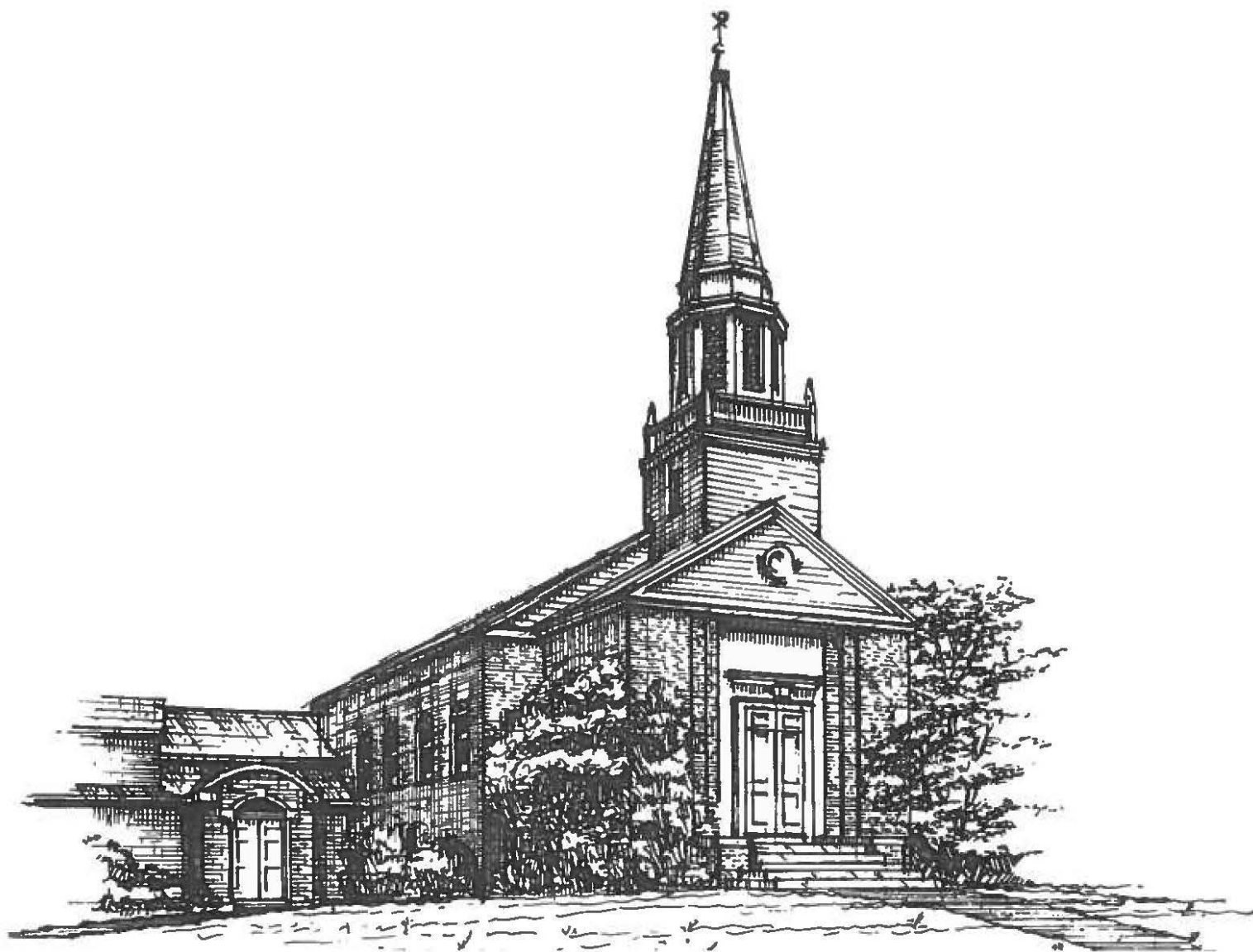


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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 29

The Reign of Christ

Family Sunday

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude*

Gottlieb Muffat

***OPENING HYMN:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God is great, and greatly to be praised!

PEOPLE: We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.

Leader: God, how great is your name in throughout the earth!

PEOPLE: We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.

Leader: Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

PEOPLE: We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

ALL: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

Come, let us worship God.**

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

For the joy of human life,
its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:
We give thanks this day.

For our human community,
our common past and future hope,
our oneness transcending all separation,
our capacity to work for peace and justice
in the midst of hostility and oppression:
We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism,
for understanding of views not shared:
We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,
who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:
We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,
not by our words but by our deeds.## Amen.

