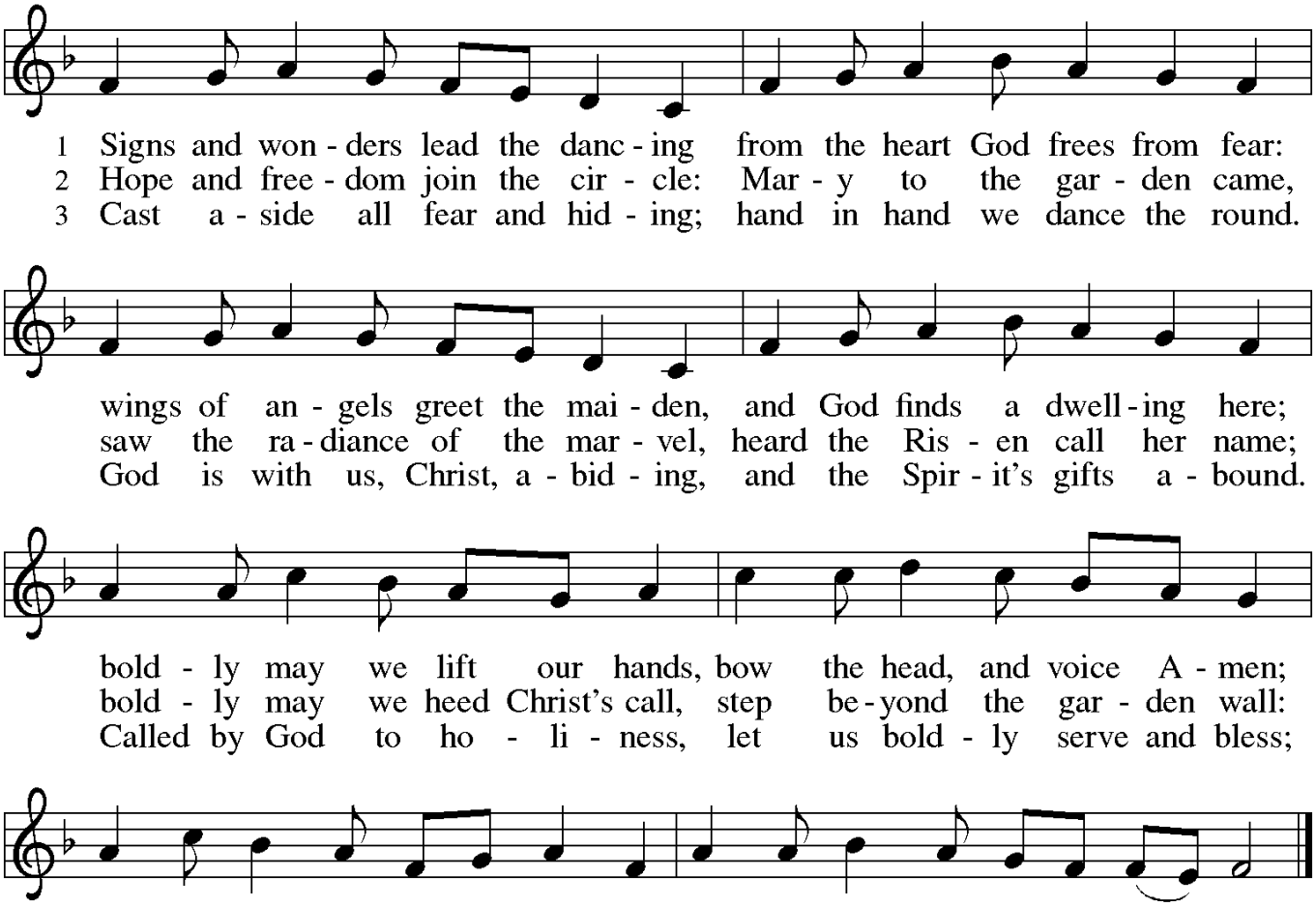
July 19, 2026—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *"O For a Thousand Tongues; Crown Him With Many Crowns: Holy, Holy, Holy"*
Arr for Piano Solo by Dino Kartsonaki

Opening Hymn **ELW #672** *"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*



Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 44:6-8**

6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
8 Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem **"*The Lord is my Light*" Text Psalm 27**
Music by Frances Allitsen Messi

Second Reading **Romans 8:12-25**

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to
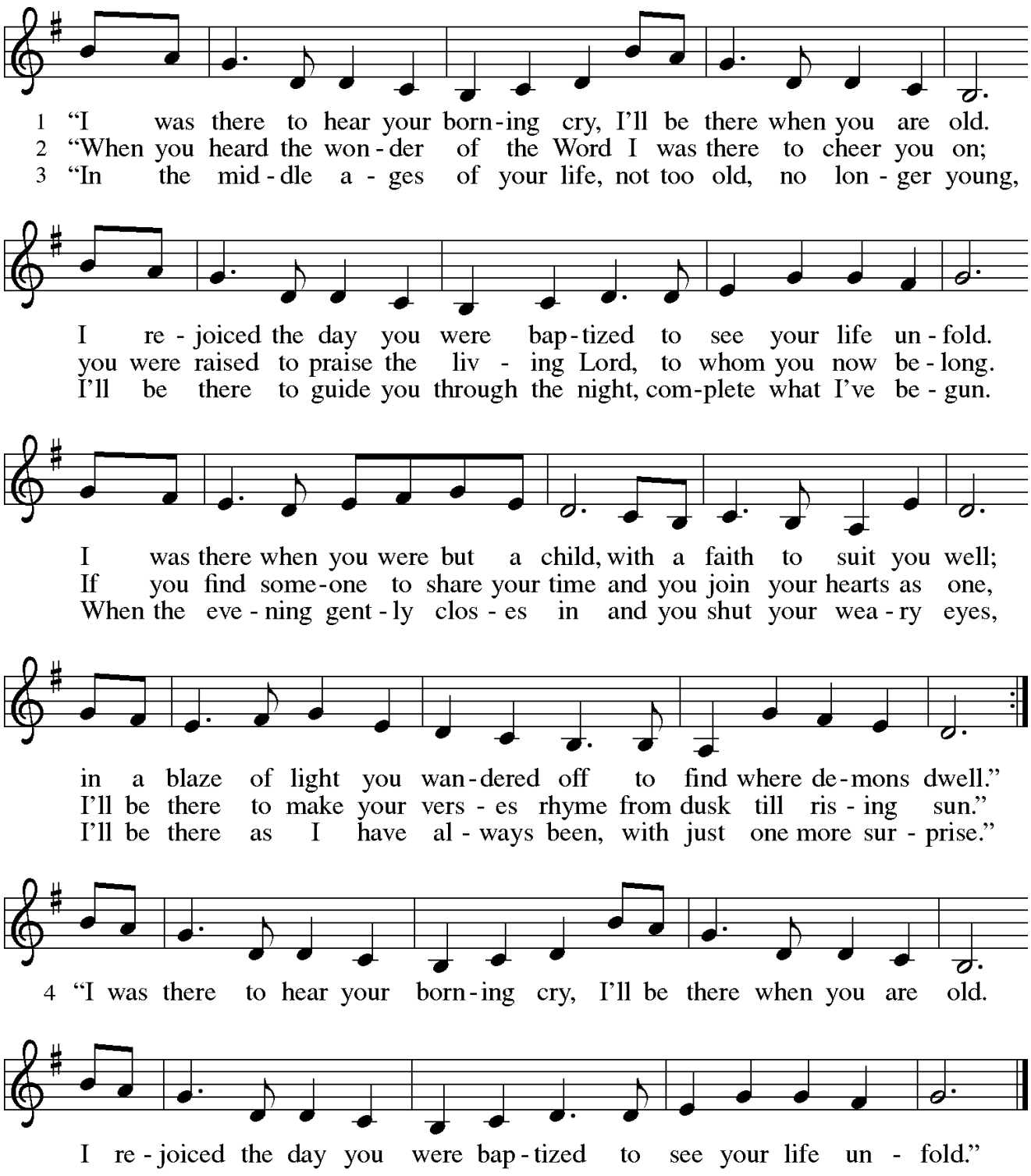
decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, [23] and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

[24] [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,[25] but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. [27] And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' [28] He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29] But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30] Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

