Welcome Home!

January 16, 2022 Renewal of Baptism Vows Sunday Worship Service Online & in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM



Choral Call to Worship Jesus, the Light of the World

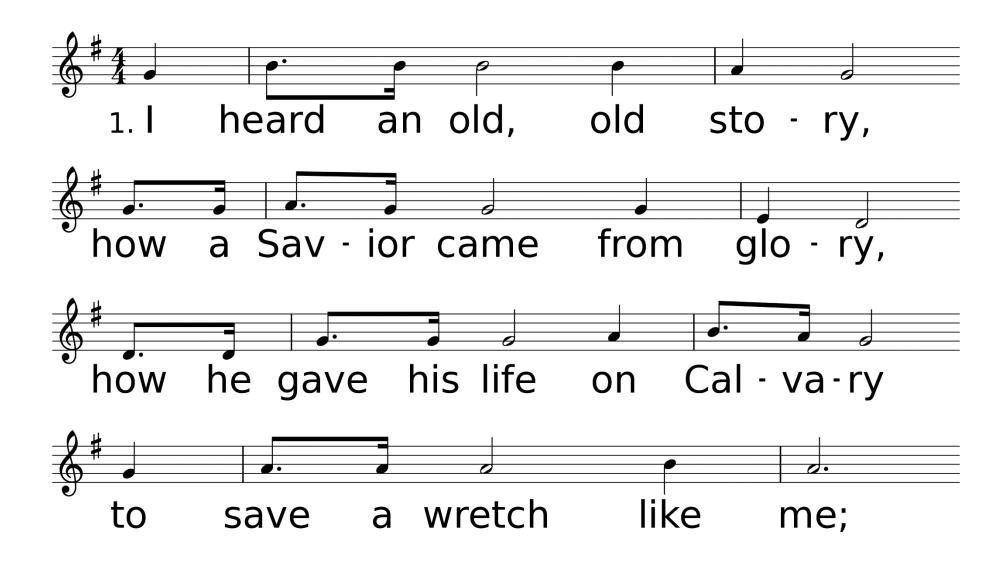
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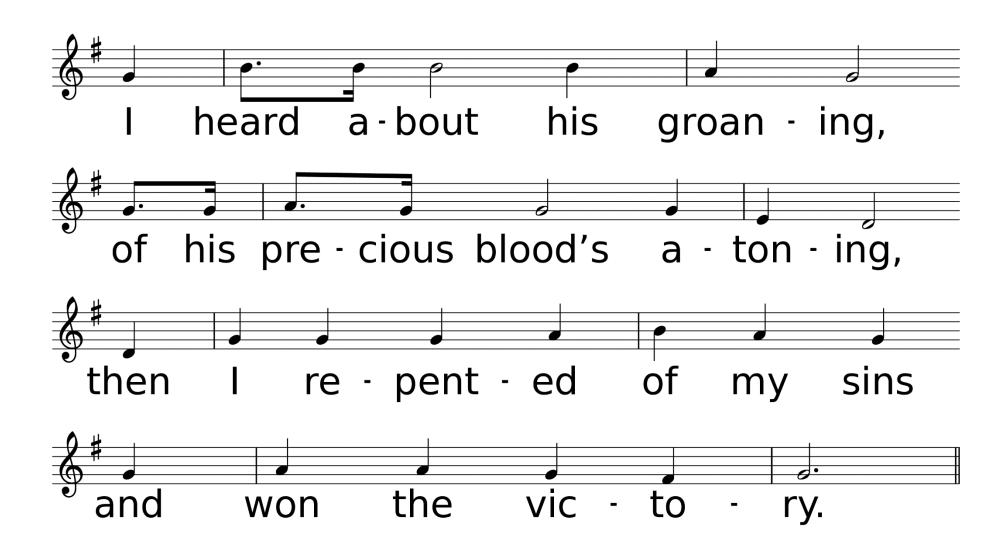
*Call to Worship

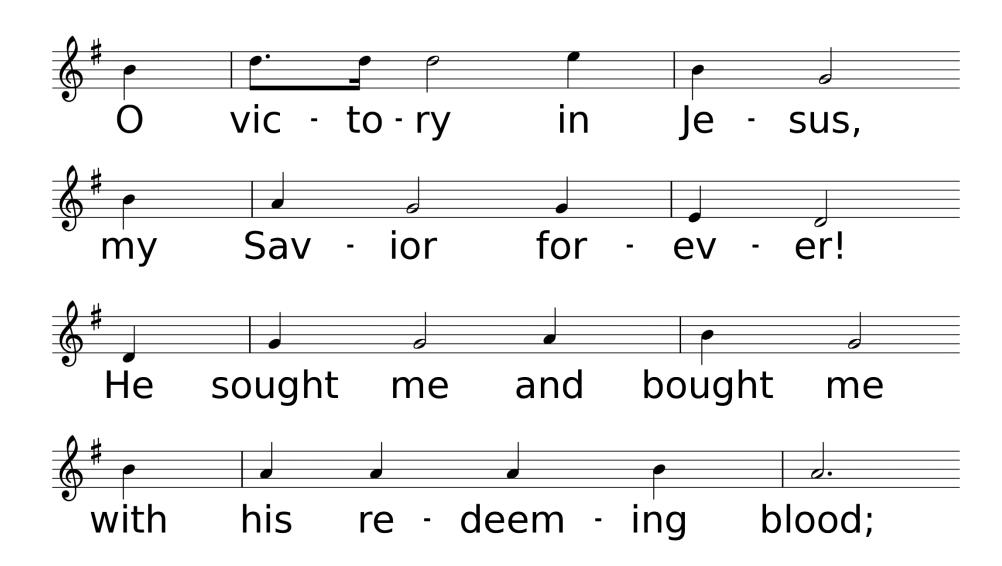
Leader: Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

