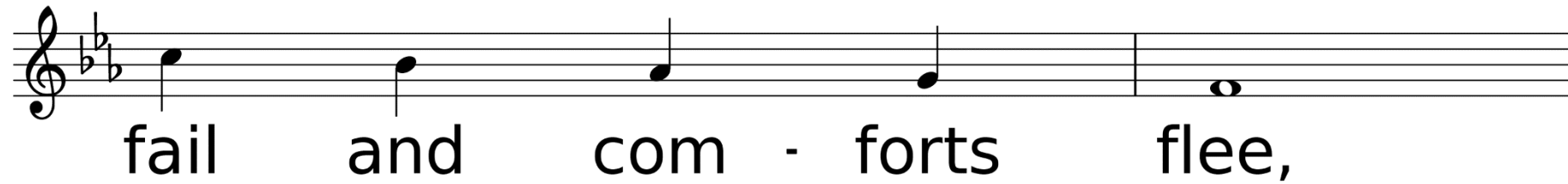
UMH # 700, V. 1

Words By: Henry F. Lyte

Music By: W. H. Monk

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498







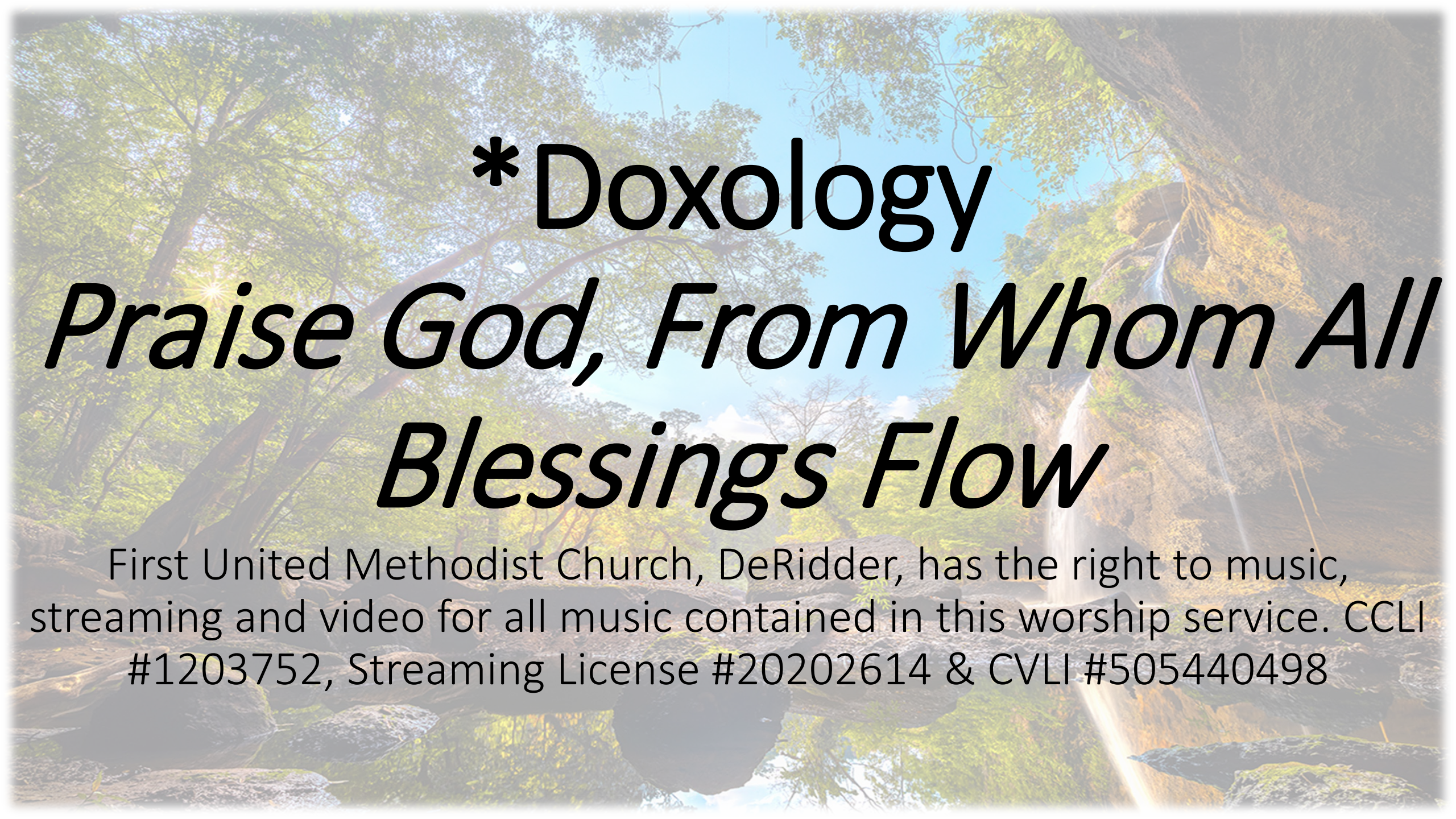
Congregational
Prayer &
The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

