second
REFORMED CHURCH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
November 15, 2026 - 9:45 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE — "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

INSTRUMENTAL CALL TO WORSHIP — "Toccata on King's Weston" Matthew Compton

*SONG OF WORSHIP — #138 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Adapted from *Call to Worship,* Vol. 56.1

God of abundance,
you have given us so many gifts.
You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge,
and yet we hide them, burying them underground.
We hoard these gifts
instead of following you and sharing with those in need.
We have been poor stewards of all you have given.

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.

God of grace,
forgive us,
and help us grow what we are given,
that it might be returned in service to you.
Amen.

CHORAL ASSURANCE "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Howard Goodall

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Listen again to the good news just shared by the Sanctuary Choir:
"Yes, I will trust you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home."
Friends, 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 #465 "Lord, Be Glorified"
v. 4 a cappella

SCRIPTURE & SERMON Matthew 25:14-30
"The Parable of the Misunderstood Master"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF GENEROSITY By Stephen Poore and Drew Wilson
From the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving

Godliness with contentment is great gain.

We bring nothing into this world,
and we take nothing out of it.

We who call Jesus, "Lord,"
devote ourselves to resisting greed,
which plunges the human heart into ruin
and pierces it with many griefs.

We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts,
fixing our hope on God and not on the uncertainty of wealth.

We desire to be rich in good deeds
and willing to share all that we have,
laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay
but will shine in the age to come.

So let it be with us. Amen.

*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!

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.

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 #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*BENEDICTION

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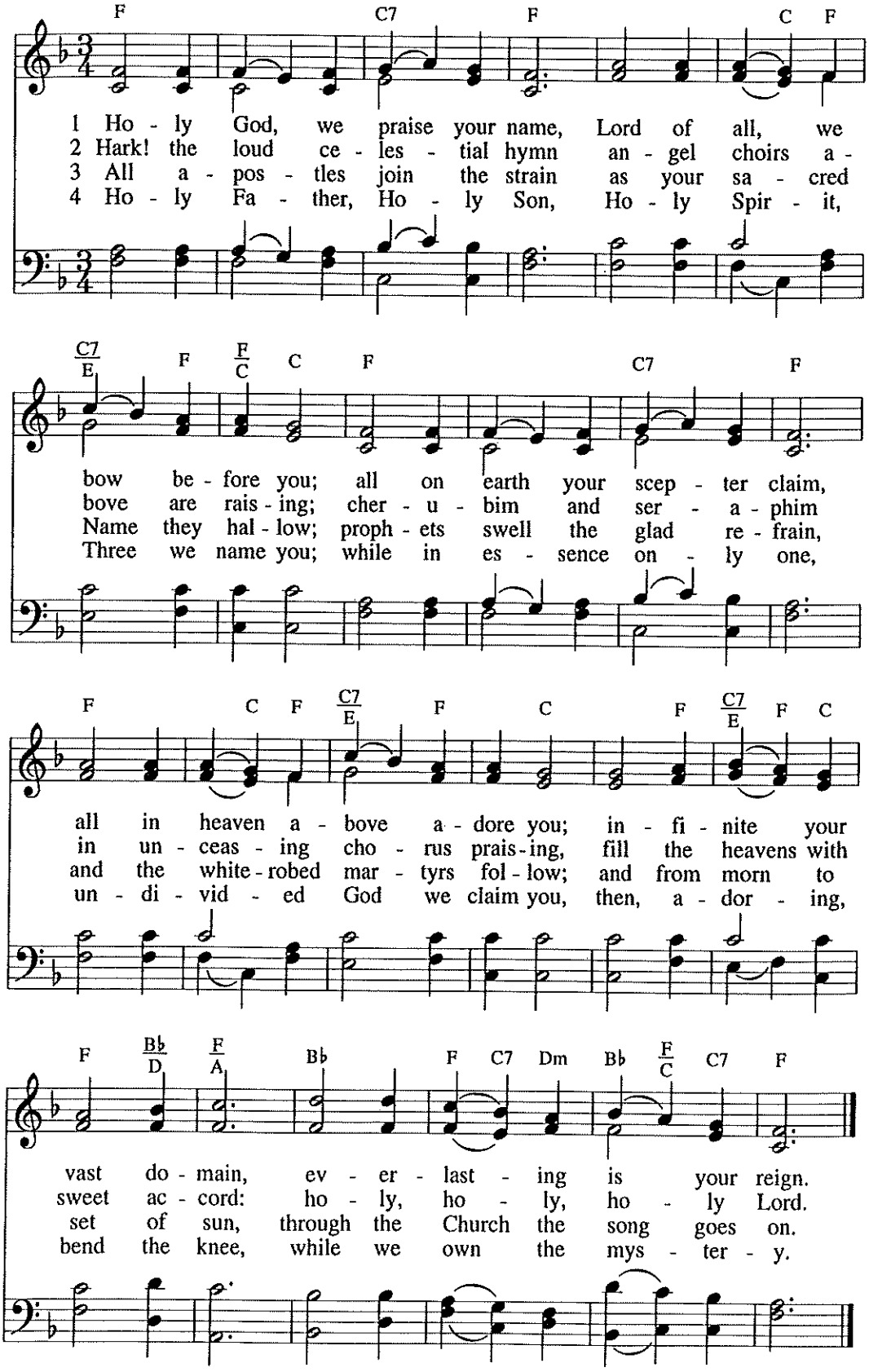
The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle, blessing one another in song.