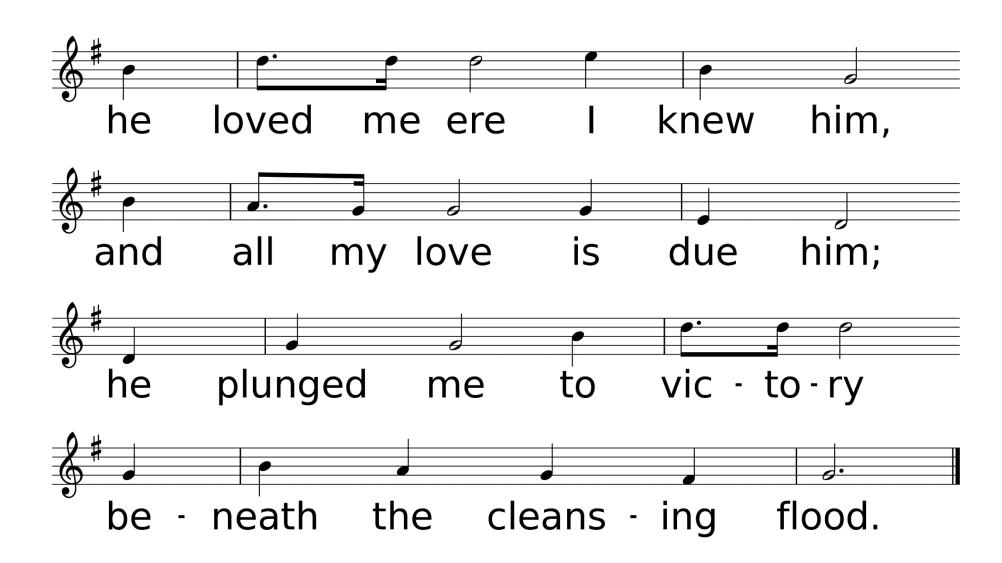
Congregation: Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise Victory in Jesus Used by Permission. License #1203752

