**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.*

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how*
*God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,*
*our community, the world and with God.*
***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,*
*who have questions, who want to make a difference as*
*they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*
***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

**PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Come All You People" (with Sunday School Singers)

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(cf. Psalm 95)*

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

**People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

*HYMN #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ***In Unison***

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.*

*O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "Gloria Patri"

*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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "Elijah Rock" *arr. Jester Hairston*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| OLD TESTAMENT: | 1 Kings 19:9-18 | Pew Bible, page 348 |
| NEW TESTAMENT: | 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | Pew Bible, page 1126 |
| SERMON TITLE: | "What's Your Story?: Elijah" | Jeff Prey |

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 282 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE: HYMN # 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,*
*That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES
OFFERTORY: "Come, Sing a Song of Harvest"
*THE DOXOLOGY, #592 Hymnal

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures*
*Here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host;*
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 543 "Abide with Me"

BENEDICTION
CHORAL AMEN
PASSING THE PEACE: Grasp both your neighbor's hands and say:

*"May God's peace be with you."*

POSTLUDE

*Worship has ended; let Service begin.*

* Please stand in body or in spirit.
The Lay Reader this morning is Mary M.

***~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~***

*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.*
*Scripture Readings: Haggai 1:1-15; Matthew 1:18-25*
*Sermon Title: "I Am with You"*

**NOVEMBER 22, 2026…** *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org, or call the church office if you have any questions.*

**OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ...** Please keep the following people in your prayers: Ed, Sylvie, Darrell, Jen, Cindy, Charlie and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS …** *are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all his blessings, beautifully arranged by the flower team.*

**COFFEE HOUR…**

Today: Ava and Cathy H.
Next Week: Isa G., Kay B. & Lynne Z.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY…**

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| November | 22 | Charlie A. | 24 | Elaine P. |
| | 23 | Ann K. | 27 | Dee A. |
| | | Daniel R. | 28 | Janet M. |
| | 24 | Ryan J. Jr. | | |

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER ...** If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 297-9962.

**This week…**

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| **Today** | Sunday Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sun 11/29 | First Sunday in Advent<br>St. Andrew's Day<br>Communion Worship & Sunday School | |
| **Coming Up…** | Deacons Meeting | December 1 |
| | Hanging of the Greens and Advent Brunch | December 6 |
| | Bookies | December 8 |
| | Children's Christmas Pageant | December 13 |

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**"WHAT'S YOUR STORY?: ELIJAH"**

Introduction: what <u>was</u> he doing there?

I. The Journey
   A. back to the mountain
   B. all the usual places?
II. When, in Fact …
   A. a still, small voice
   B. sufficient grace

**Children's Christmas Pageant**
**December 13, 2026**




***Pageant rehearsal schedule***:
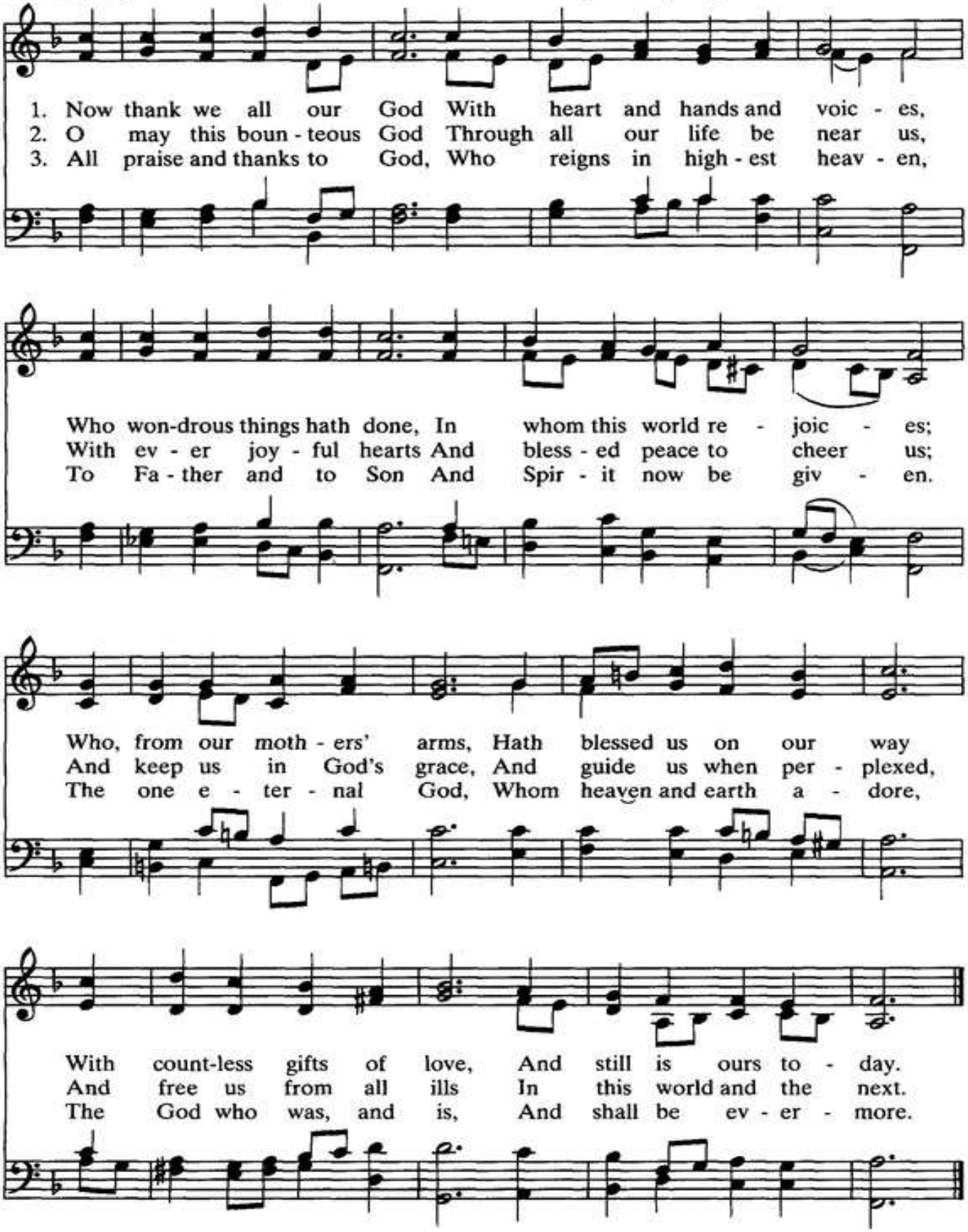
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| Sunday | 11/ 22 | after church | 11:30 |
| Sunday | 11/ 29 | after church | 11:30 |
| Sunday | 12/6 | after church | 11:30 |
| Saturday | 12/12 | Dress Rehearsal | 9:45 – 12:00 |
| Pageant Sunday | 12/13 | Final Rehearsal | 8:45 |