We also offer
Online Giving



Online Giving



***Doxology**
*Praise God, From Whom All
Blessings Flow*

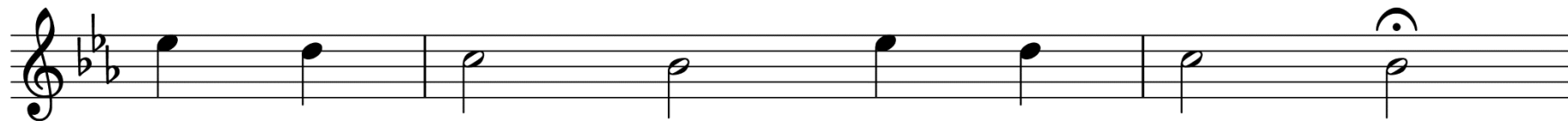
First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;



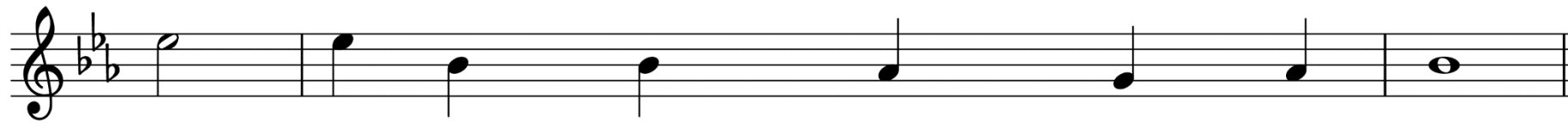
praise God, all crea-tures here be-low:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!



Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts!



Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn of Faith

Be Still, My Soul

UMH # 534, V. 1 & 2

Words By: Katharine von Schlegel

Music By: Jean Sibelius

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498



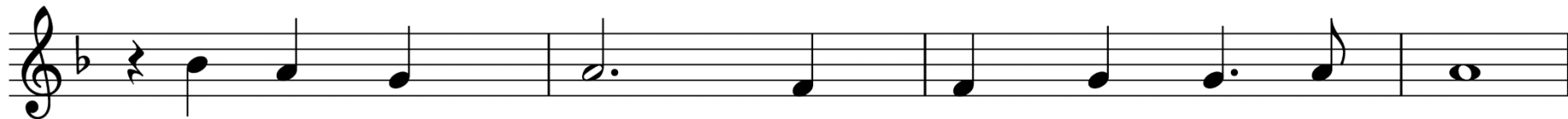
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.



