Welcome to worship at New Hanover

Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 2021

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist Patricia Nyce, organist Sue Lowry, soloist Carolyn Fleming, lector



Introduction

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profitmaking can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

May your worship experience strengthen you with God's love and grace.

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

Prelude

Welcome The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are **†** forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Gathering Song

I'll Not Be Shaken

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 A reading from Exodus

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made

heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Nikki Young

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Text: African American spiritual. Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual. Text and music are in public domain

Gospel ReadingJohn 2:13-22The holy gospel according to JohnGlory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song of the Day

From the Inside Out

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Special Music

Communion Prayer

M. Mazzatenta Handbell Ensemble 2

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After Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Hymn Come, Ye Disconsolate

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Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Thanks be to God. Go get'em!

Postlude

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Announcements

NHELC Garden of Hope Needs You! Spring is almost here and will soon be time for planting. Garden of Hope needs help on Thursday, April 1st. Volunteers are needed for:

Planting Garden: 9:00 AM - Noon

Wood Chip Spreading: 1:00 – 3:00 PM Bring your gloves, and spirit as we begin this Mission Event. Contact Donna Kehs at donnakehs@gmail.com, or pastor Scott at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1, or at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org with any questions. Signup at <u>New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran</u>

Church: Garden of Hope (signupgenius.com).

Weeping may linger for the night but joy comes with the morning is this year's mid-week Lenten service theme based on Psalm 30. Join Pastor Scott and Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville each week as they offer a solution from a life of pain, anger, despair and fear to living in the light of Christ with healing, grace, strength and help. Taped services will be available beginning on Wednesdays at noon. The lesson for March 10rd focuses on "I Shall Never Be Moved."

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Collection During the month of March, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sundays between 1 - 2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for Multi-Service or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, rice, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, Hamburger Helper, kids snacks, cereal and canned fruit. Suggested non-food items include: paper towels, diapers (size 6), toothbrushes, laundry detergent, hand soap, toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, conditioner and assorted gift wrap. Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

Time to order Easter lilies. The suggested donation is \$8.75 per plant. **Orders are due next Sunday, March 14th**. Order forms were sent in a recent mailing and are available in the box located outside the office wing door.

The Picnic Grove committee is hosting a **take-out spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, March 20th. Enjoy delicious spaghetti with

homemade sauce, homemade meatballs, homemade bread, salad and for desert, Pizzelle. The cost is \$10 per meal and are ordered in units of one or two to simplify packing. Multiple meals will be packaged family style. Orders may be placed online at www.newhanoverluthran.org or call the church office at (610) 326-1335. Please designate your pickup time of 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 or 5:30 with your order. **Orders are due by Monday, March 15**th. Pick up your dinner on March 20th at the church kitchen door at your selected pickup time.

Have a pastoral emergency? Call the church office at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1 to contact Pastor Scott.

Garden of Hope NHELC is partnering with Trellis for Tomorrow for an innovative organic gardening program onsite at NHELC. Helpers are needed to serve as data manager, pantry relations and logistics, community/corporate liaison, day captains and event/engagement coordinator. For more information about this program, look for the flyer in a recent mailing.

Have an idea for the Garden of Hope logo? Garden of Hope is sponsoring a logo contest. Submit your logo idea to Nikki Young at nikkiannyoung@gmail.com by March 20th and be entered for a chance to win a family fun night gift basket. For more information, contact Nikki at her email address above.

Faith Formation

Didn't get the latest Faith Formation Bag-To-Go? Contact Deacon Carol to arrange a pickup. You can email her or leave a voice message for her at church. Even though Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday have passed, there are other resources in the bag to start off your Lenten season.

Lessons in Lent NHELC's new Family Faith Formation learning link is now being emailed weekly to our Sunday School families. Each week's session will be based on our mid-week Lenten theme and our Sunday lectionary texts. This link will also be available on both our "Faith Formation" page and our "Worship Materials and Devotionals" page on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org). **Please note:** this week there will be a **corresponding video** especially for our younger children featuring a telling from the Spark Story Bible of one of the day's Biblical texts. Thank you Nikki Young!

Parents of Nursery-Grade 2 students – an email has been sent to you about the opportunity to purchase the Spark Story Bible, a Bible written expressly for this age group. It would be a wonderful faith formation resource to have on hand to share with your child. We would like to get the order in **by tomorrow, March 8**th, so contact Deacon Carol by March 8th, which is most appreciated.