Rev. O. Eugene Pickett

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the
powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of
wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are
nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed,
and the captive set free.

Guide us by your truth and love, until we and all your people make
manifest your reign of justice and compassion.

We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king, to whom
with you and the Spirit, one Holy God, be honor, glory and blessing
this day and forever. Amen **

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Choral Amen

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 trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF ROBERT JACK LILIEN

HYMN OF BLESSING: "May God Who Creates You"

V454

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 P. 791

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and
will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are
among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue
them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a
day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into
their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by

the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23 P. 1334

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “Whatsoever You Do”

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SERMON: “Transcendent Shepherd”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Lord, Speak to Me”

V589

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Verso* [1]

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*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacons are Dot Pierce and Kathy Harple. **Scripture Reader** is. Sue Compton.

Today's flowers are dedicated for Jackson Massey's first birthday and Cole Massey's fourth birthday coming up very soon in December from their loving "Mimi" Barbara Massey.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Scott Morrow 11/26, Joan Bennett 11/26, Rob Natoli, Cheryl Hall 11/27, Sharman Tait 11/30, Doris Ferner 12/01.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Meg Adams, Paul Menillo, David Gould, and Sarah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Let's Celebrate Advent!!

Sunday, Dec. 3	Worship	9:30am
	Advent Night	5-7 pm
Sunday, Dec. 10	Worship	9:30am
Sunday, Dec. 17	Worship	9:30am
Sunday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	
	Worship : Christmas Pageant	9:30 am
	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols	7:00 pm

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Todd Swarney, Sexton

**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

November 26, 2023

Robert Jack Lilien



**THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Minister

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each newborn creation.

INTRODUCTION

Minister: People were bringing little children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:

PEOPLE: “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.”

Minister: And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PEOPLE: JESUS SAID; “UNLESS WE ARE BORN ANEW, WE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; UNLESS WE ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, WE CANNOT ENTER GOD'S NEW ORDER.”

PRAYER AND BLESSING

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

***QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

(The Congregation will please stand)

Deacon: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Robert Jack Lilien, about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO ROBERT JACK LILIEN AND TO ROBERT AND LAUREN AS THEY RAISE THEIR CHILD IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

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BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... ROBERT JACK LILIEN, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD'S COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

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We celebrate the baptism of:

Robert Jack Lilien

Born: July 19, 2023

Parents:

Robert and Lauren Lilien

Sponsors:

Jonathan and Jaymie Lilien

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/26	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	11/27	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Tuesday	11/28	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (L) Danish Sisterhood (K) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL Sanct) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/29	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) OASIS: Worship Wednesday (Zoom)
Thursday	11/30	1:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	STAFF MEETING (L) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	12/1	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:30 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Music Together (DBL) CT Area Al-Anon (CH)
Saturday	12/2	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	12/3	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) ADVENT NIGHT (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
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*OPENING HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Descant

