Sunday, November 8th, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit ***"Come, Let Us Gather"*** *Traditional*
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Call to Worship **Candy Smith**
Come, ye thankful people, come.
With hearts of praise, we gather.
This is the time for harvest song.
With voices of joy, we sing our thanks.
Come to this sacred place in worship and prayer.
We come in gratitude this day.

Hymn** ***"Come, O Thankful People, Come" *NCH* ***#422***
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Prayer for Illumination **Candy Smith**
There is a richness here - a richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps. There is a richness here – a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives. The richness holds us in our weakness, fills us in our hunger, and finds us when we're lost. So here, richly blessed, we have come, and we have been found. Let this time together inspire us in richness and grace. Amen.

Anthem ***"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*** *by William Walford*
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Scripture Psalm 78:1-7 **Candy Smith**

Hymn** ***"I Love to Tell the Story" *NCH* ***#522***
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Sermon *Tell the Story* **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response ***"Let Thy Holy Presence"*** *by Pavel Tschesnokoff*
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Call to Generosity and Blessing of our Pledge Cards

Offertory

Doxology** *Pilgrim Hymnal* ***#515 **[alternative words]*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Hymn** ***"We Are Not Our Own" *NCH* ***#564***

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Benediction

Benediction Response ***"Go Now in Peace"*** *by Don Besig and Nancy Price*

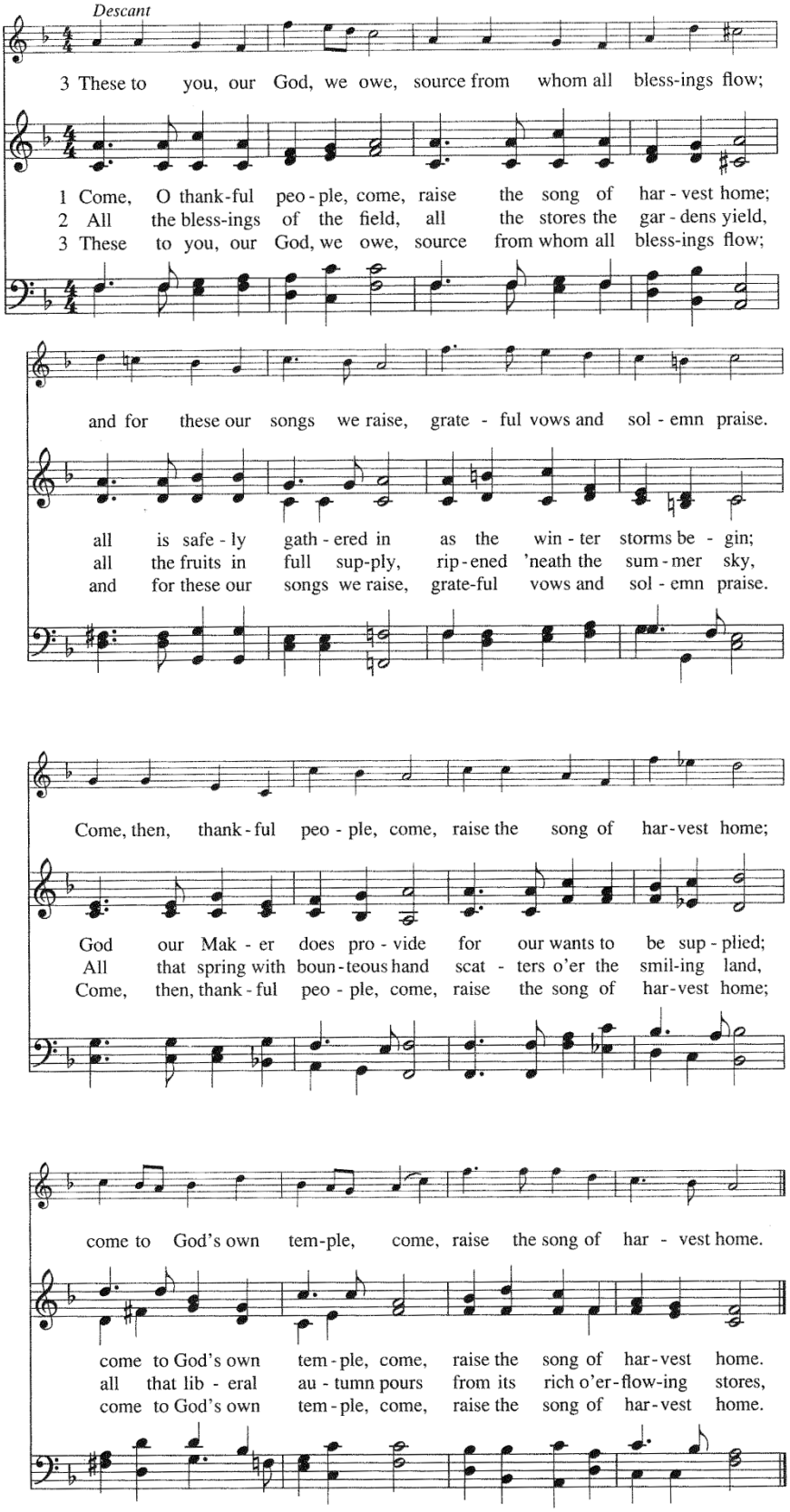
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Postlude