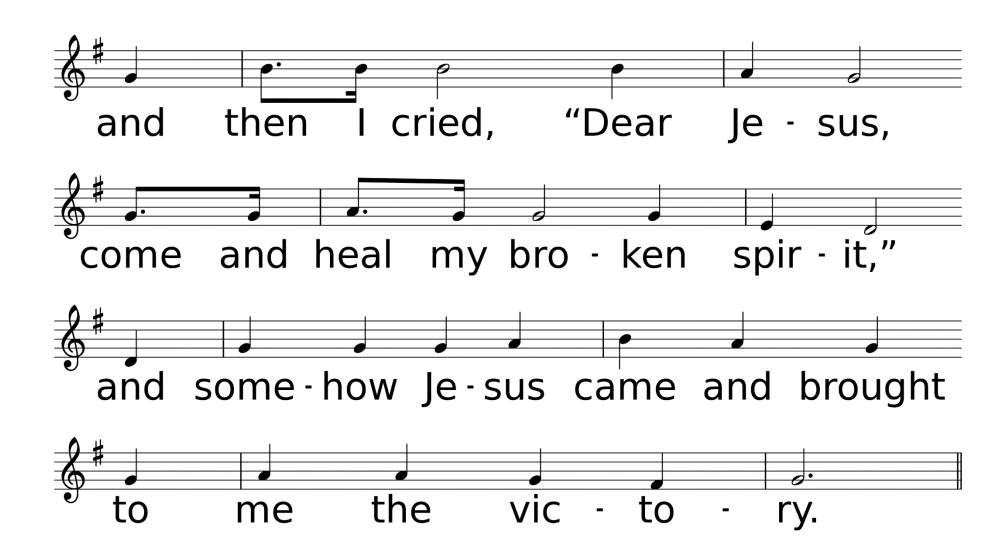


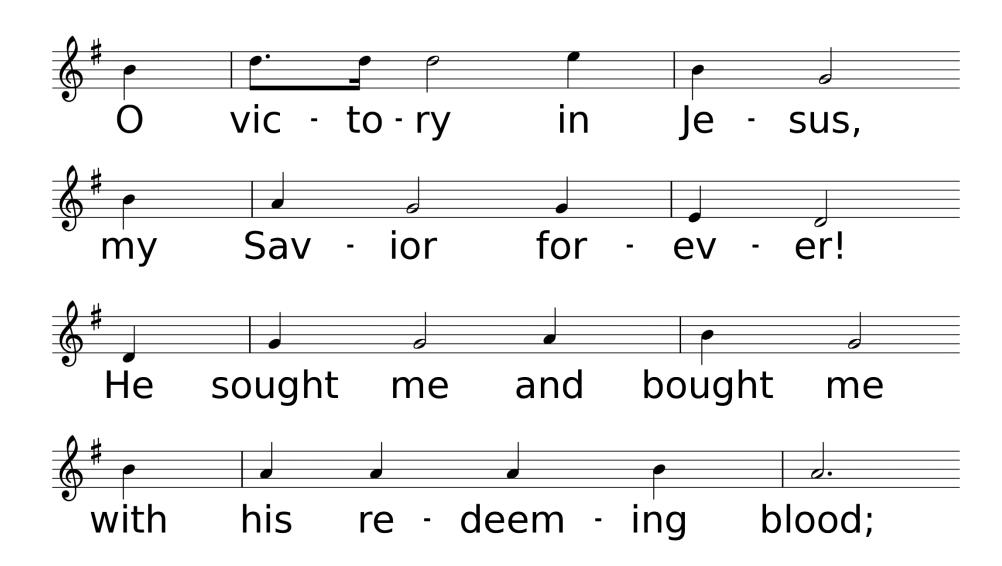


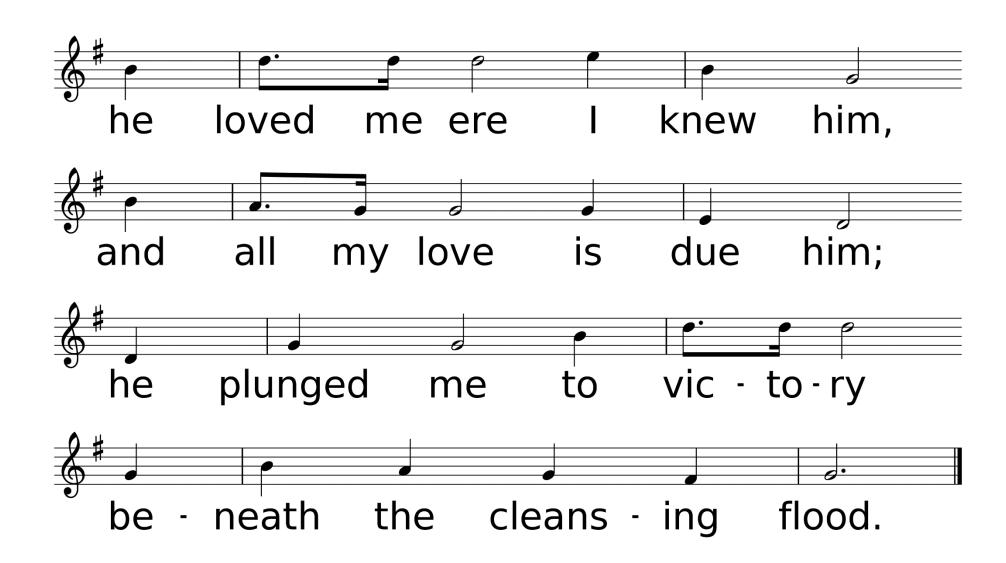












Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Dale Vincent Mary Allen **Brian Schwarze** Sammie Jo & Ronny Perkins Mike Teel Landon Clark **Christian Living** Fellowship Church Phyllis Blanton Friends & Family of Crindle Duncan

Kyle Sutton Eleanor Marcello Jones **Roy Ades** Jane Rathburn Lighton Frances Hammond **David & Charlotte** Butler Dick Neely Joan Mays Seth McCullough

Don Savant Donna McCullough Bob Baldares, Sr. Eddie Kilman Keith Nelson **Carol Baldares Judy Barbay** Anthony Lee **Charlene Blevins** Alex Baker Ronnie Cuevas Lydia Derouen

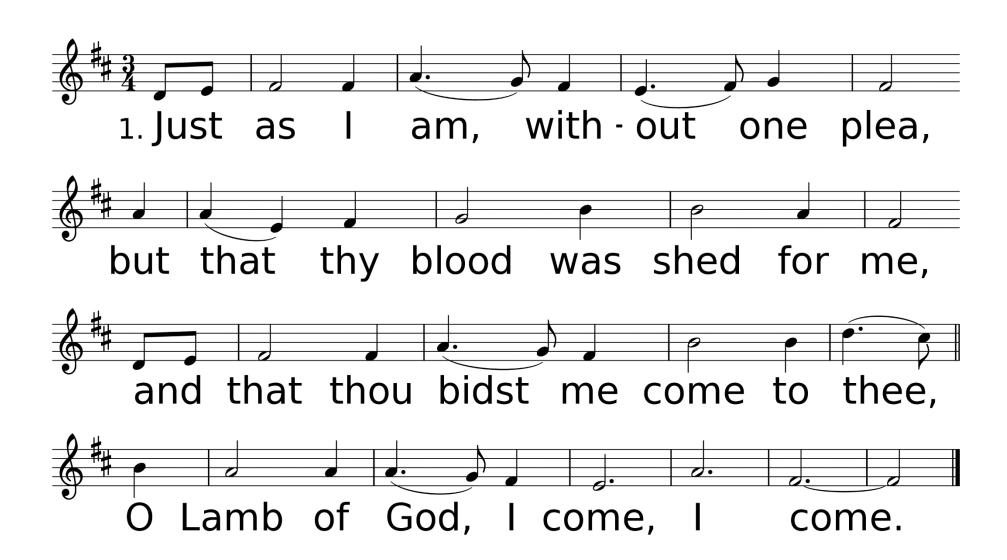
Mary Scarborough Marie Williams John Nelson **Andrew Palmer** Cathy Lott Ruth Wells **Neely Biggs Amie Biggs Lewis Anna Wiggins Sharon Dukes** Joy and Jerry Jones Kayetha Wilson **Beverly Shelton**

