

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD | JANUARY 11, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude	<i>Supplication</i> Dan Lawhon	G. W. Chadwick
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Welcome		Paxton Vaughn
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Choral Introit	<i>From All that Dwell Below the Skies</i>	Gordon Young
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Processional Hymn No. 41	<i>O Worship the King</i> Hymn sheet on page 3	LYONS
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Call to Worship		Sarah Margaret Shelton
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One: God of the feast, God of abundance,

All: You are always turning water into wine.

One: Even when the wine has run out,

All: Your signs point to who you are.

One: Though the work feels impossible,

All: You accomplish wonders through us.

One: At times we fail to perceive it,

All: But you continue to reveal your glory among us.

One: Help us to receive your good gifts this day,

All: That we might reshape our thoughts and actions to reflect more of your love.

Prayer of Invocation		Eric Clark
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Hymn No. 26	<i>Earth and All Stars</i> Hymn sheet on page 4	EARTH AND ALL STARS
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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps		Bill Caughran
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Hymn No. 265	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i> Hymn sheet on page 5	DUKE STREET
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Psalter Reading	Psalm 104:14-16	Eric Atcheson
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One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer	<i>Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers</i>	NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'
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Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Erica Cooper
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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.

Gospel Reading	John 2:1-11	Paxton Vaughn
<p>One: For the Word of God for the people of God,</p> <p>All: We give thanks to God.</p>		
Anthem	<i>Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me</i> Covenant Choir	K. Lee Scott
<i>Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;</i>	<i>And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear; And, with actions lovingly, Speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good, And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.</i>	<i>Mighty Spirit, dwell with, I would mighty be; Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, Be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!</i>
Sermon	<i>Reshaping Abundance</i>	Paxton Vaughn
<i>RESPONDING TO THE WORD</i>		
Invitation to Christian Commitment		Paxton Vaughn
Hymn of Response No. 703	<i>Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me</i> Hymn sheet on page 6	ST. CATHERINE
Words of Dedication		Malina Damron Seruyange
Reception of the Offering		Ushers
<p>Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life. Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.</p>		
Offertory	<i>Nocturne</i> Dan Lawhon	Edvard Grieg
Offertory Response	<i>Doxology</i>	OLD 100TH
<p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below;</p>		<p>Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.</p>
Life of the Church		Erica Cooper
Benediction		Paxton Vaughn
Postlude	<i>Allegro Giojoso</i> Dan Lawhon	Benedetto Marcello

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

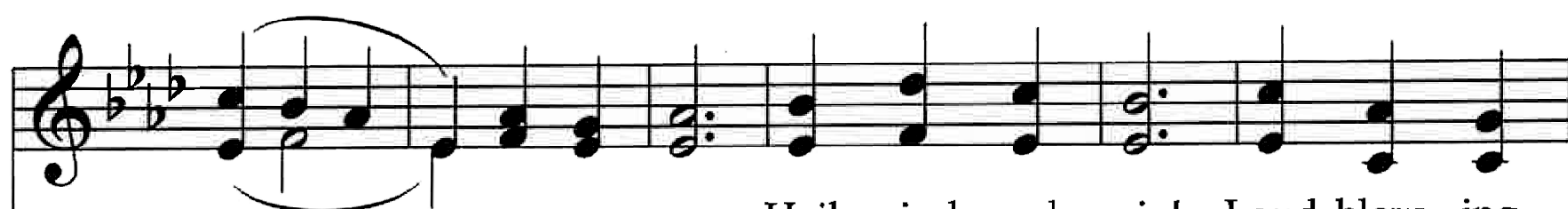
O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Lord

a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ing
 Lime-stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing



snow - storm!

cel - los!

work - ers!

mem - bers!