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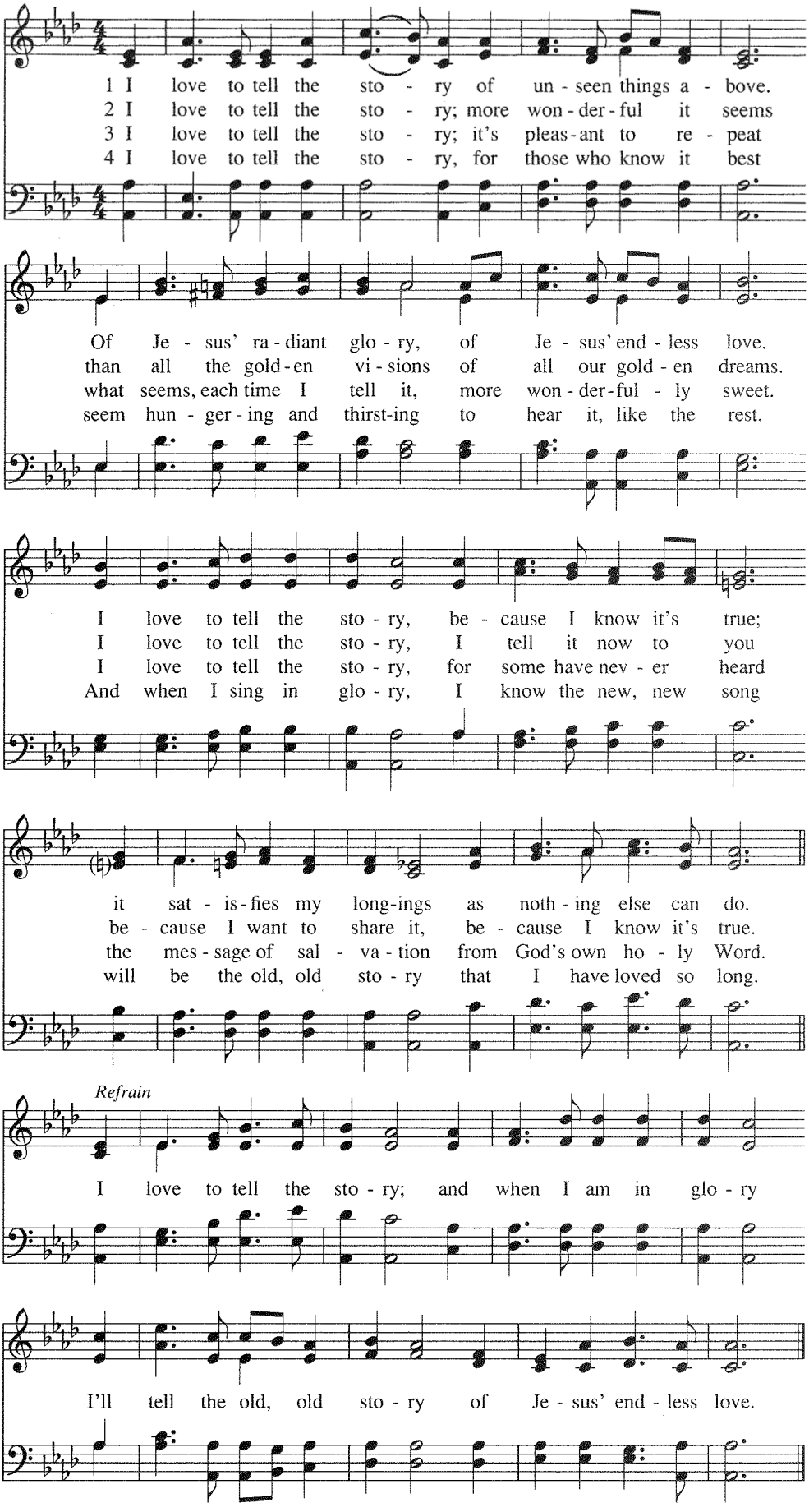
Exod. 23:16

