second
REFORMED CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 2026 - 9:45 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE "Processional on 'Lauda Anima'" by Don Hustad

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Baba Yetu"
Chris Kiagiri, Christopher Tin

*SONG OF WORSHIP #21 "This Is My Father's World"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
week after week we pray
for your Kingdom to come
and your will to be done on earth.
We confess that week after week
we grow weary and impatient,
wondering if you will ever make good on your promise
to make all things new.
When will earth look like heaven?

Led by sanctuary choir:
Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christe. **Christe.** Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Kyrie. **Kyrie.** Eleison. **Eleison.**

Please use this period of silence for personal reflection.

By your Spirit,
keep us from growing weary as we wait.
Renew our hope and
keep us faithful in prayer
for your Kingdom to come.
Through Christ we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Our God is gracious and compassionate.
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ we are forgiven.
Believe this and be at peace.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Congregation, bless your children.
You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION
#489 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE & SERMON Matthew 25:1-13

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING #147 "Praise God from Whom..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #621 "For the Healing of the Nations"

Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
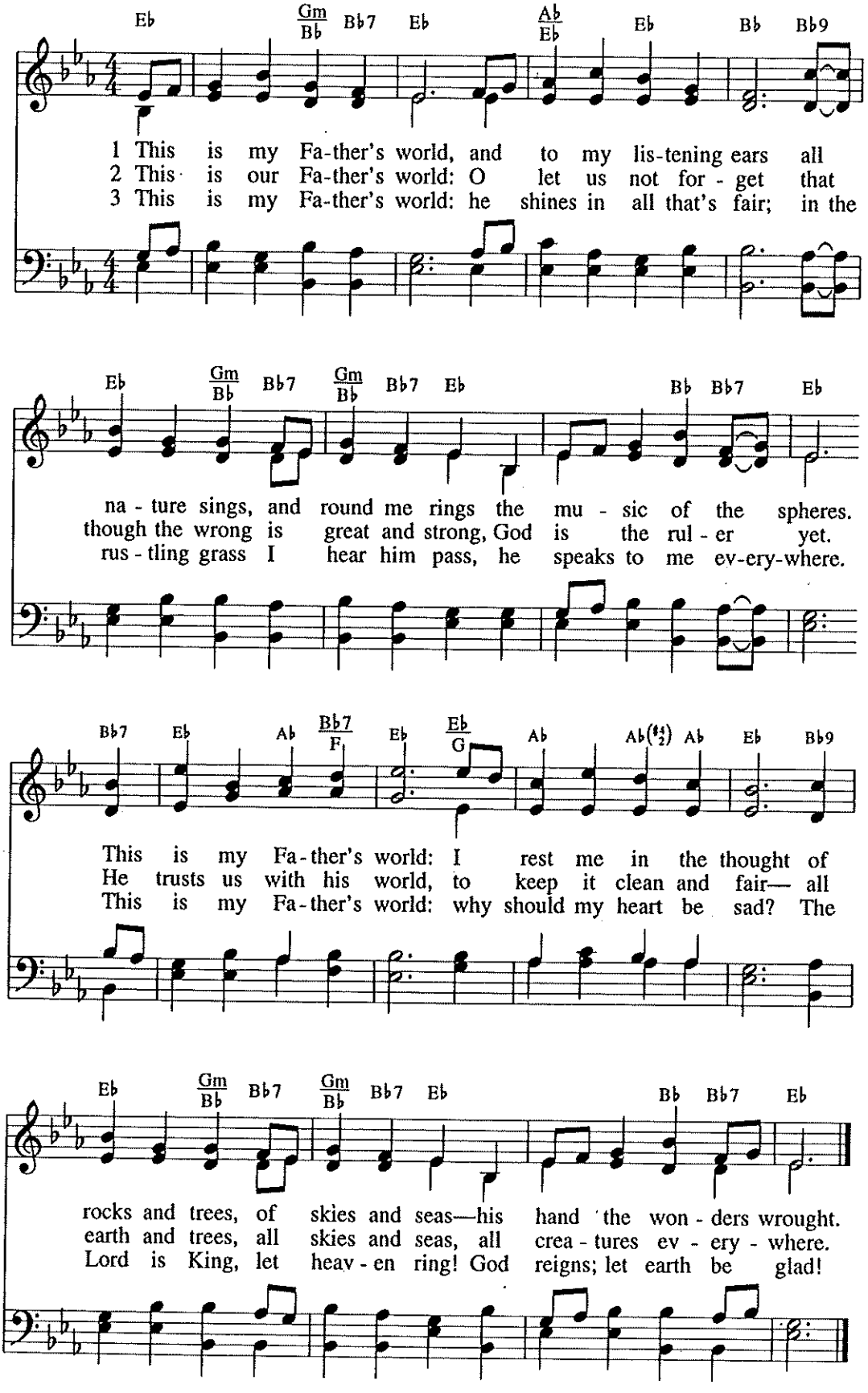
The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle, blessing one another in song.

