ORDER OF WORSHIP

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Is your cell phone off? Thanks for checking.

NOVEMBER 15, 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: "Halle Halle" (with Sunday School Singers)

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(cf. Psalm 90)*

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

*HYMN #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: "I Love You, O My God Most High" *by David Hogan*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:	Ruth 1:16; 4:9-22	Pew Bible, page 257
NEW TESTAMENT:	Luke 3:21-24	Pew Bible, page 994
SERMON TITLE:	"What's Your Story?: Ruth"	Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 362 "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

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 # 439 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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 David H.

~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~

Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us next Sunday.
Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Sermon Title: "What's Your Story?: Elijah"

NOVEMBER 15, 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.*

COFFEE HOUR…

Today: Gilbert L.
Next Week: Ava and Cathy H.
Holiday Fair Table

HAPPY BIRTHDAY…

November 17 Mary M.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY…

November 15 May & Don M.

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…

Today		Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
		Congregational Meeting	11:00 a.m.
		Holiday Fair Set Up	11:30 a.m.
Mon-Fri	11/16-20	Holiday Fair Set-Up week	
Tues	11/17	Session Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wed	11/18	Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Dominic's	6:00 p.m.
Sat	11/21	Holiday Fair	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
		Holiday Fair Clean Up	4:00 p.m.
Sun	11/22	Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
Coming Up…		St. Andrew's Day	November 29
		Hanging of the Greens and Advent Brunch	December 6
		Bookies	December 8

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS BYLAWS, ARE CALLED TO MEET ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTING ELDERS AND DEACONS TO THREE-YEAR TERMS ON SESSION AND BOARD OF DEACONS.

SERMON OUTLINE

"WHAT'S YOUR STORY?: RUTH"

Introduction: the unfolding of God's plan

I. the Folds of God
   A. Ruth and Naomi
   B. never alone

II. What Holds Us Together
   A. of blood…
   B. … and baptism

Children's Christmas Pageant
December 13, 2026



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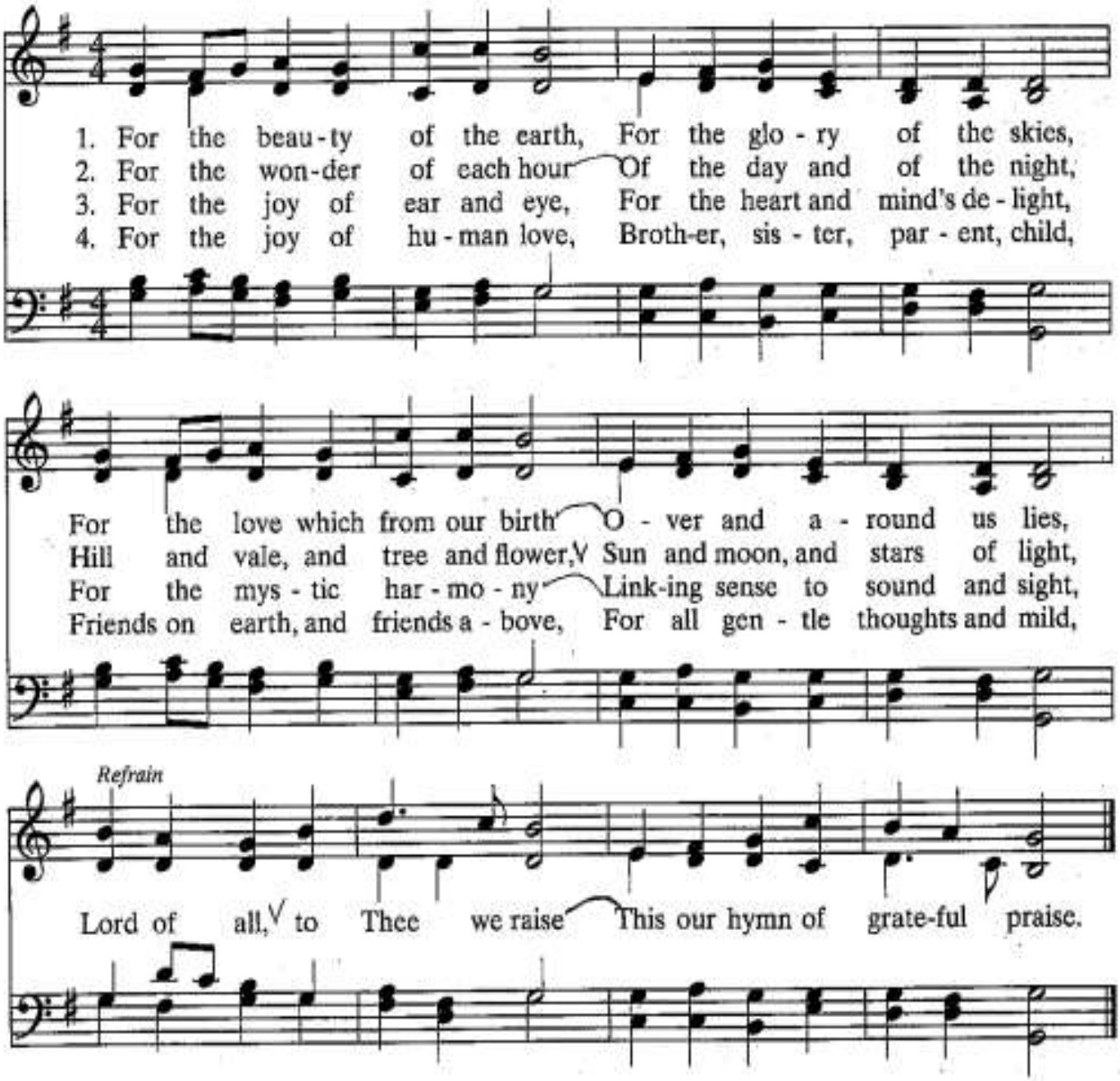
Sunday	11/ 22	after church	11:30
Sunday	11/ 29	after church	11:30
Sunday	12/6	after church	11:30
Saturday	12/12	Dress Rehearsal	9:45 – 12:00
Pageant Sunday	12/13	Final Rehearsal	8:45