St. 1, Henry Alford, 1844; alt.
St. 2, Anna Laetitia Aiken Barbauld, 1772; alt.
St. 3, composite of Alford and Barbauld; alt.



522 I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1866; alt.

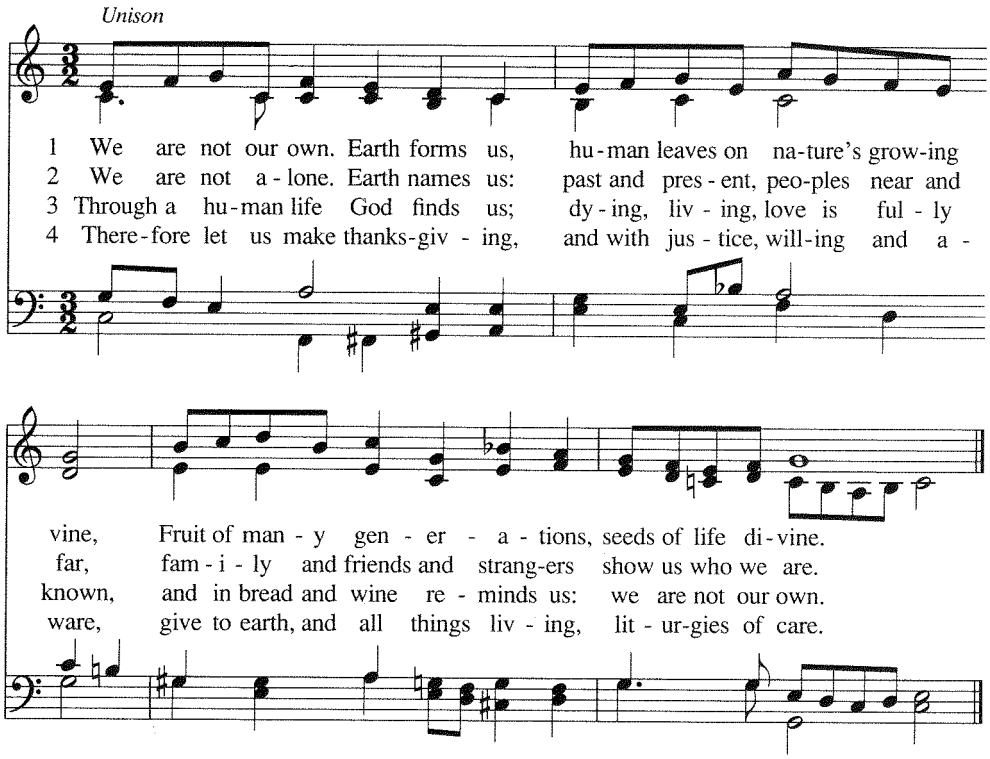


We Are Not Our Own

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Brian Wren, 1987

Unison



5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us
on a way un-cer-tain and un-known,
All the saints with prayer sur-round us:
we are not a-lone.

6 Let us be a house of wel-come,
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors
we are not our own!

This hymn was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Liturgical Studies Program of Drew University, New Jersey, in 1987. Brian Wren's melody came to him early on in the writing process and was helpful in the creation of the final hymn text.

Tune: YARNTON 8.9.8.5.
Brian Wren, 1987
Arr. Fred Graham, 1987

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