Parents of Youth - A Faith Formation Lenten Devotional App for your young person is now available. You should have received an email from Deacon Carol with instructions on how to download the app. Each day will include scripture, a reflection, a prayer and a pop art image. If you didn't get the email, let Deacon Carol know and she'll be glad to send it to you!

Another faith formation link is available. Called "Parent Pause" the link features a simple question each week for parents to just ponder throughout the following seven days. Feel free to email Deacon Carol any insights, questions, etc. This link can be found on NHELC's Faith Formation page on the church website, newhanoverlutheran.org.

Save the Date for Camp Falckner 2021 An overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade will be held July $27^{\text{th}} - 30^{\text{th}}$ in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove. Watch for registration and more details.

A reminder to fill out the **Sunday School Registration Form** on the Faith Formation page on the church website (newhanoverlutheran.org). By registering, you will receive communications about future faith formation opportunities. Also, there is an **Adult Faith Formation Form** for those who are interested in future learning opportunities like book discussions, etc.

Feeling a little stressed these days? Check out a link for "Prayers for When You Feel Anxious Coloring Pages" on the Faith Formation page under the "Faith Formation Moments" section of our NHELC website. They are downloadable and for all ages. The prayers are wonderful spiritual pick-me-ups!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. Just contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office and leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

Upcoming: Watch for details about a Palm Sunday Family Faith Formation drive-by, as well as something on Easter Sunday.

Food Ministry Over 20,000 Meals Delivered

Drivers are needed to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at 2:00 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help signing up? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help.

Drop off your grocery donations on Sunday from 1-2 PM at the church kitchen entrance door. Someone will collect your items at the door and if they are busy, please place the items on a cart outside the door. Someone will take them inside shortly. Thank you for all your generosity in helping feed our neighbors. Chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks are always welcomed and if in doubt, feel free to bring in any non-perishable food item.

Monetary donations for this ministry are appreciated. Go to our website using the link <u>www.newhanoverlutheran.org/donate</u>. Also, donations can be put in our mail slot located at the church fellowship hall entrance. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope "Food Ministry."

Know someone in the community who needs meals? Email Sally Sugita at sallysugita@yahoo.com with the person's name, number of people in the household and the address.

Thank you for your support.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Gene Reider, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Karen Trout, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Susie Edwards, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Carly, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Donna Kehs, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Marlyn Bieleski, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Russ and Lenore Gates, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Linda Norton, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Debra Kissinger, Bobbie, Steve, Matt, Bob and Cindy, Ken Jacobs, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Jean Caputo, Shannon, John, Jean Boyer, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

Grieving

Family and friends of Jim Steber (Ruth Fisher's husband) and Richard Dotterer (Jerry Dotterer's son and Randy Dotterer's brother)

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, Doris Renninger, Janet Deloplaine, Wade Miller

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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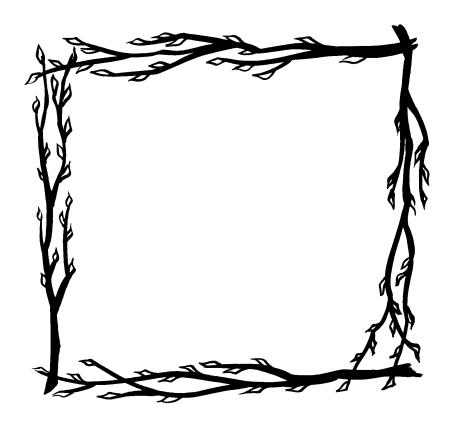
Is there a sign outside of your church welcoming everybody in? If so, draw a picture of it here. If not, draw what such a sign could look like. Then decorate it with colors and shapes until it is the most wonderfully welcoming sign around!



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Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Lent. Lent means *spring*. During Lent, people living in cold, snowy places wait for the new life of spring, while Christians everywhere wait for the new life of Easter.

What signs of spring have you noticed? Draw them here.



Thanks, God, for showing us how to live in peace and

love. Amen

this week

Turn the sidewalk outside of your home into a beautiful welcome mat with a little bit of sidewalk chalk and some creativity!

hear & Celebrate

God's house is for worship

John 2:13-22, Exodus 20:1-17

It was a holiday time, and people from all over Israel were coming to Jerusalem's temple to celebrate Passover. Inside the temple, merchants were selling cows, sheep, and <u>doves</u> for use as offerings. Jesus came through the doors and noticed all the buying and selling that was going on and Jesus got mad! He forced everyone selling animals to leave the temple, then he reminded everyone that the temple is a welcome place for worshiping God.