For the Beauty of the Earth 473

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Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
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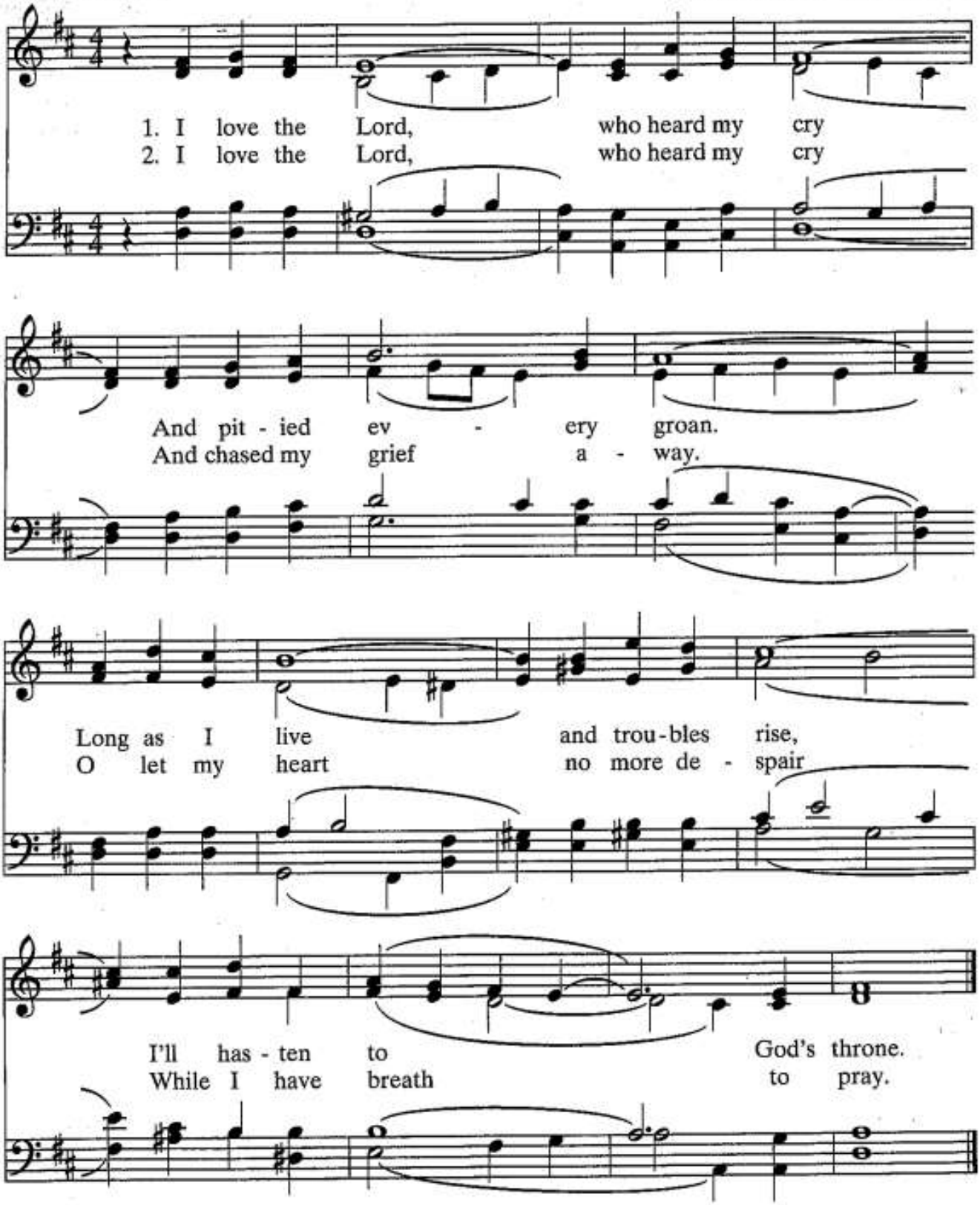