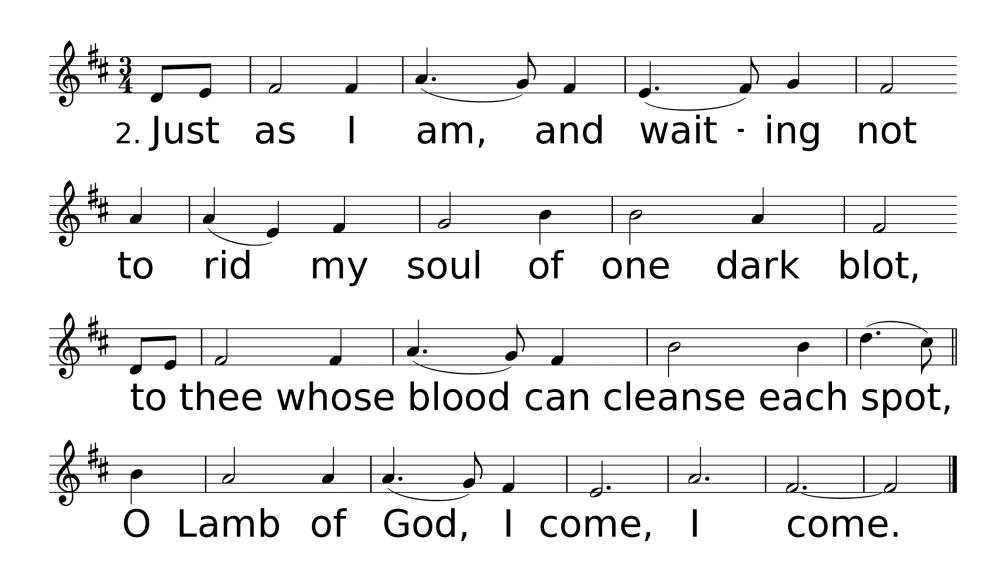
MaryAnn Greer Richard Oliver Margaretta Mayes Jerry Willbanks **Brian Hughes Robert Chavez Carol Downs** Montgomery **Devon Woodard** Laila Prather **Howard Thorne Kathy Enochs**

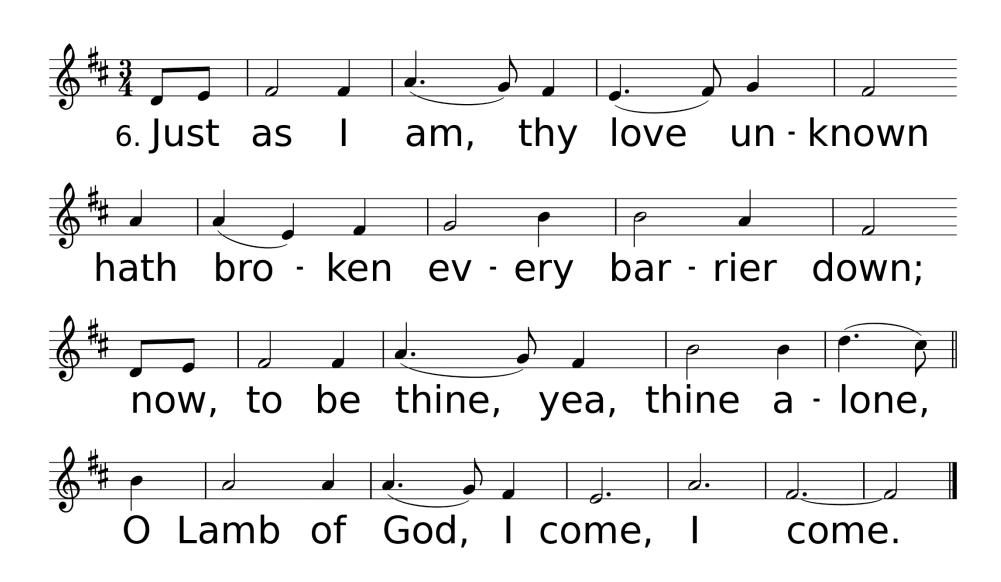
Hurricane Recovery Efforts, All Emergency Personnel, The Military, City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, The United States of America, Our World, Our Enemies, Our Church, & Those Who Have Hurt Us

