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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

10:00 AM

MARCH 22, 2026



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THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God’s presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD’S PRESENCE AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“As the Deer Runs to the River”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

All: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

One: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

All: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

One: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

All: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

One: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

All: This is God’s house.

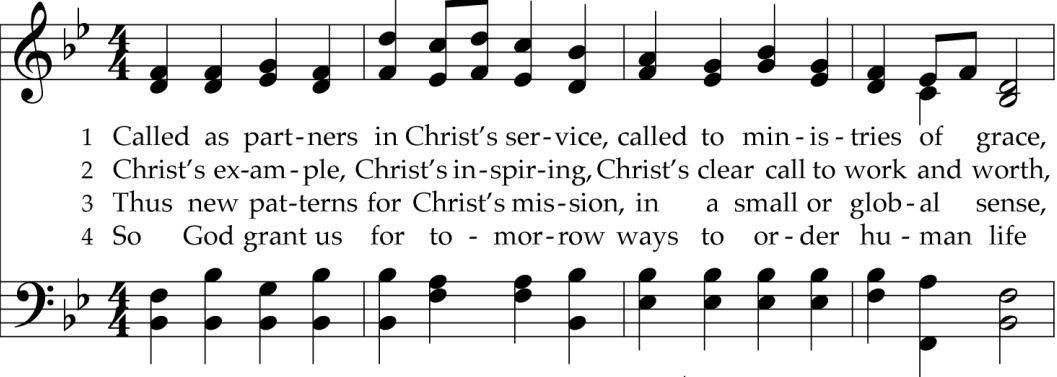
One: You can make yourself at home here.

All: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

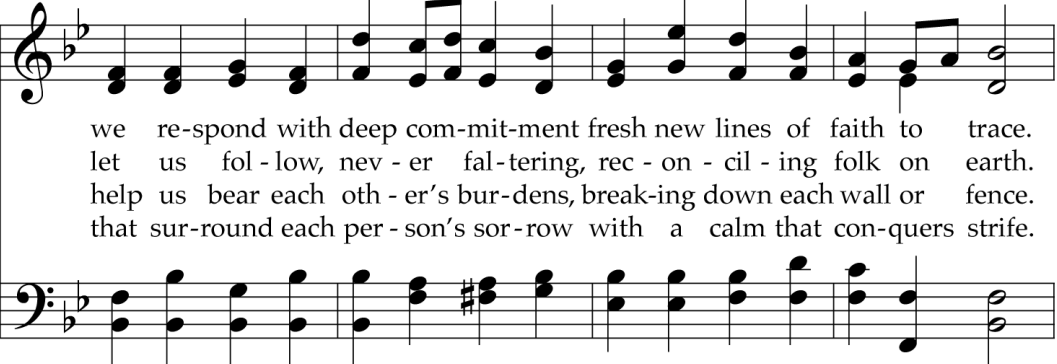
***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMN

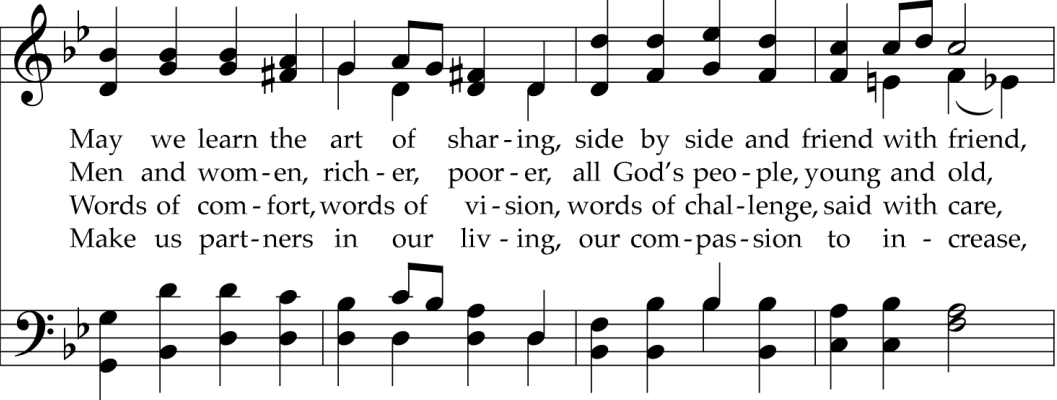
Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



