Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sunday Online Worship
November 15th, 2020

Community Worship on Zoom
Livestream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Online Worship – November 15th, 10:30 A.M.

How can we pray for you?

Let us know at **prayerrequests@gpcfw.org** *or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ****BOLD**** *with us from your homes!*

10:00 – Zoom Meeting and Facebook Livestream Start

Join us for a chat in the Zoom Meeting before the service!

10:25 – Zoom Fellowship Ends/Pre-Recorded Prelude

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts Sue Creager

Welcome Pastor Rob Brown

Call to Worship – Psalm 104:24-30 CEB

Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely!
The earth is full of your creations!
And then there's the sea, wide and deep, with its countless creatures—
Living things both small and large.
Here go the ships on it,
And Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!
All your creations wait for you
To give them their food on time.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
When you open your hand, they are filled completely full!
But when you hide your face, they are terrified;
When you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.
When you let loose your breath, they are created,
And you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.

Opening Hymn *Take My Life* p. 8

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession – *Borrowed from* The Worship Sourcebook

Lord God, you have provided for us a creation filled with food and water, a universe rich with energy and resources, and charged us to have dominion over all you have created. But we confess that we have often spoiled your gifts, we have put material possessions ahead of everything else, and we have abused the environment you have provided for us. Forgive us, Lord, and make us better stewards of your creation.

(Time of Silent Prayers and Confessions)

We pray these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: …and friends, truly we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Song of Assurance *We Are Forgiven* p. 9

Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Leader: Let us take a moment to greet one another in Christian love and fellowship.

Zoom Users: If you are able, make sure your webcam is on and you are set to "Gallery View"

Time of Music and Meditation Sue Creager

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Message Cathy German

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34 CEB

25 "Therefore, I say to you, don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or what you'll drink, or about your body, what you'll wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? 27 Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to

your life? [28] And why do you worry about clothes? Notice how the lilies in the field grow. They don't wear themselves out with work, and they don't spin cloth. [29] But I say to you that even Solomon in all of his splendor wasn't dressed like one of these. [30] If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it's alive today and tomorrow it's thrown into the furnace, won't God do much more for you, you people of weak faith? [31] Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' [32] Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. [33] Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. [34] Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Hebrew Lesson: Genesis 1:24-31 CEB

[14] "[24] God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. [25] God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. [26] Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

[27] God created humanity in God's own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

[28] God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." [29] Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. [30] To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. [31] God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

Sermon Pastor Rob Brown

Hymn *For the Fruits of All Creation* p. 10

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Word on Offering

Offertory

Announcements

Closing Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* p. 11

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leaders and Technology Help:

Vocal Musician: Cathy German
Instrumental Musician: Sue Creager
Lay Leader: Jim Wolfe
Technology: Thomas Callahan and Brian Zimmerman

Announcements:

Annual Pledges: If you haven't already, please get your pledge cards to JoAnn A.S.A.P.

East Wayne Street Center: Today is the last day to donate towards the Thanksgiving collection for East Wayne Street Center. Please Contact Todd German if interested in donating today.

Christmas Eve Services: We will have 2 Christmas Eve Services – a short, outdoor service at 3:00 and a full, remote service at 5:30. The remote service will have candle lighting for Silent Night, as always. If you would like a stick candle for that service, please let the office know!

Technology and Worship Help: We are in need of a few more hands to help make our remote worship smoother and take some weight off Pastor Rob's shoulders. We need:

- Zoom Meeting and Facebook Greeters
- Camera and/or Soundboard Operators
- Lay Leaders from the sanctuary.

If you would be interested in helping us out in any of these capacities, please let Pastor Rob know! We will also need a few people to film themselves lighting Advent Candles remotely and send them to Pastor Rob. We love some of our out-of-town folks to participate in this!

Zoom Fellowship: Thursday Morning at 11:00 we will have Coffee Fellowship! Look for announcements about other remote fellowship opportunities in the coming weeks! If you have any ideas for remote fellowship, please let Pastor Rob know!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 16th: Gene Allen's Birthday
November 16th: Glenda Bragalone's Birthday
November 18th: Grace German's Birthday
November 21st: Beth Boggess's Birthday

Prayer Requests

Bill Konkle (Mary Konkle's Grandfather): In nursing home recovering from stroke; long road ahead.
Continued struggles with the pandemic, including isolation and mental health concerns.