[36] Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37] He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38] the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40] Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42] and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.
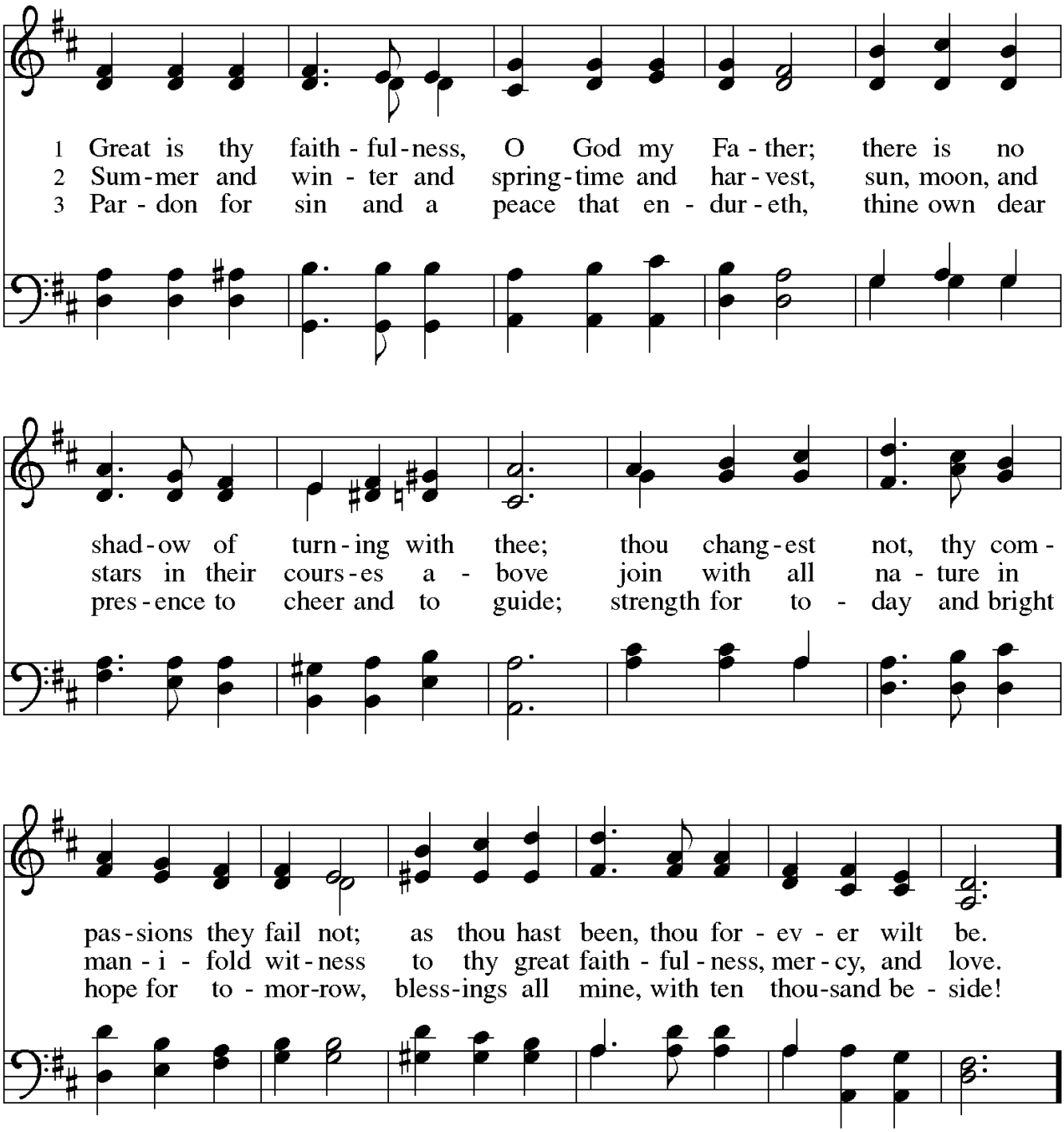
Hymn of the Day **ELW #732 *"Borning Cry"***