5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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Isaac Watts, 1719

African-American spiritual
Arr. Richard Smallwood, 1975

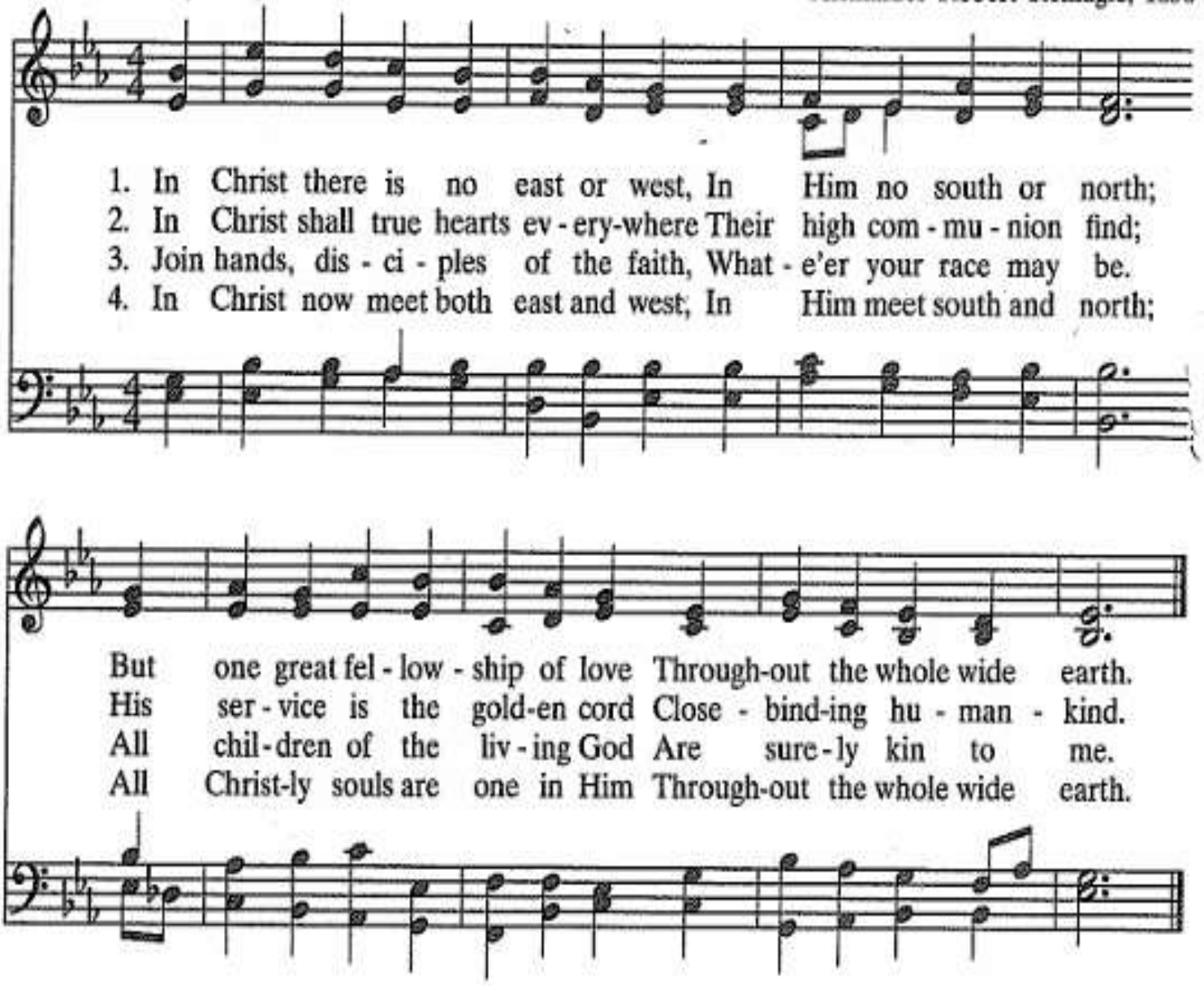


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ST. PETER CM

John Oxenham, 1908; alt. Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836



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