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 "Laudation"
Gilbert M. Martin

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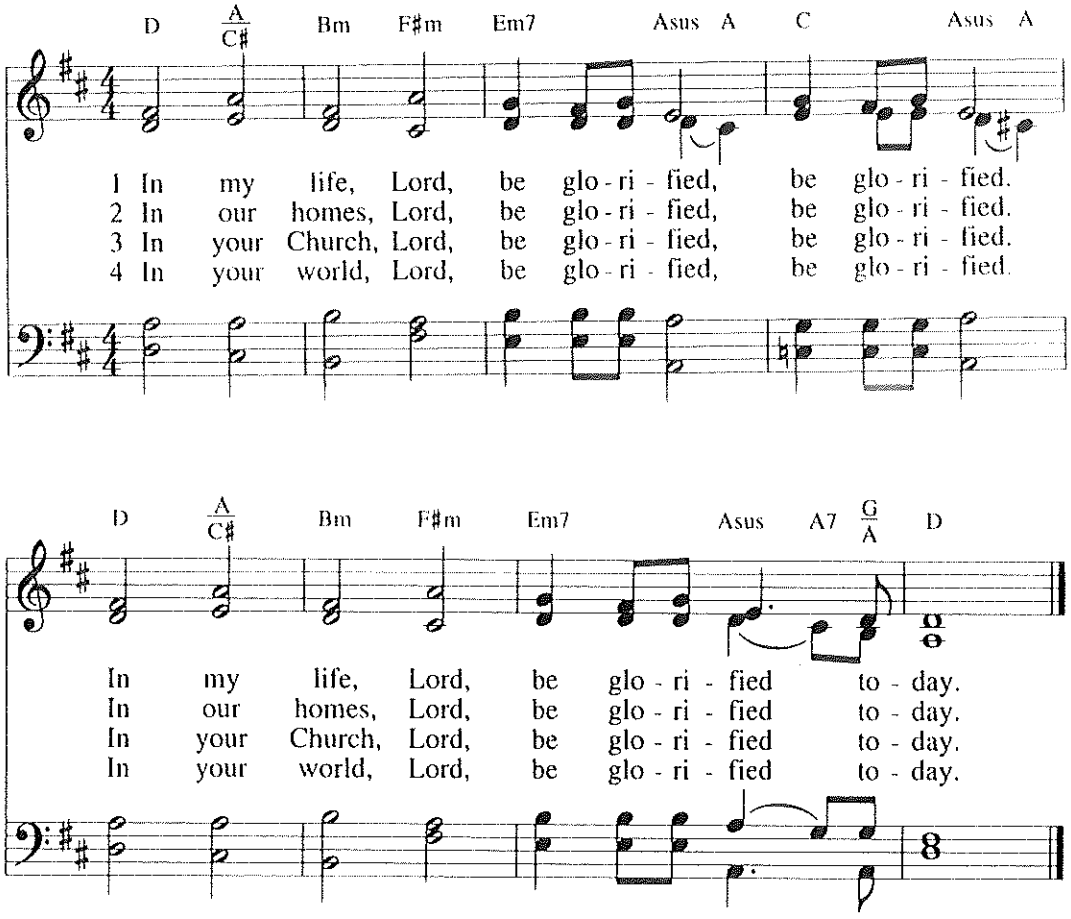
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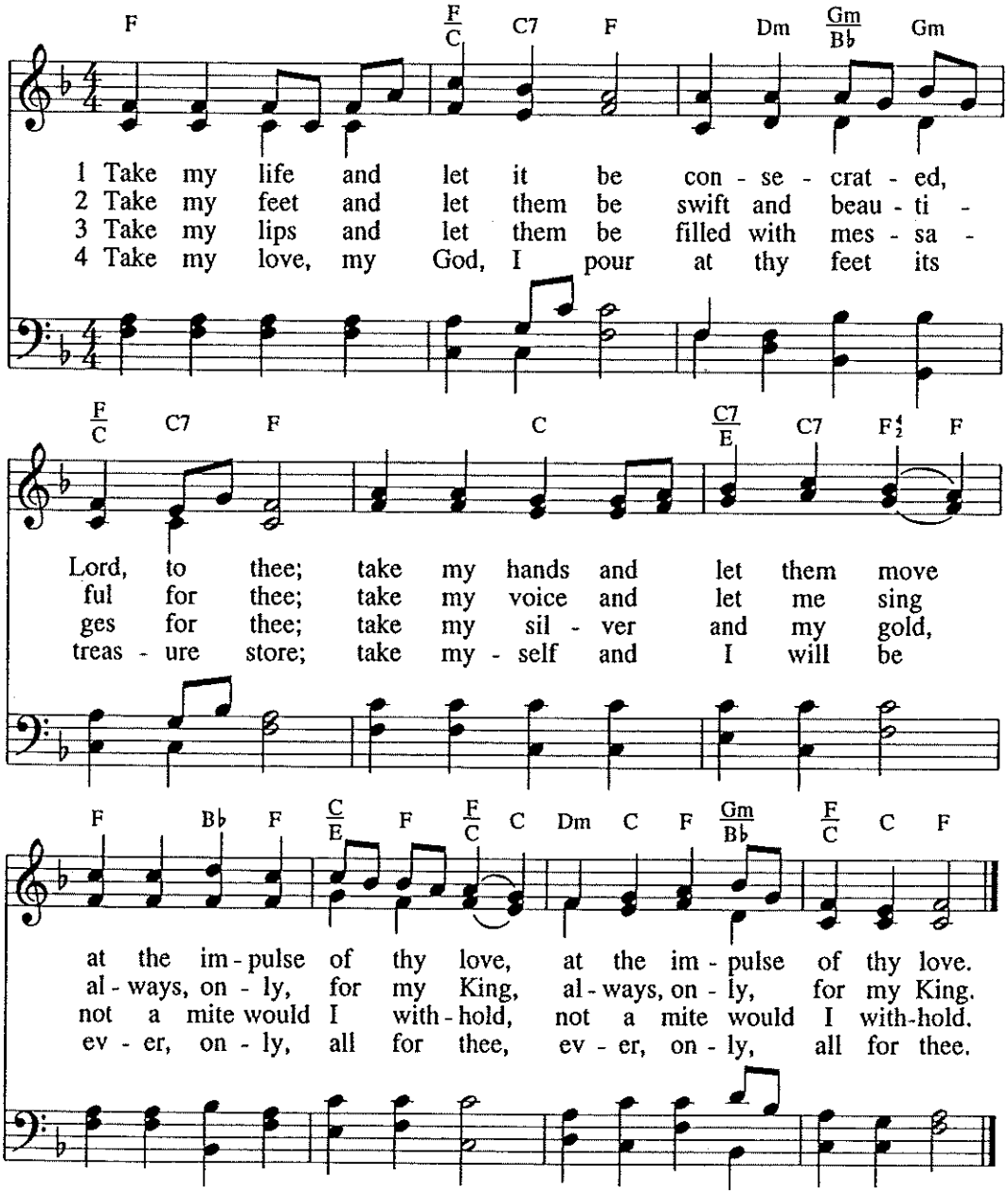


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MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774

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Take My Life and Let It Be 466



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MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864)

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