Call To Prayer Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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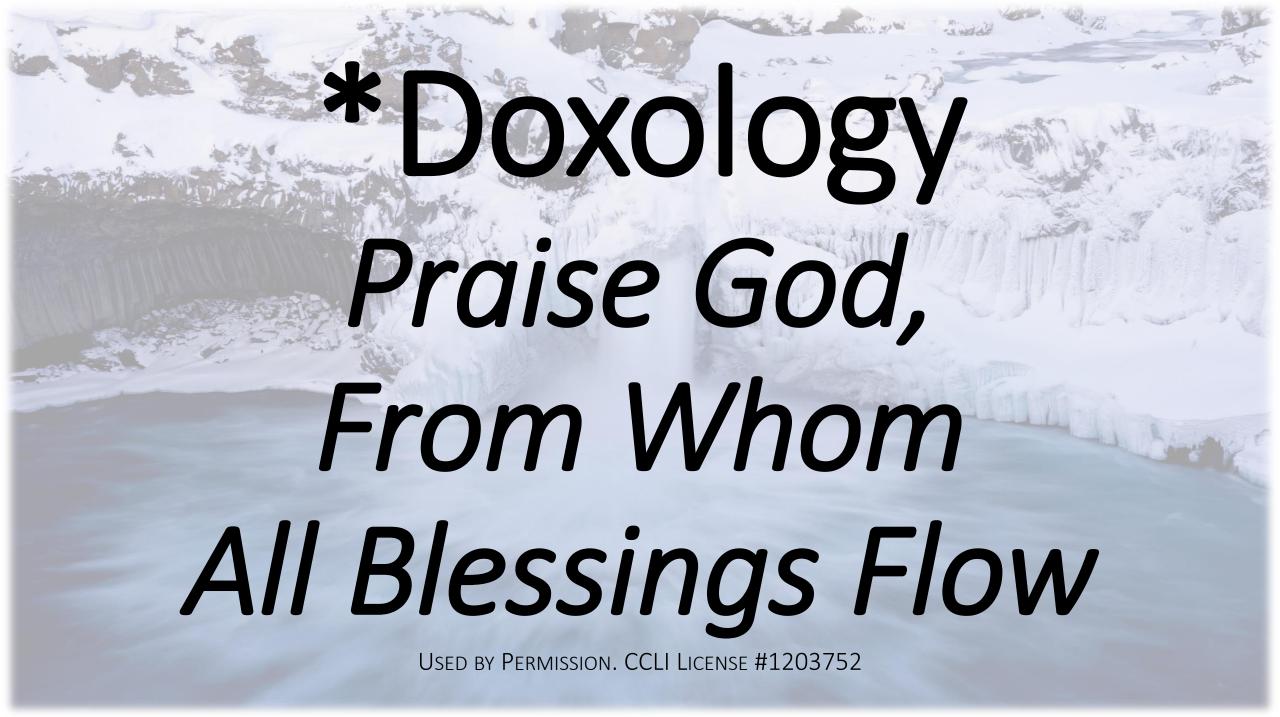






Congregational Prayer The Lord's Prayer

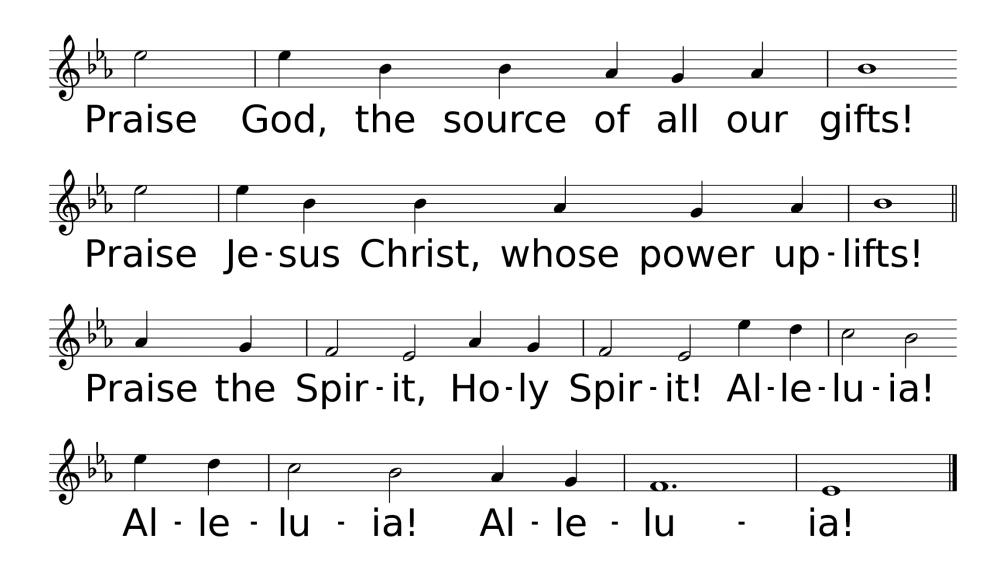
Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts







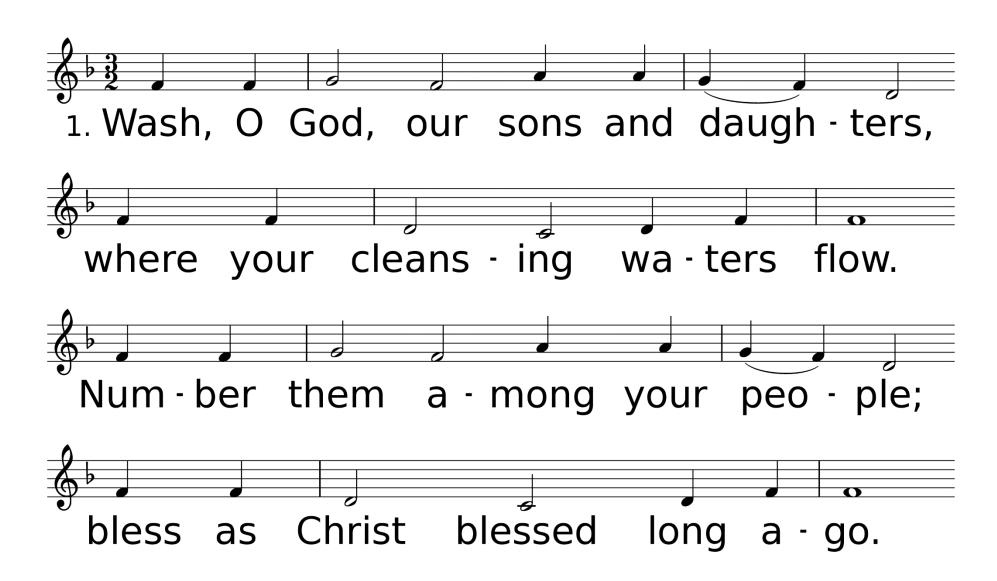


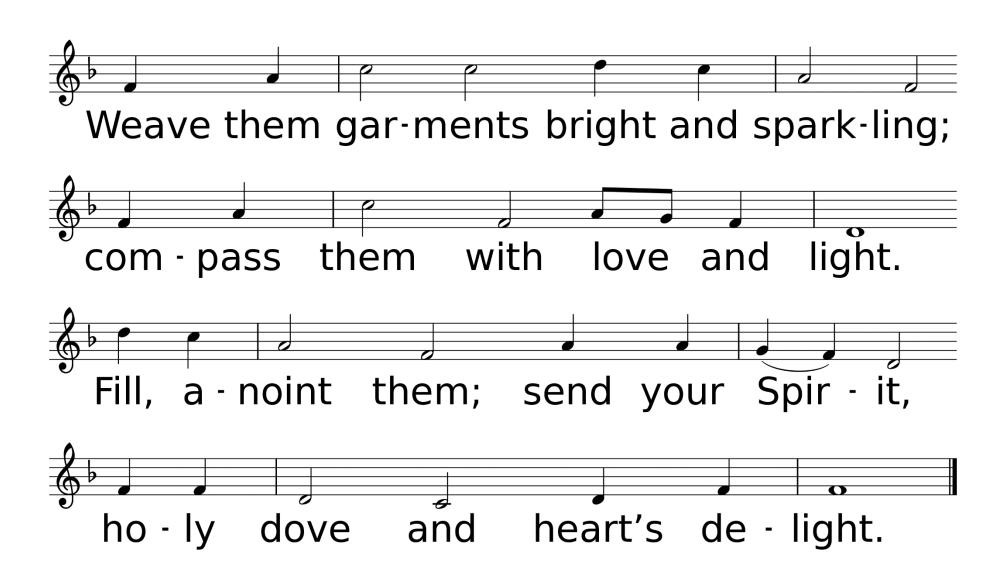




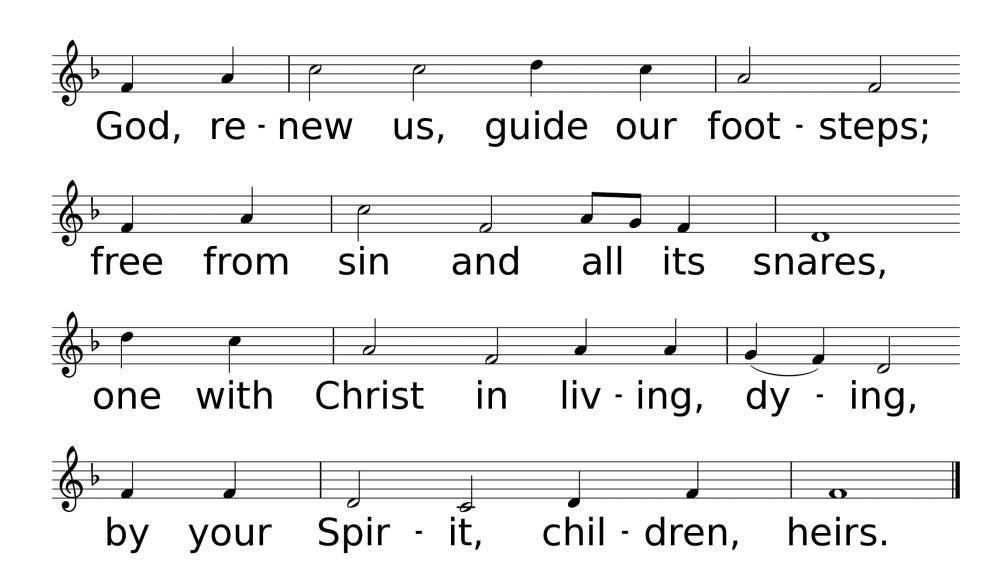
Hymn of Faith Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