# 555 Now Thank We All Our God

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Martin Rinkart, c. 1636
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord,* 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648
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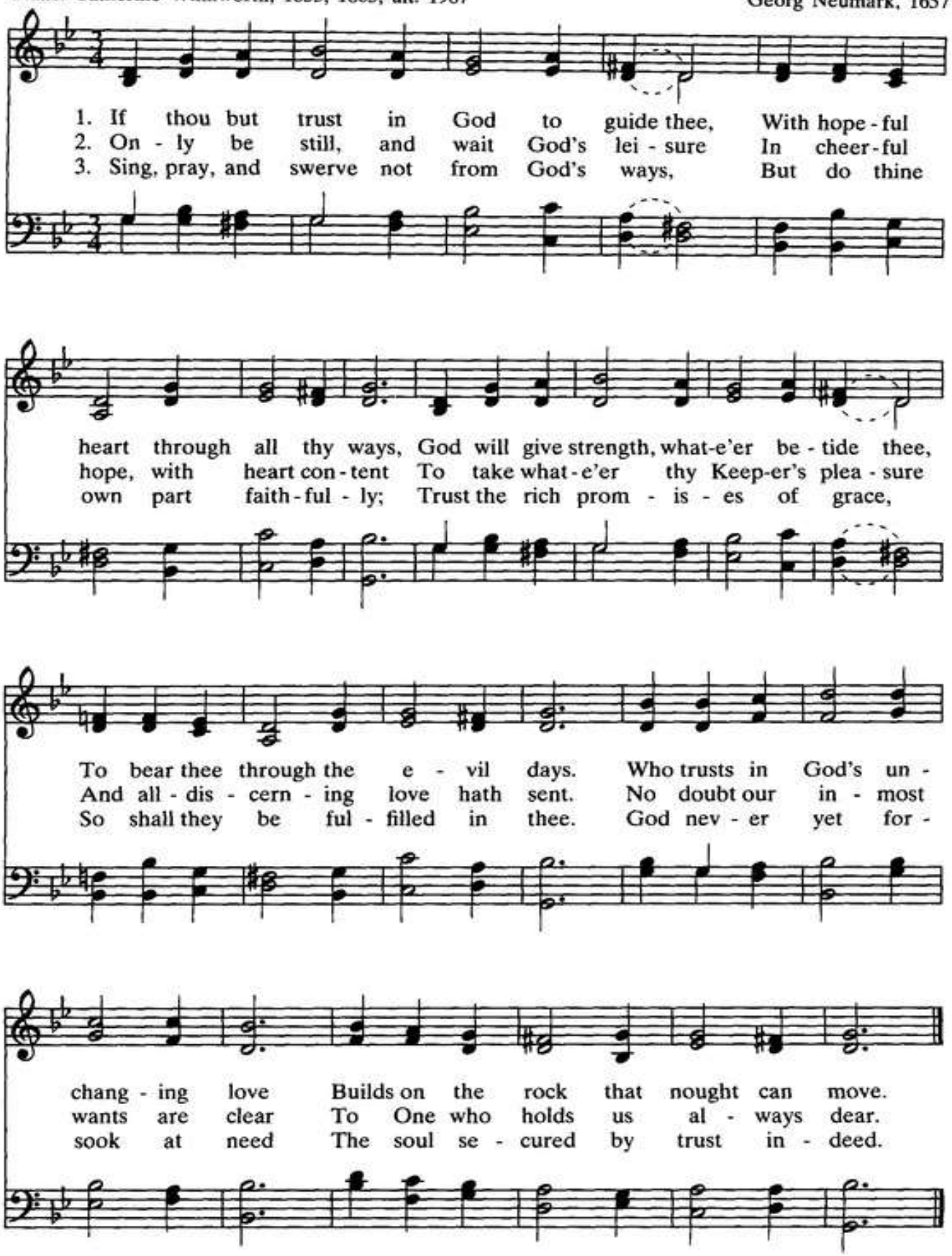