Finish the illustration of Jesus' clearing out the temple. Draw cows, sheep, and doves near the tables. Draw Jesus coming through the doors. What does his face look like?



Who can worship in God's house? Write down the underlined letters from the story, in order, and figure it out.

Ten great ways to live

God wants all of us to live together in peace and love, and has given us a list of ten things we can do to make that happen. What do you know about these ten great ways to live, better known as the Ten Commandments?

Match the answers to the questions below.



Mt. Sinai

Received the Ten Commandments from God.

The commandments were given out on this mountain.

The commandments are in this book.

One more commandment...

If you could create an eleventh commandment, what would it be?

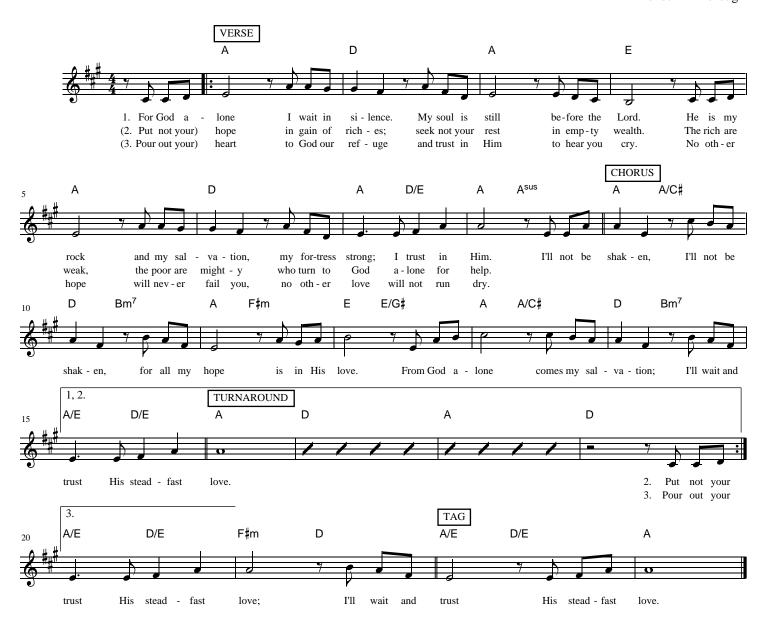


Put out food for the early spring birds and welcome them back to your neighborhood!