My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

*POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him!"
John W. Peterson

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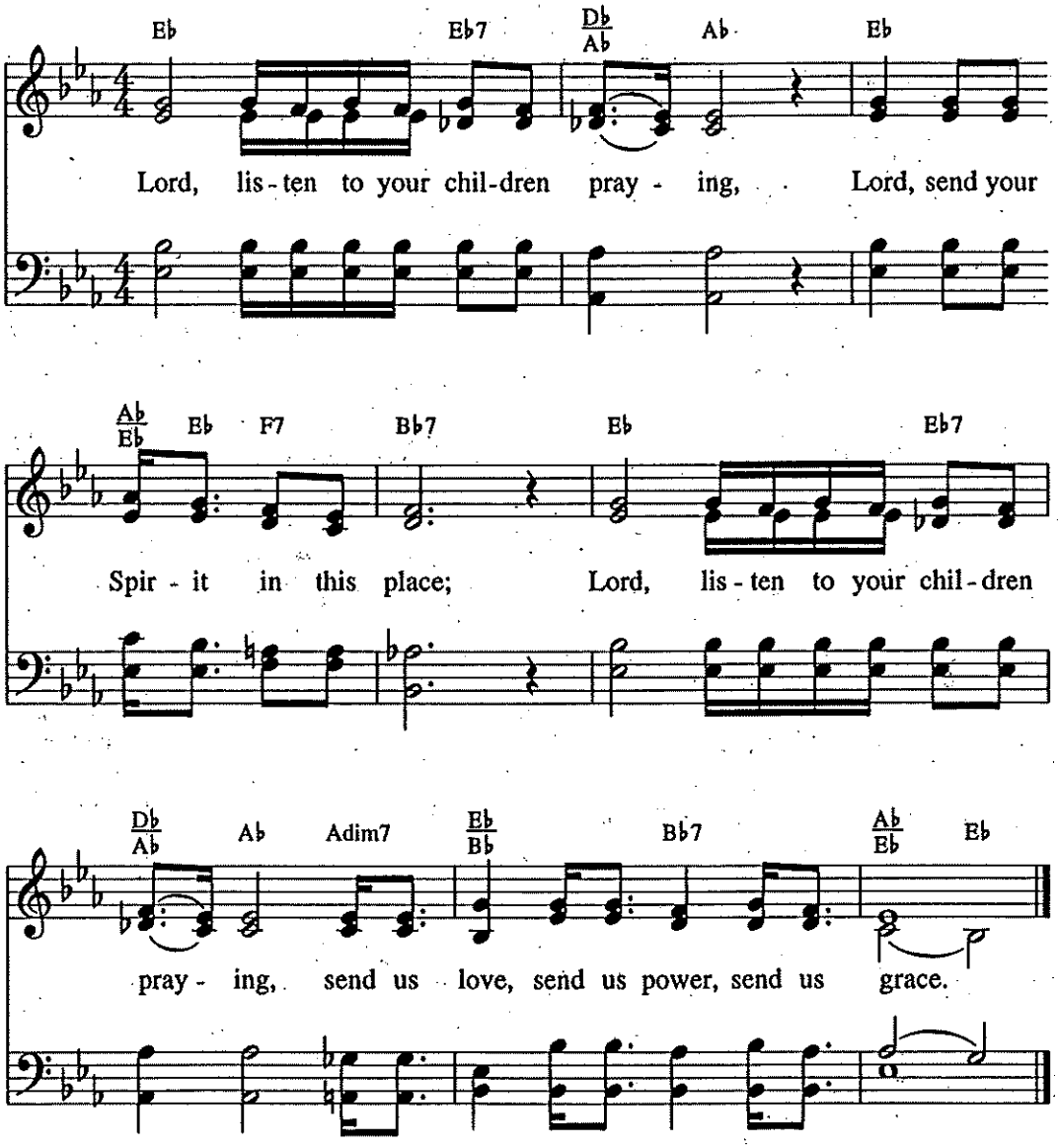