Sing to the Lord

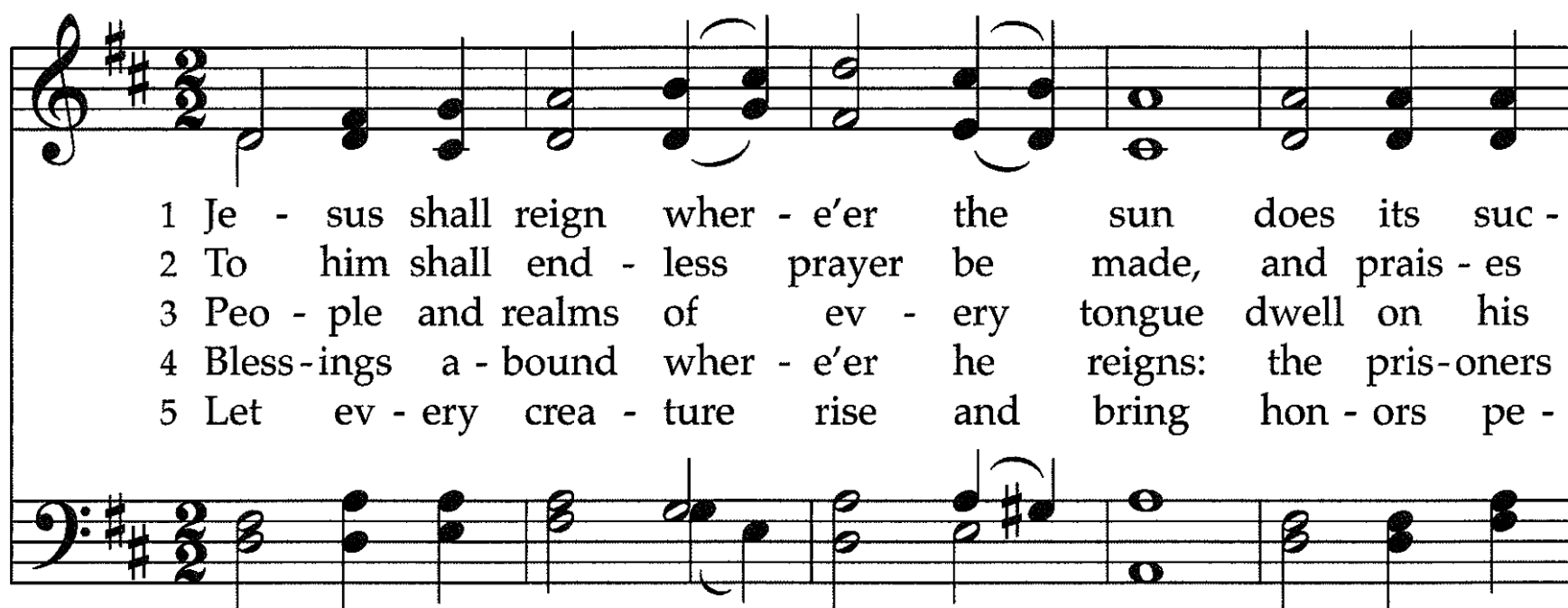
a new song! God has done