Zoom Instructions

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:00 for fellowship time; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from https://www.zoom.us.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: *9712063468*

Password: *030414*

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

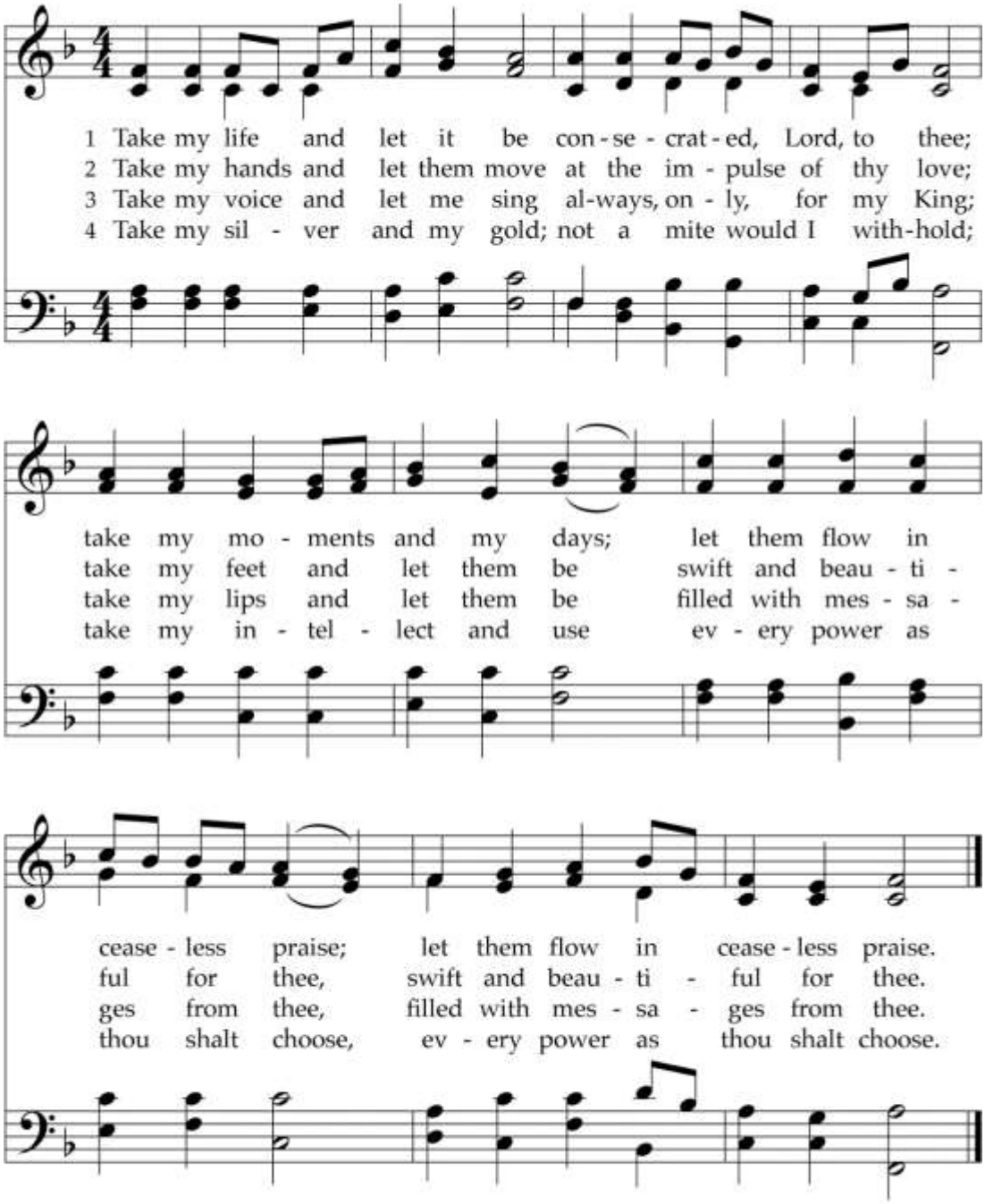
Phone Number: *(301) 715-8592*

Meeting ID: *9712063468*

Password: *030414*