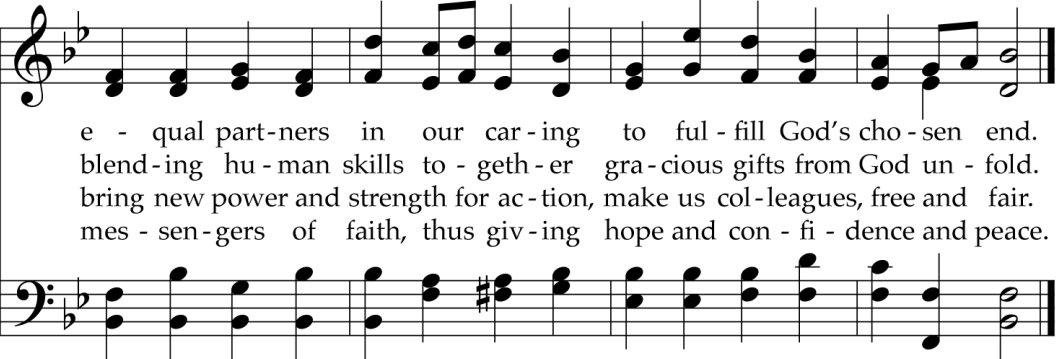
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Jesus once said to a crowd, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." Friends, none of us are without sin. None of us get it right all the time. None of us can get by without God's grace. In the Prayer of Confession, we acknowledge this truth. We put down our stones and we turn to God for forgiveness. Join me in this act of transformation. Let us pray:

All: Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 23:23

²³ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

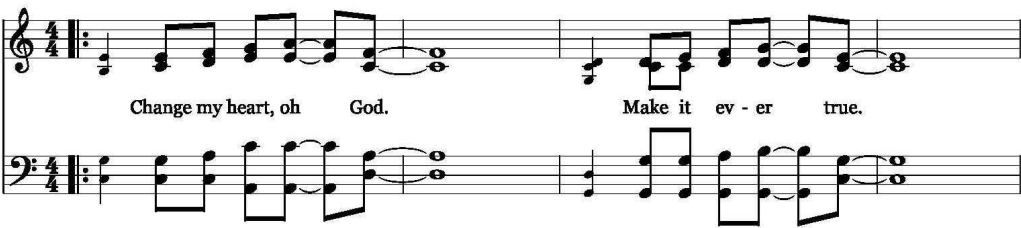
JOHN 8:2-11

² Early in the morning, he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, sir.”^[a] And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”^{]]}^[b]

*HYMN #705
(sing 1x)

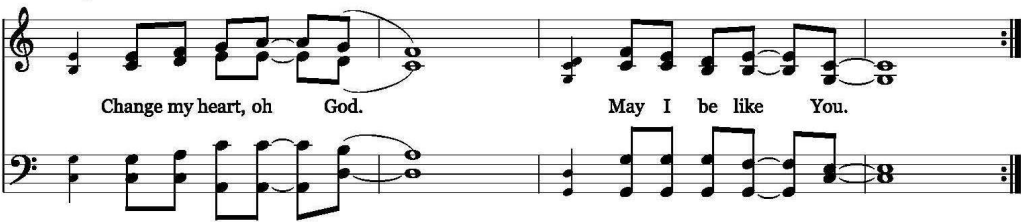
"Change My Heart, O God"

Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C



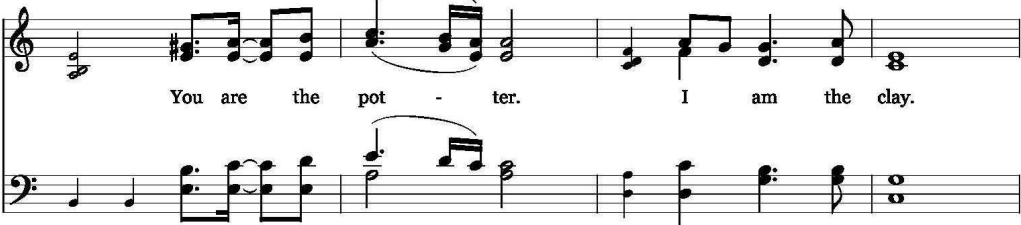
Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev - er true.

5 Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C



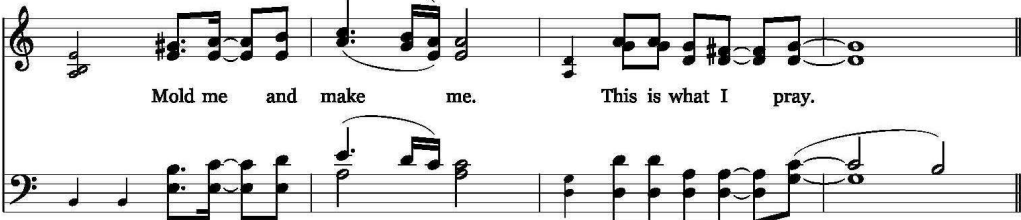
Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

9 E^{sus/B} E Am⁷ Dm⁷ G C



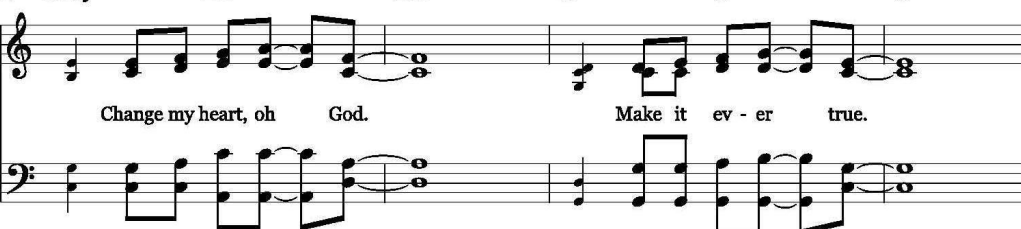
You are the pot - ter. I am the clay.

13 E^{sus/B} E Am⁷ D^{sus} D G^{sus} G



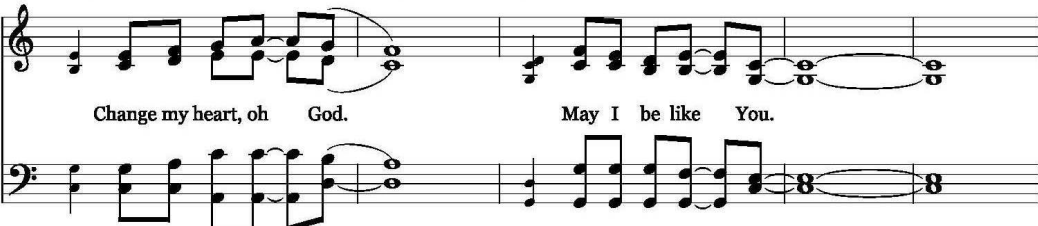
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

17 Cmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C



Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev - er true.

21 Cmaj⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G^{sus} G C



Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35

(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"Seek Ye the Lord"

Faithful Harmonizers

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

(Sheet music on next page.)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"May God Grant You a Blessing"

Faithful Harmonizers

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



Prelude arr. Christopher, Uehlein, OneLicense.net

Hymn #761 Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI

Hymn #705 Sing! People of Faith Hymnal, CCLI

Offertory Gordon Young, OneLicense.net

Hymn #766 Glory to God Hymnal, OneLicense.net

Postlude Public Domain

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.