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PRAYER & DEVOTION

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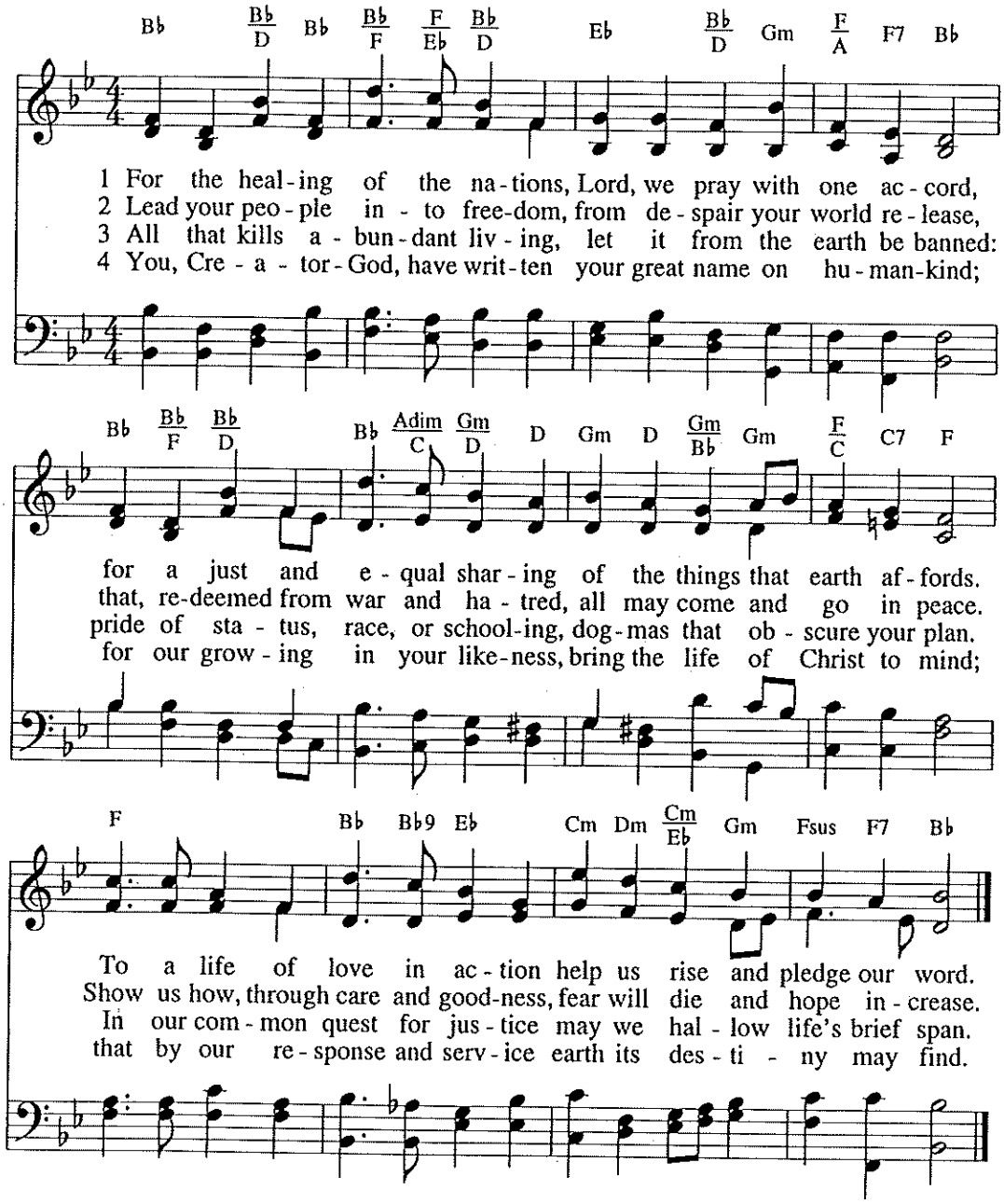
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CHILDREN PRAYING

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For the Healing of the Nations 621



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