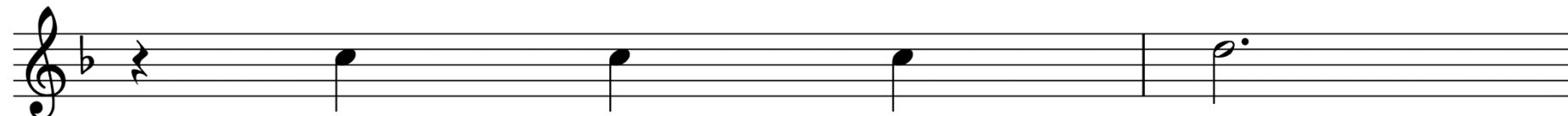
Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain;



leave to your God to or-der and pro-vide;

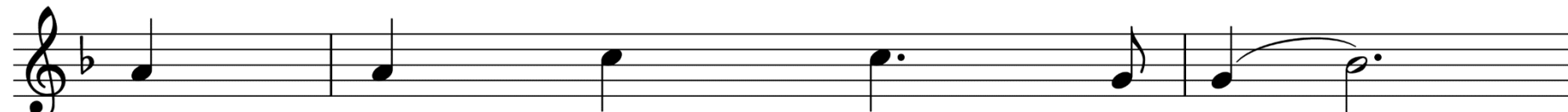


in ev-ery change God faith-ful will re-main.



Be still, my soul:

The first musical staff is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on G4, A4, and B4, and ends with a dotted half note on G4.



your best, your heaven - ly friend

The second musical staff continues the melody with quarter notes on G4, A4, and B4, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F4, and a dotted half note on G4.



through thorn - y ways

The third musical staff starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes on G4, A4, and B4, and ends with a dotted half note on G4.



leads to a joy - ful end.

The fourth musical staff continues with quarter notes on G4, A4, and B4, followed by a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on F4, and a dotted half note on G4, ending with a double bar line.



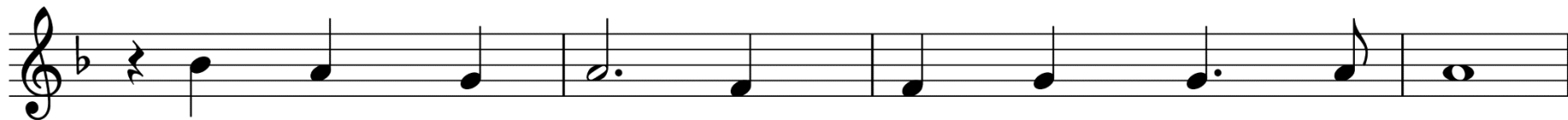
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un-der-take



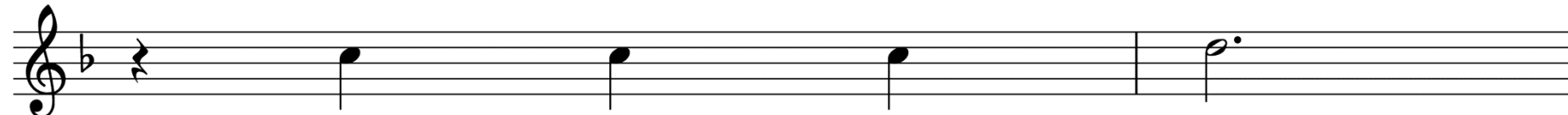
to guide the fu-ture, as in a-ges past.



Your hope, your con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;



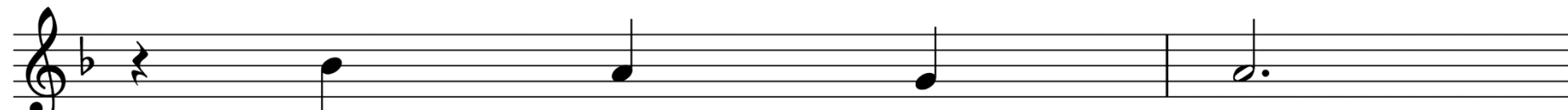
all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last.



Be still, my soul:



the waves and winds still know



the Christ who ruled



them while he dwelt be - low.

An open Bible is the central focus, resting on a wooden stand. The pages are white with black text, and the cover is a dark brown leather. In the background, a wooden pulpit stands on a white surface against a light-colored wall. The entire scene is softly lit, creating a serene atmosphere.

Scripture Reading – Lizzie Robinson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—

you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone,

and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises

of him who called you out of
darkness into his wonderful light.
Once you were not a people, but now
you are the people of God; once you
had not received mercy, but now you
have received mercy.

“Rejection
Oftentimes Leads
to Success!”