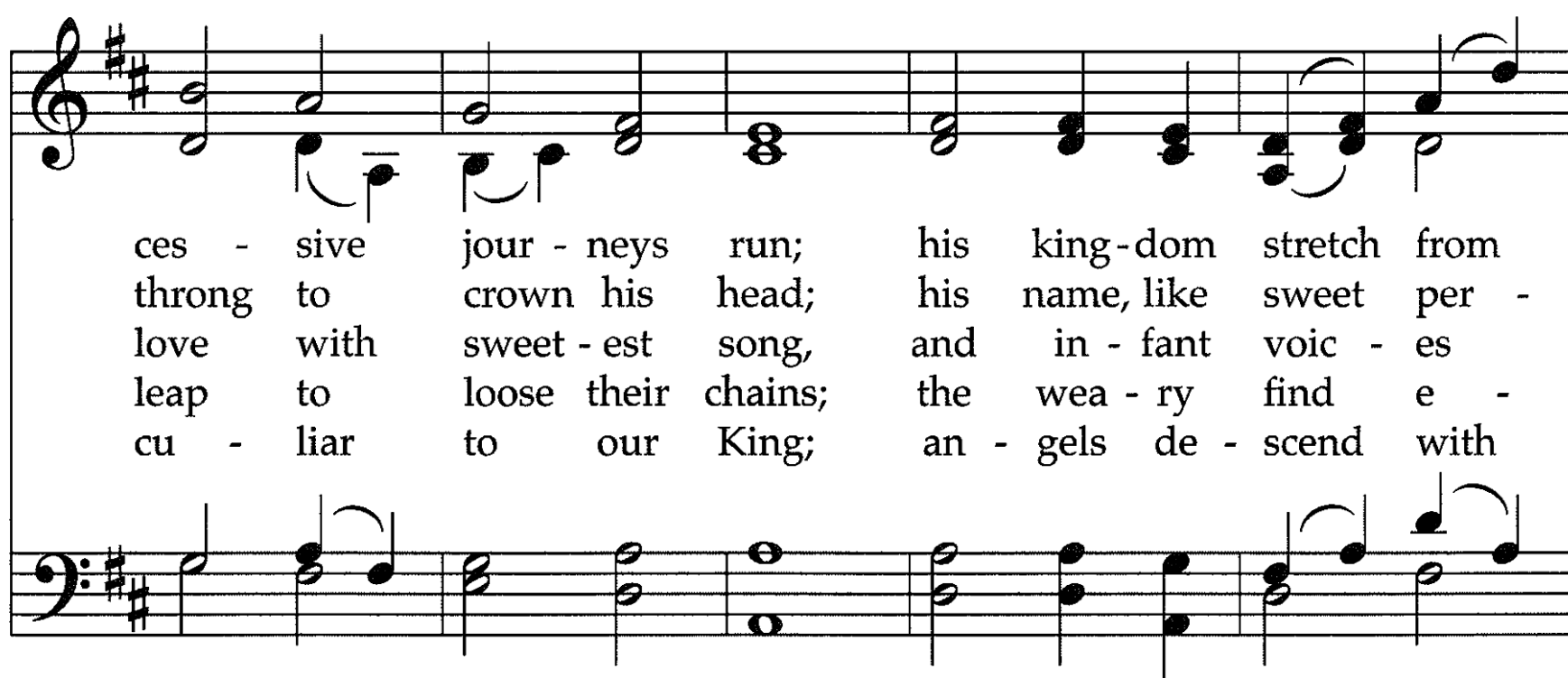
mar - vel-ous things. We too sing prais-es with a new song!