4 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

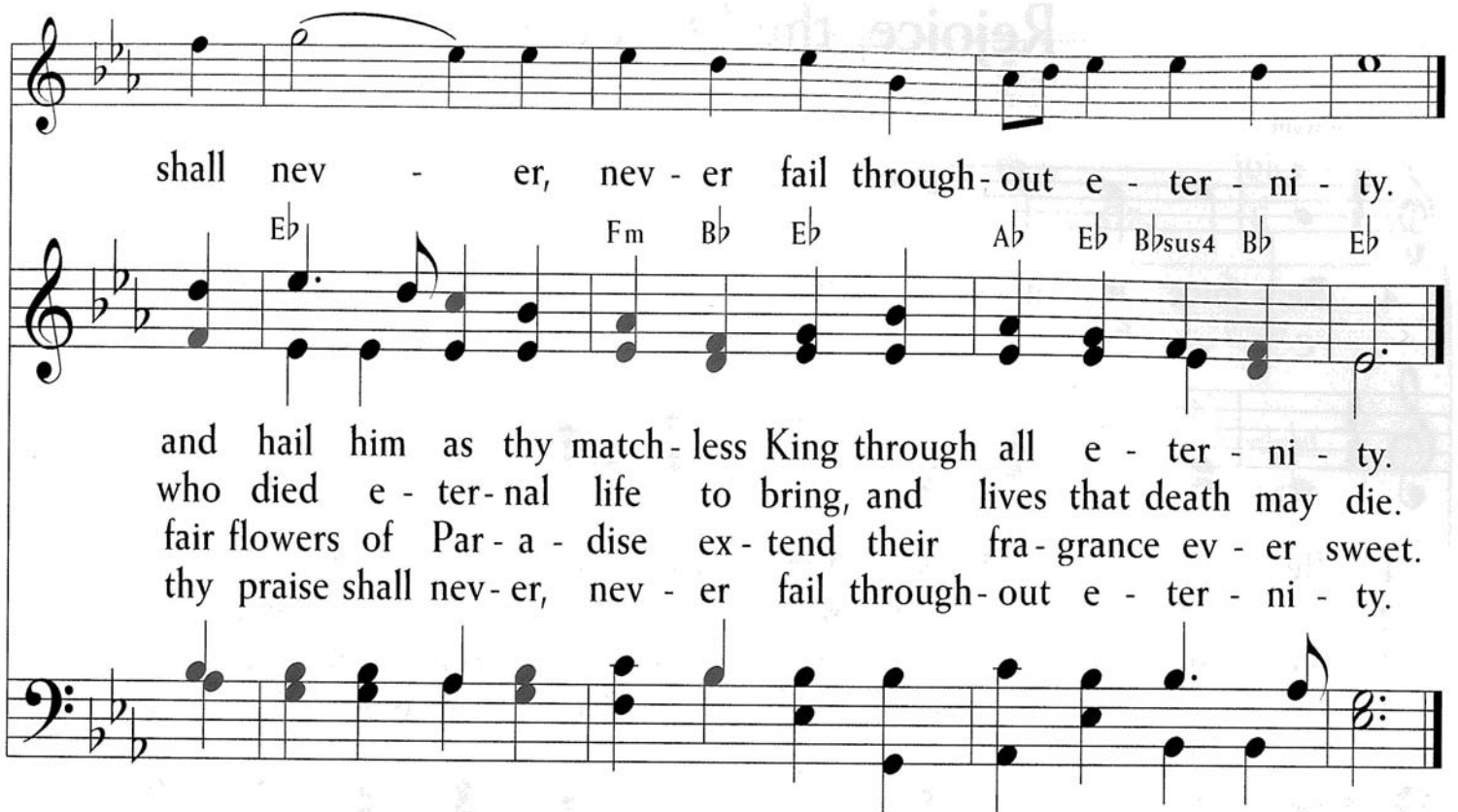
1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - tre sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. All hail,

hark, how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

Re - deem - er, hail! Thou hast died for me; thy praise

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ced feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me;



shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

May God who cre - ates you give you light;

may God who sus - tains you make you wise;

may God who pro - tects you give you joy,

may God who sur - rounds you give you peace.

* HYMN: "Whatsoever You Do"

insert



What-so - ev - er you do to the least of my peo - ple, that you



do un - to me.

- 1. When I was hun - gry, you gave me to
- 2. When I was home-less, you o - pened your
- 3. When I was wea - ry, you helped me find
- 4. When in a pris - on, you came to my
- 5. When I was laughed at, you stood by my



- 1. eat; When I was thirst - y, you gave me to drink.
- 2. door; When I was na - ked, you gave me your coat.
- 3. rest; When I was anx - ious, you calmed all my fears.
- 4. cell; When on a sick-bed, you cared for my needs.
- 5. side; When I was hap - py, you shared in my joy.