Rev. Laraine
Waughtal



Invitation to Holy Communion



Prayer of Confession & Pardon



**Congregation: Merciful
God, We confess that
we have not loved you
with our whole heart
We have failed to be
an obedient church.**



**We have not done your
will, we have broken
your law, we have
rebelled against your
love, we have not loved
our neighbors,**



**and we have not heard
the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free
us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**



Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!



**Congregation: In the
name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving



Leader: The Lord be with
you.

**Congregation: And also
with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.



**Congregation: We lift them
up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to
the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to
give our thanks and praise.**





A scenic background image showing a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is a bright orange circle in the upper right, casting a warm glow over the landscape. The mountains are silhouetted against the sky, and the foreground shows dark, dense foliage.

Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

Words & Music By: Afro-American Spiritual

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498

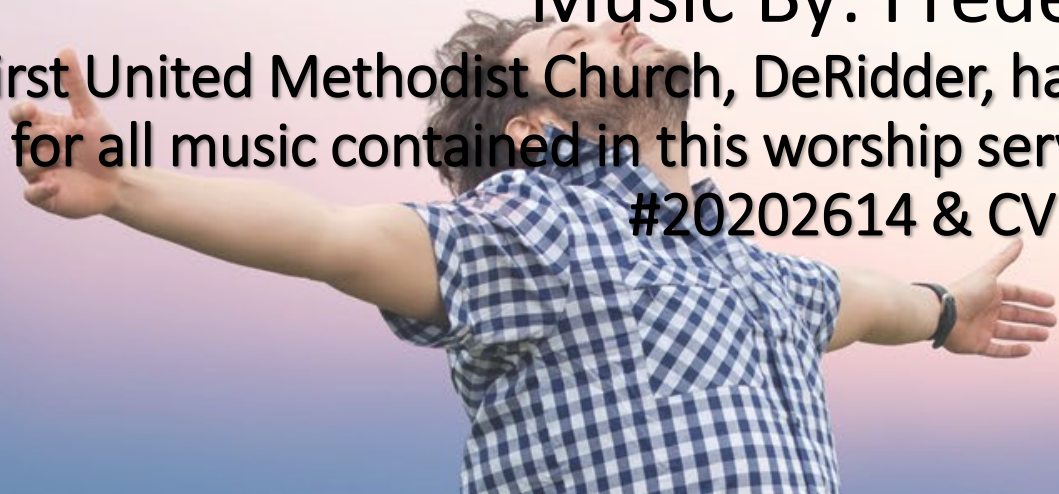
*Hymn of Invitation
***Dear Lord and
Father of Mankind***

UMH # 358, V. 1 & 2

Words By: John Greenleaf Whittier

Music By: Frederick C. Maker

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498





1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind,



for - give our fool - ish ways;



re - clothe us in our right - ful mind,

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

United Methodist Hymnal #358



in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find,

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains seven measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), and D5 (quarter). The lyrics "in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find," are written below the staff, with hyphens under "pur - er" and "ser - vice".



in deep - er rev - erence, praise.

The second line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It contains six measures of music. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), and E5 (quarter). The lyrics "in deep - er rev - erence, praise." are written below the staff, with hyphens under "deep - er" and "rev - erence".



2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard,



be - side the Syr - ian sea,



the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord,

let us, like them, with - out a word,
rise up and fol - low thee.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "let us, like them, with - out a word,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "rise up and fol - low thee." The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

A wooden boardwalk path leads through tall, golden-brown grasses towards a bright sun on a horizon under a cloudy sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

***Benediction**



*Sending Forth
Send Me, Lord

UMH # 497, V. 1 & 2

Words & Music By: South African

First United Methodist Church, DeRidder, has the right to music, streaming and video for all music contained in this worship service. CCLI #1203752, Streaming License #20202614 & CVLI #505440498

Send me, Lord.



1. Send me, Je-sus, send me, Je-sus,

2. *Lead me, Lord.*



send me, Je-sus, send me, Lord.



2. Lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus,

3. *Fill me, Lord.*



lead me, Je - sus, lead me, Lord.



*Thank you for
joining us today!*