265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

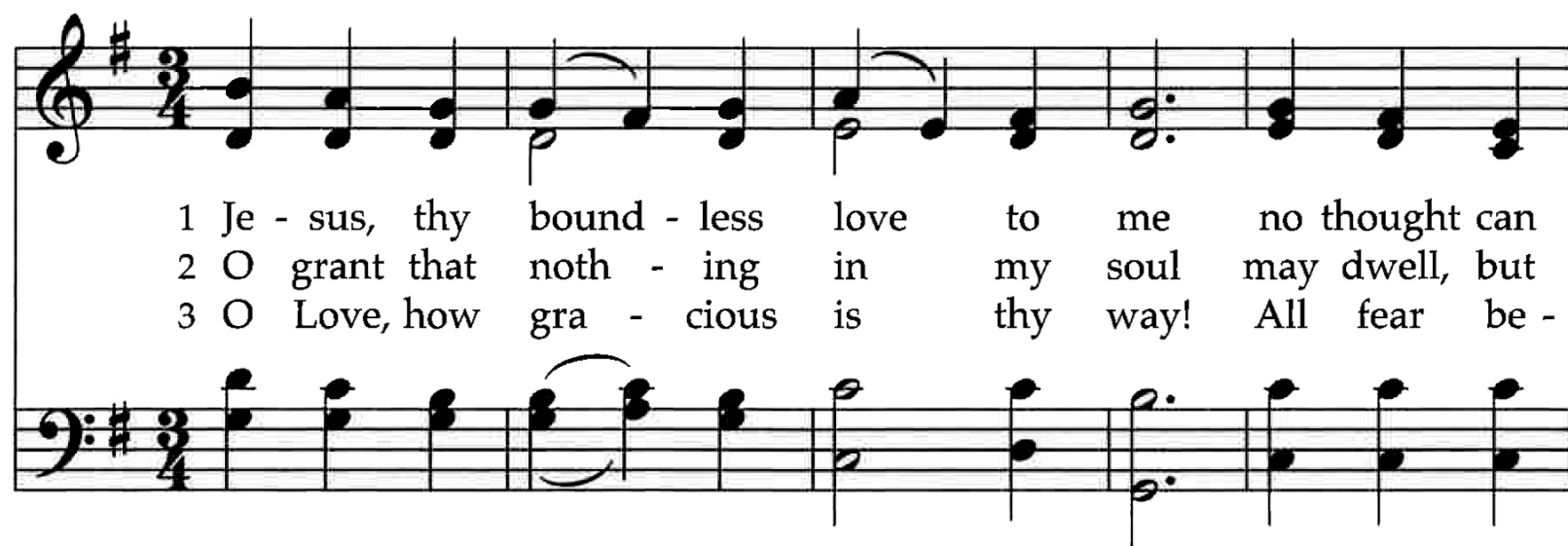


ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

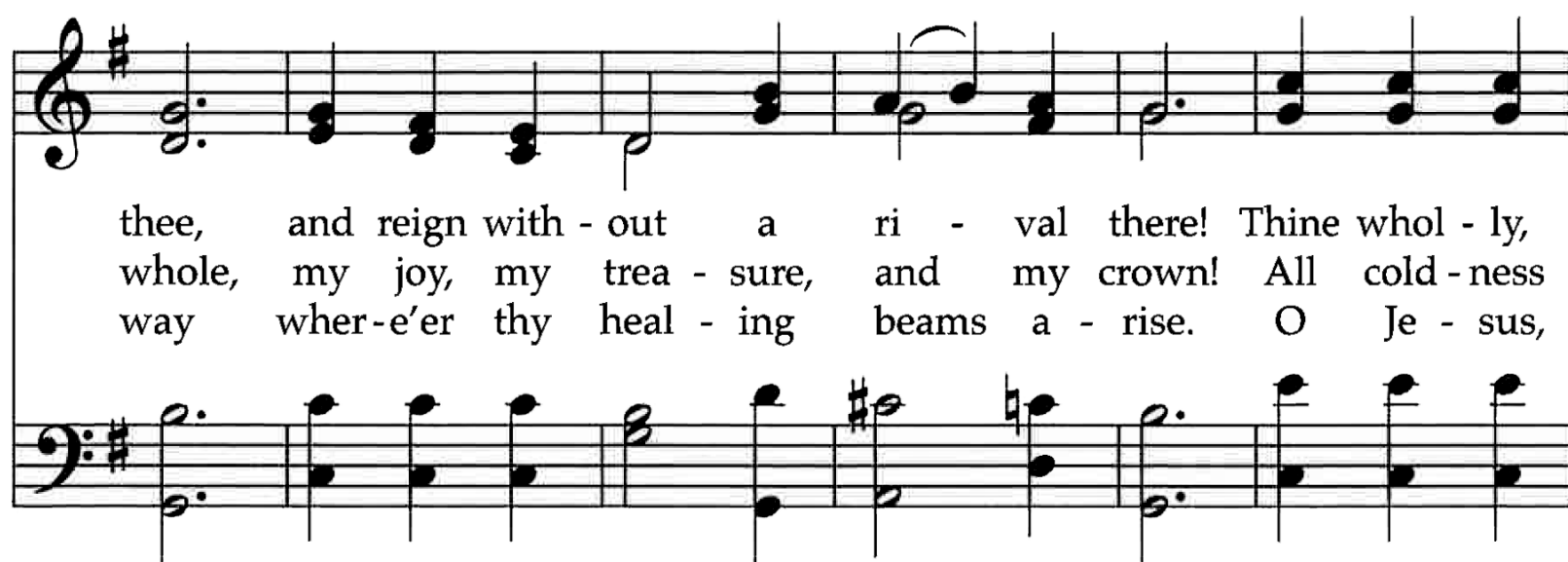
703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