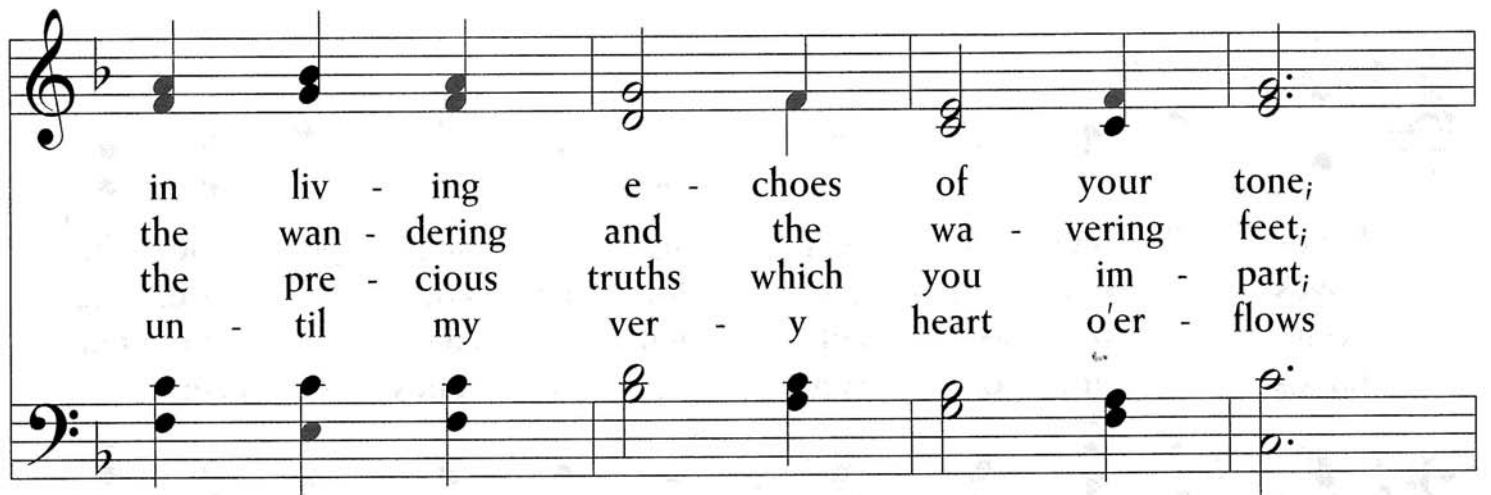


1-5. Now en - ter in - to the home of my Fa - ther.

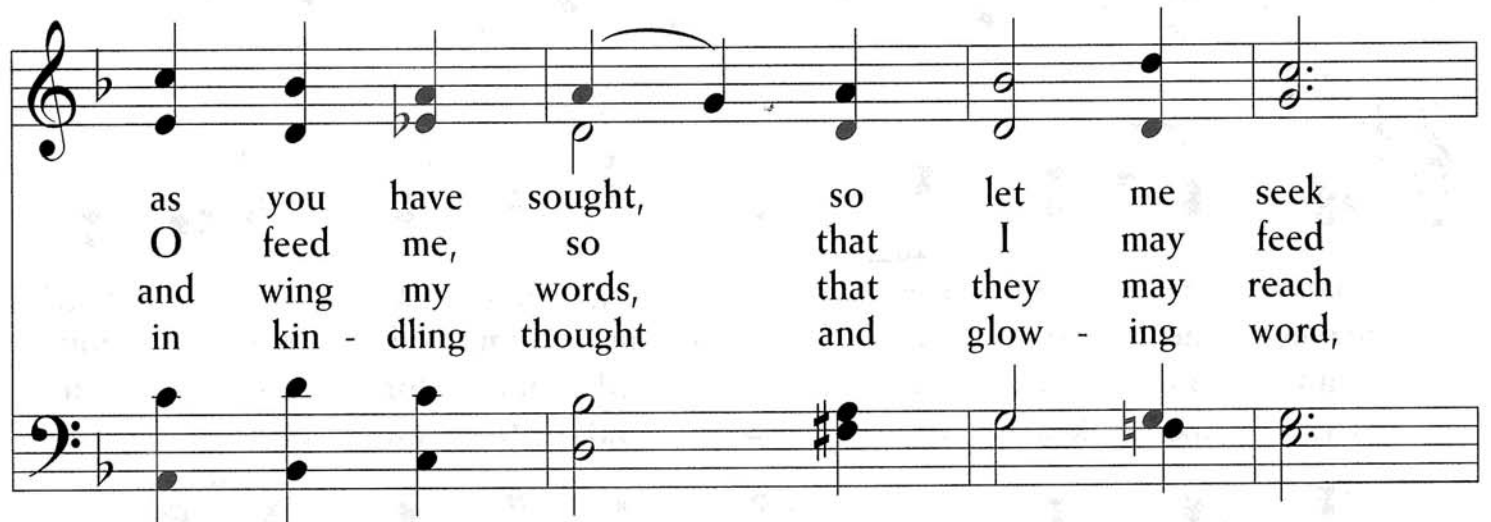
*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me"



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
2 O lead me, so that I may lead
3 O teach me, so that I may teach
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord,



in liv - ing e - choes of your tone;
the wan - dering and the wa - vering feet;
the pre - cious truths which you im - part;
un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flows



as you have sought, so let me seek
O feed me, so that I may feed
and wing my words, that they may reach
in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word,



your stray - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
the hid - den depths of ma - ny a heart.
your love to tell, your praise to show.