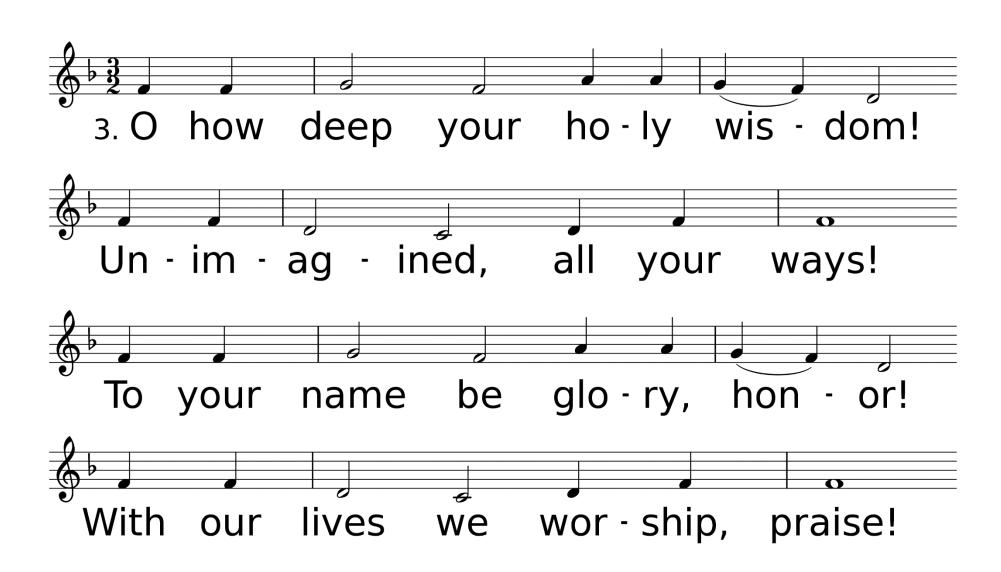
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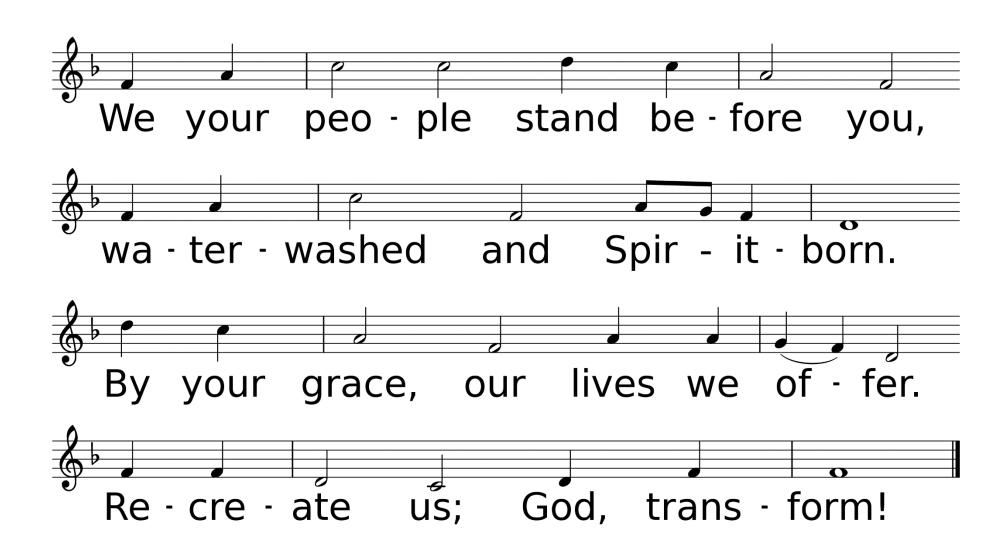


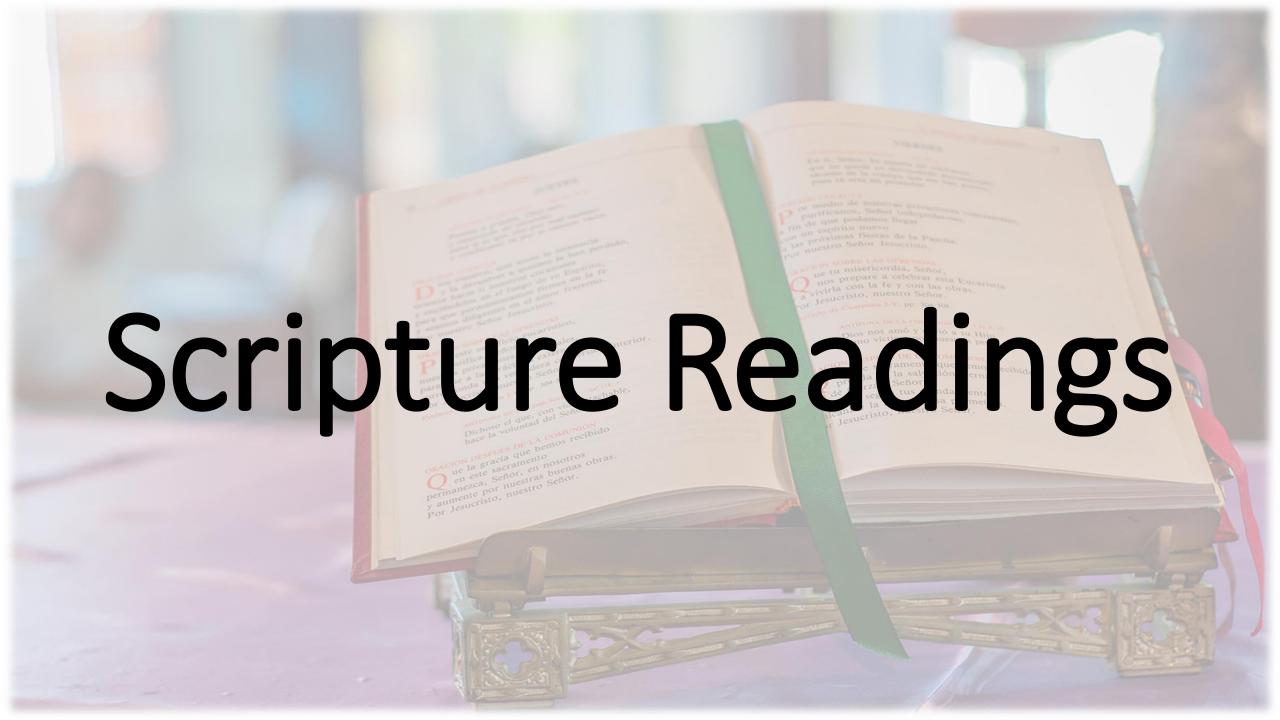












Matthew 3: 1-3

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Matthew 3: 7-17

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



"Promise and Hope"

Sermon Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of
wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever form they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to all people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? 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.