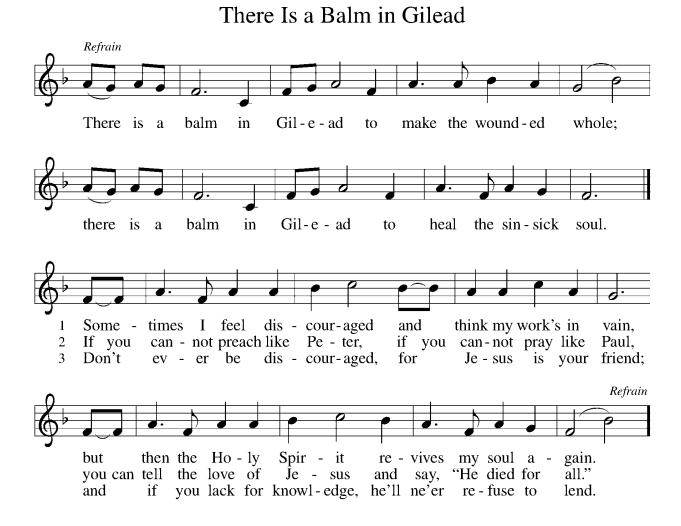
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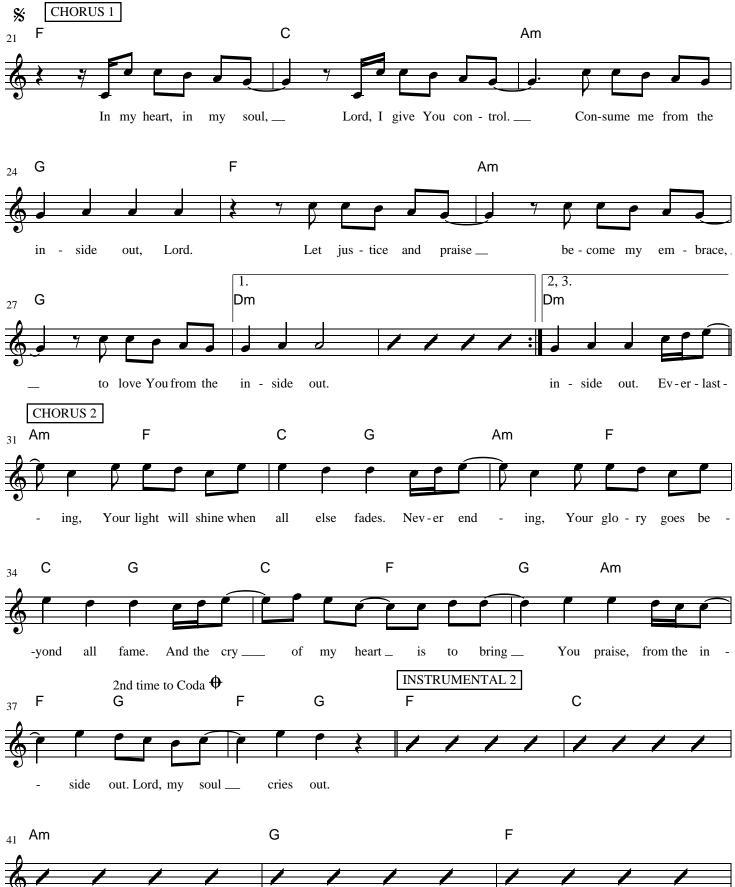
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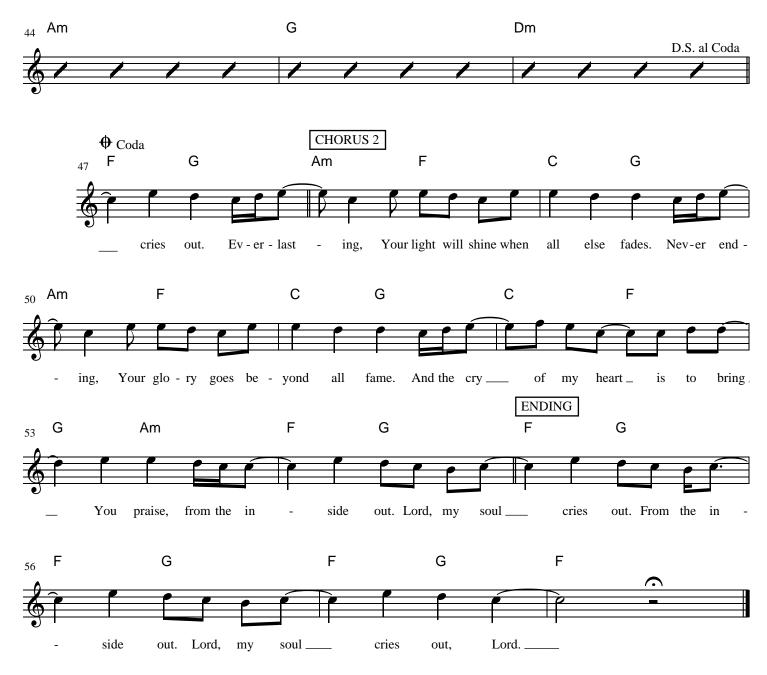


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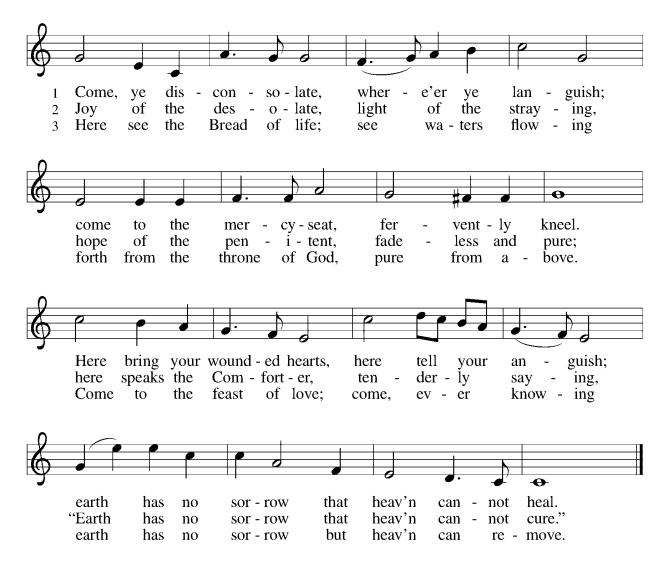


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