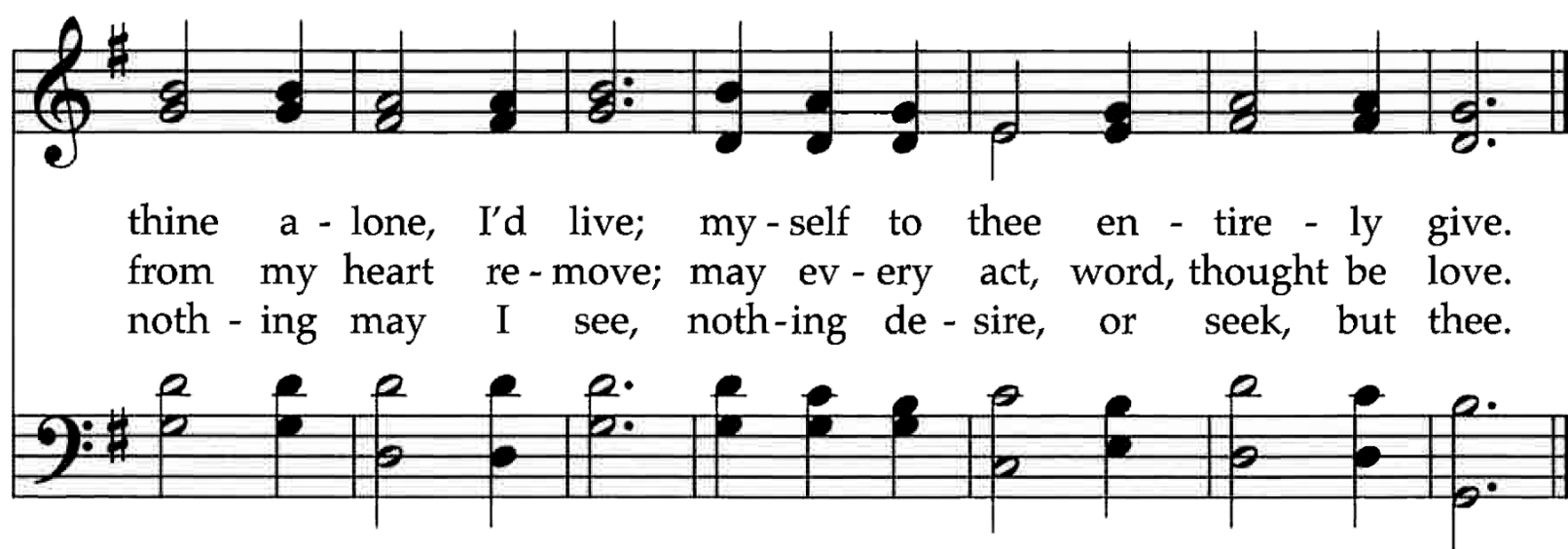
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Today at 5:00 pm

The monthly meeting of our Caregivers Support Group is today from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The group facilitated by TJ Hunt-Felke will be gathering in the Bock Mayse center to explore aspects of caring for a family member. TJ Hunt-Felke, Ph.D., M.Div., is a clinical psychologist at Cahaba Psychology in Hoover. He brings experience leading church-based groups and individual support for general mental health conditions and is excited to serve the caregiving group now. If you have any questions, please reach out to TJ Hunt-Felke.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP January 14

What is our highest ideal of community? Is it the same for everyone? How do we truly be community together, when it is easy and when it is hard? Community isn't always easy, so what do we do when there are different ideas, desires, and needs? On Wednesday nights in January, we will tackle these hard conversations by looking at and talking about our values and how we might come together as one church to be a place where all find belonging.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.