# If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

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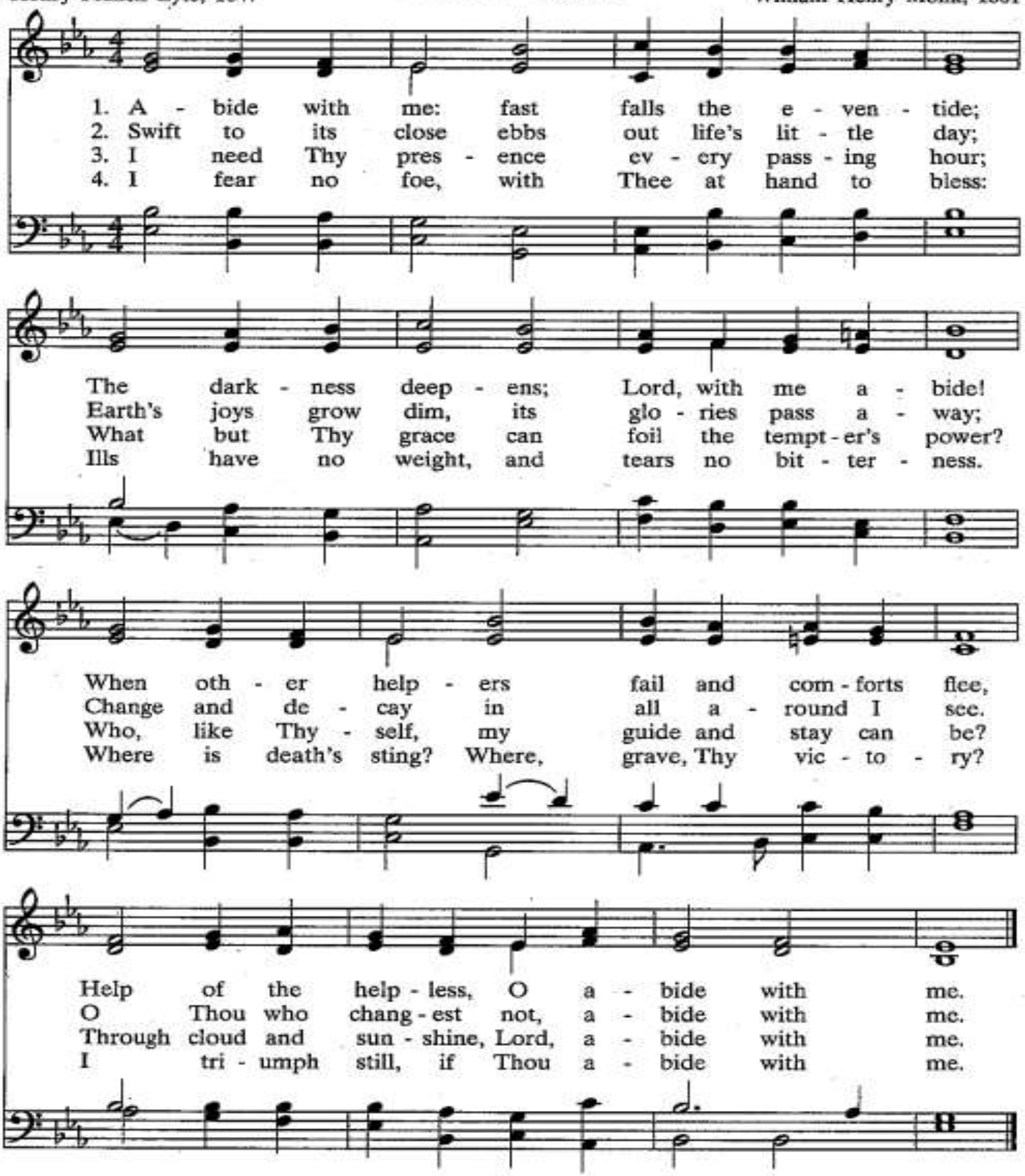
Georg Neumark, 1657
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657



# 543 Abide with Me

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847 — EVENTIDE 10.10.10.10 — William Henry Monk, 1861




5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.