If you have any questions before Sunday, can call Pastor Rob at (260) 267-5367

Take My Life 697



This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
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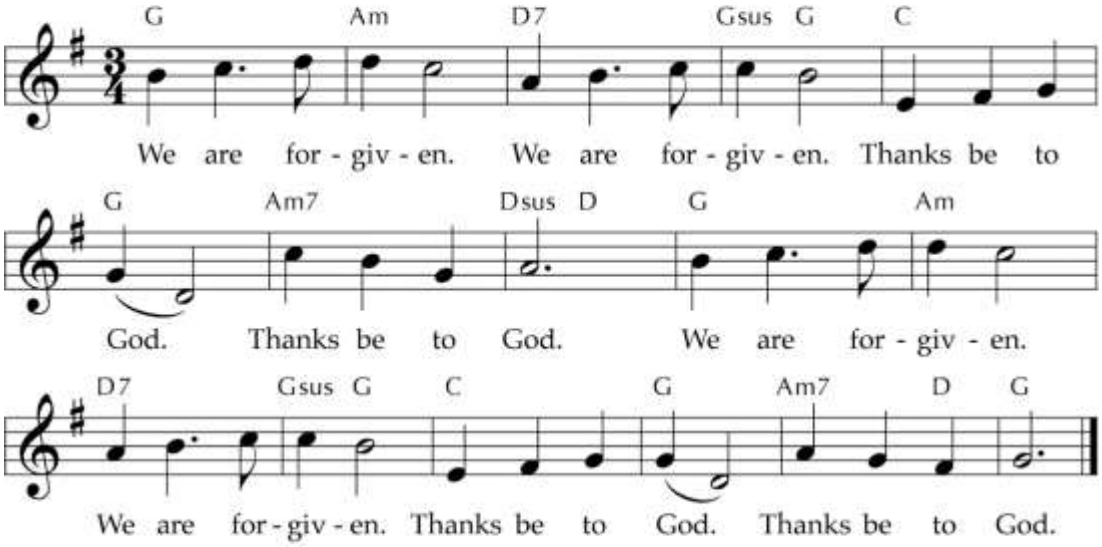
FORGIVENESS

447 We Are Forgiven



To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
10.8.10.8

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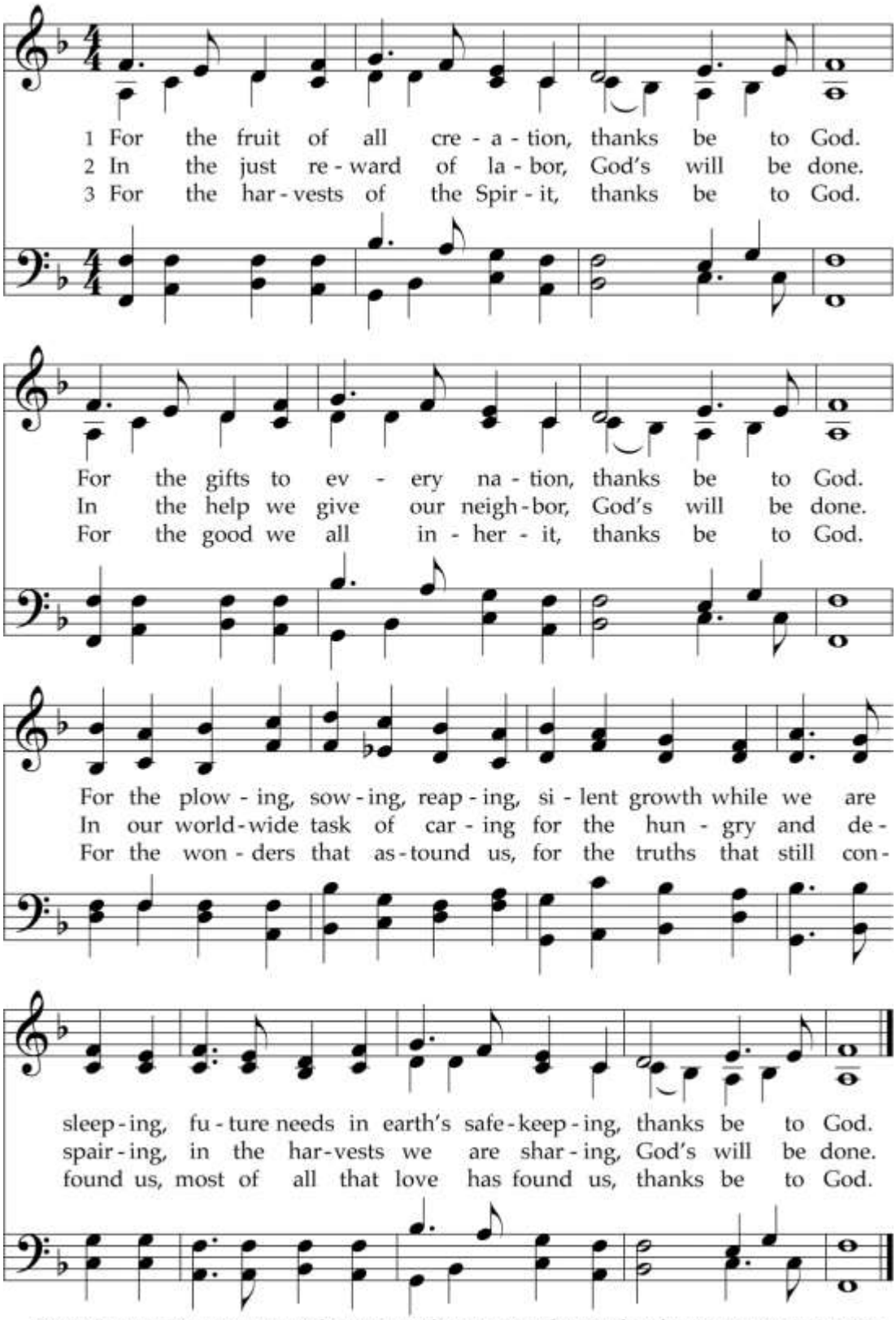
For the Fruit of All Creation 36



Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784

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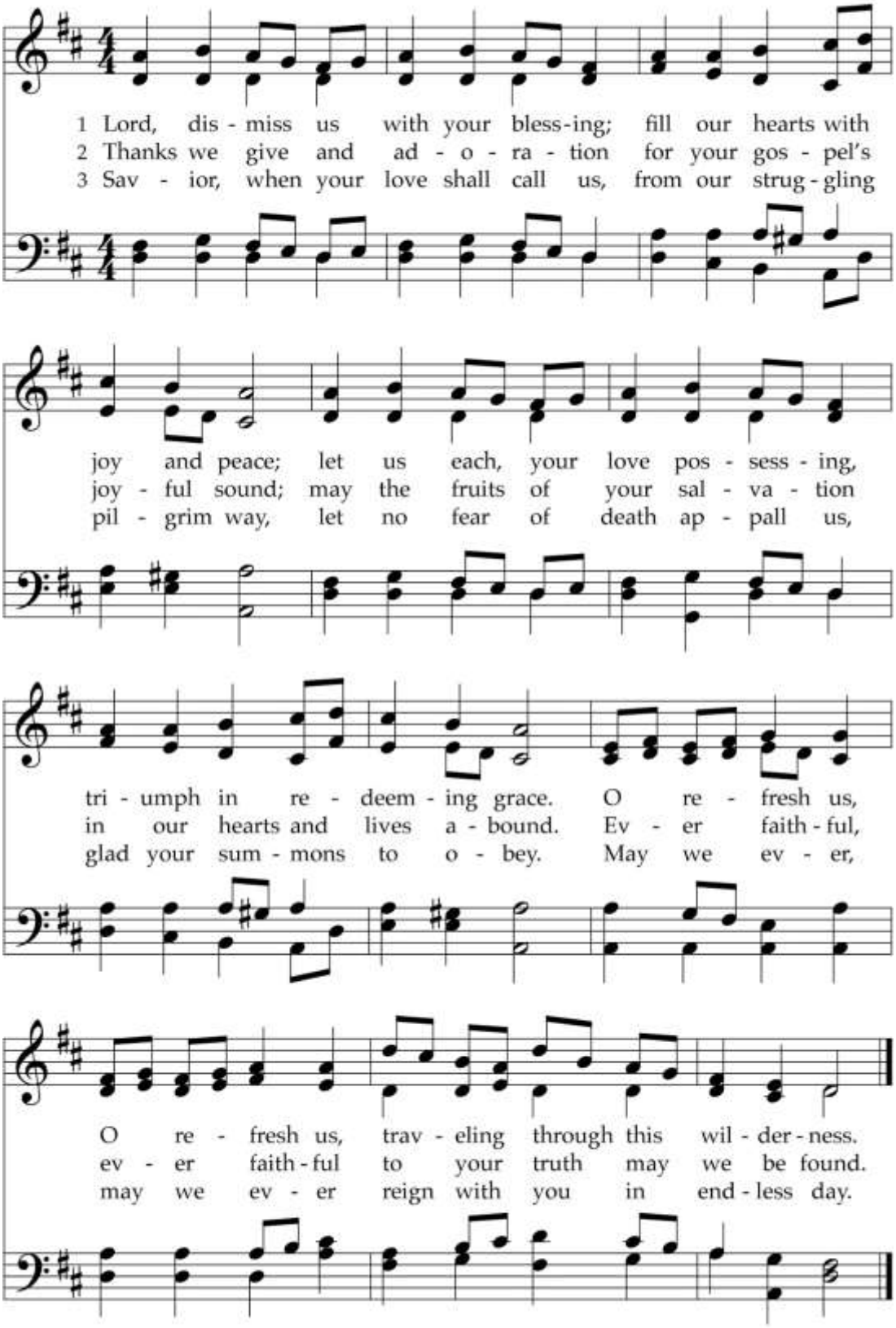
SENDING

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

TEXT: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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