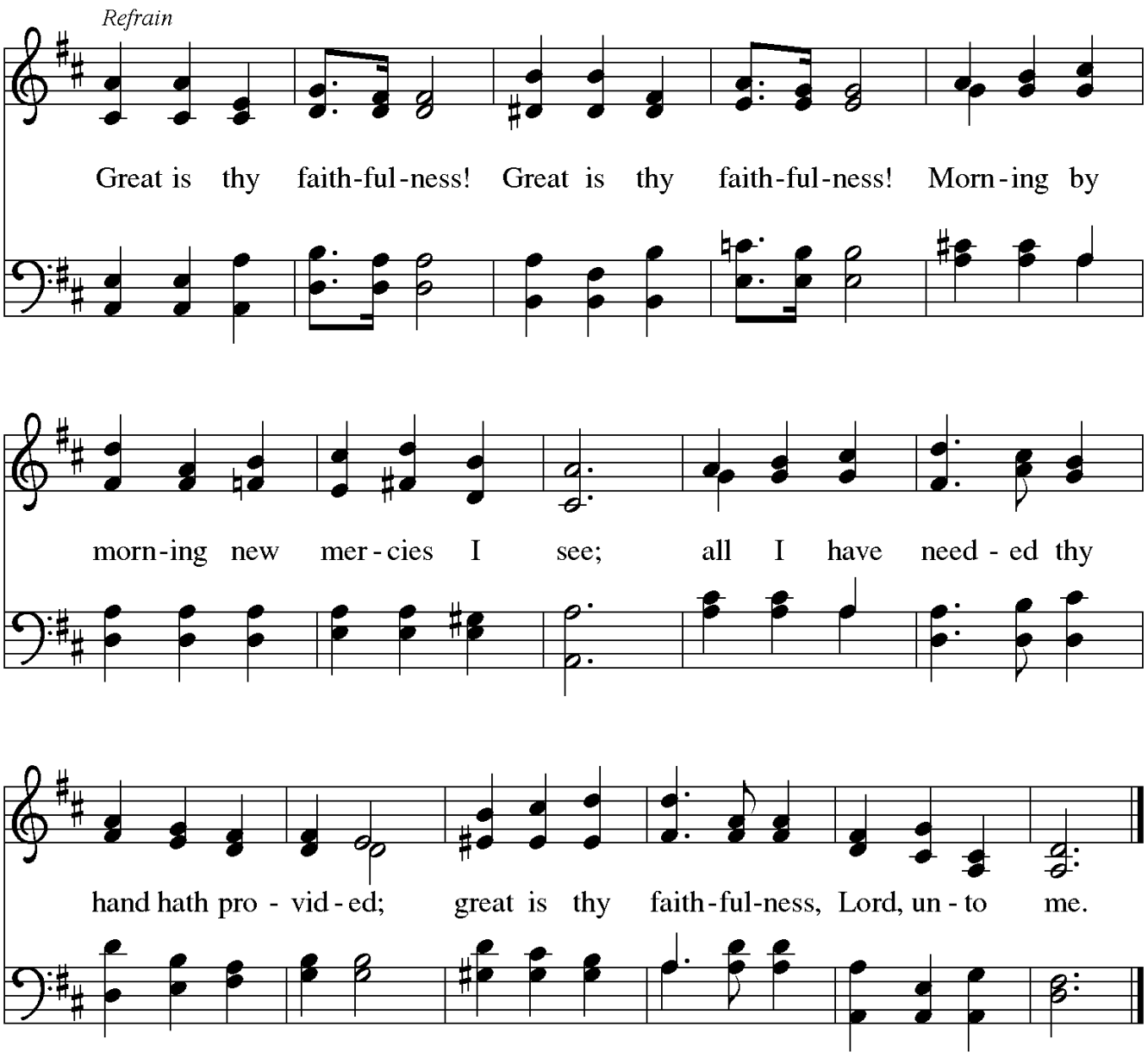
Communion Anthem *"Hymn of Promise"*

Words / Music by Natalie Sleeth Arr for duet by Lloyd Larson

Closing Hymn **ELW #733** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*



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Postlude ***"Festive Theme"***
For Organ Solo by Paul Fey

Today's celebrants:
Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
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Lector: Marne Turner
Soloists: Jade Dasha, Avery Sujkowski
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

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