Thanksgiving

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Anthem Down to the River to Pray

Southern Folk Song, trans. by Jackson Henry

*Hymn of Invitation Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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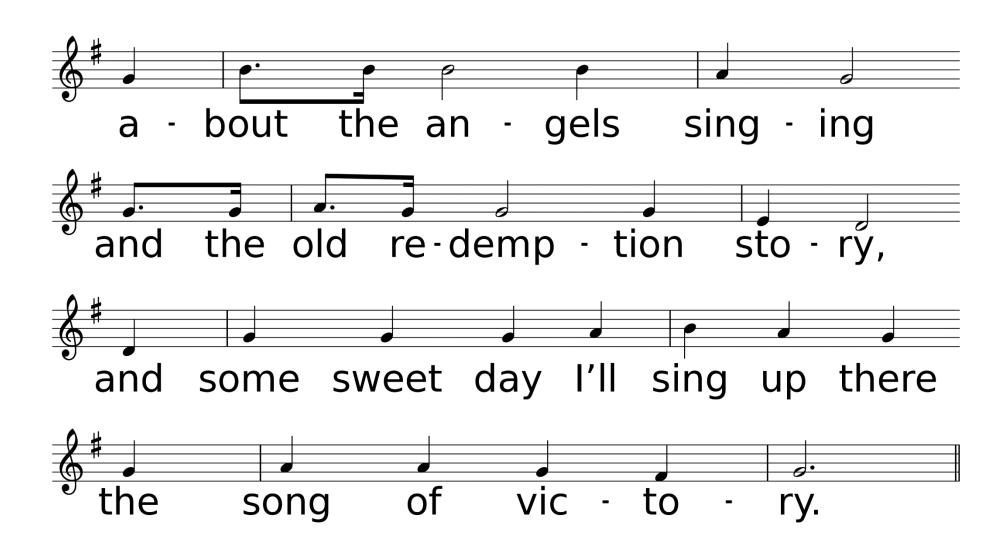


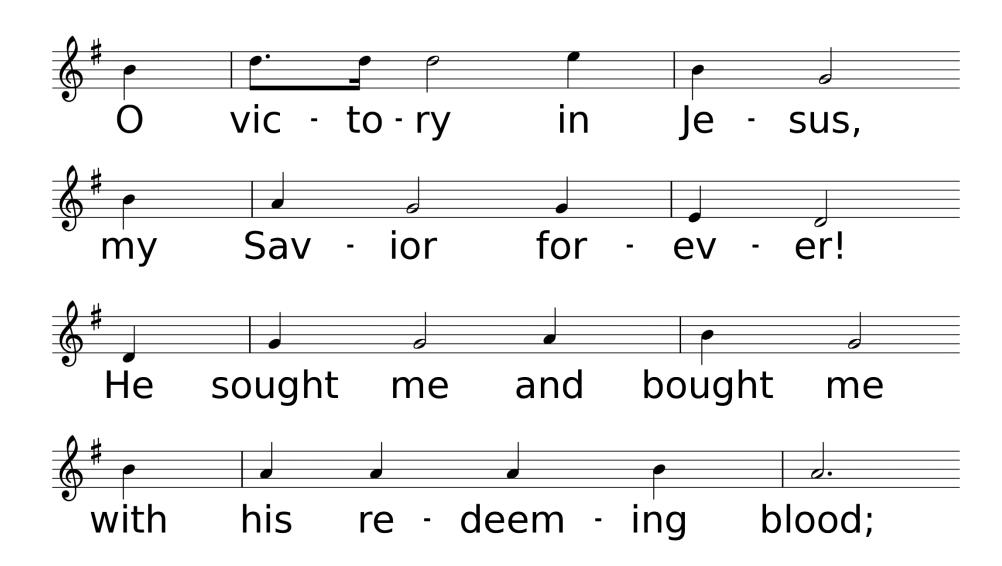


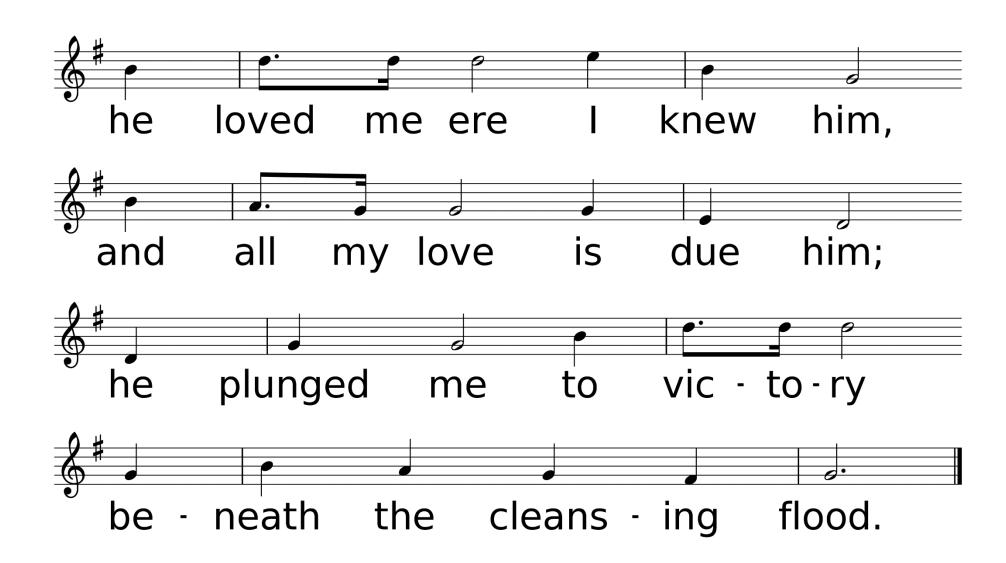


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Thank you for joining us today. Have a great week!