

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 4, 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>Allegro</i> Dan Lawhon	Léon Boëllman
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Welcome		Erica Cooper
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Choral Introit	<i>With a Voice of Singing</i>	Kenneth Jennings
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* Processional Hymn No. 611	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> Hymn sheet on page 4	HYMN TO JOY
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Call to Worship		Paxton Vaughn
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One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

All: We gather with them in heart and mind.

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

All: As part of that body we join in its unity.

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

All: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

One: Let us worship together.

All: Let us share God's bounty.

Prayer of Invocation		Bill Hamby
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Hymn No. 494	<i>Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i> Hymn sheet on page 5	QUEBEC
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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps		Don Sandley
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Hymn No. 511	<i>Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven</i> Hymn sheet on page 6	LLANFAIR
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Gospel Reading	Matthew 2:13-15	Andrew Reed
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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>Calm to the Waves</i>	CALM SEAS
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Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Corita Blanco English Translation read by Eric Clark
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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.

Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Exodus 14:21-29

Erica Cooper

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Anthem

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Covenant Choir

Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray,
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
While unending ages run.*

Sermon

Through the Wall

Erica Cooper

Poetic Reflection

Krystal Folkestad

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Call to the Table

Erica Cooper

One: This is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table.

All: Across national borders and political boundaries, beyond cultural and doctrinal differences, we share a meal, and remember the One who makes peace possible.

One: Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said to his disciples,

All: "This is my body, broken for you. Eat this to remember me."

One: In the same way, when the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples and said,

All: "This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me."

One: And so, come, you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for at this table,

All: All are invited and all are welcome.

Celebration of Communion

All are welcome to God's table.

Communion Hymn

Sing Down the Walls

SING DOWN THE WALLS

**I sing from here, you sing from there
Together We'll sing down the walls everywhere!
The love in our hearts like the waves of the sea
Together we'll sing until everyone's free**

**Yo canto acá, tu cantas allá
Y todos los muros vamos a tumbar!
Nuestro amor como olas del mar
Cantando llegamos a la libertad**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Paxton Vaughn

Invitation to Christian Commitment

Erica Cooper

Hymn of Response No. 721

Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore
We invite you to sing the refrain in either Spanish or English.
[Hymn sheet on page 7](#)

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Words of Dedication

Bria McInvale

Reception of the Offering

Ushers

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](#).

Offertory

Allegro gracioso
Dan Lawhon

Léon Boëllman

Offertory Response

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Life of the Church

Andrew Reed

Benediction

Erica Cooper

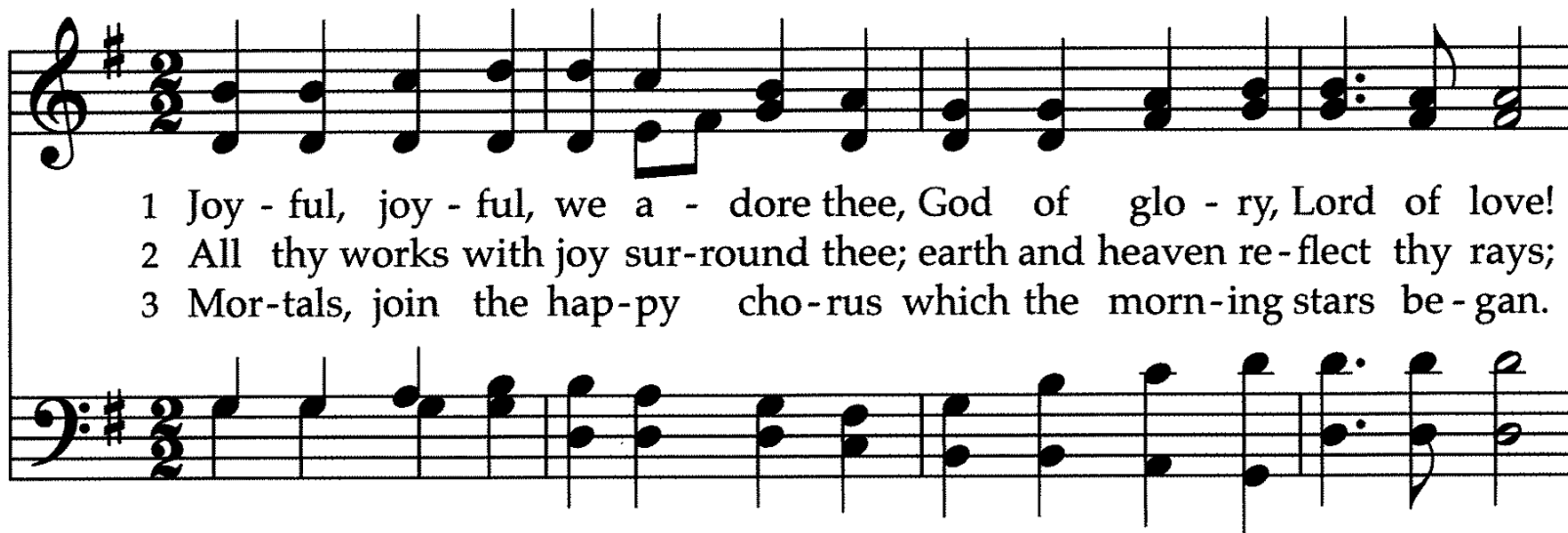
Postlude

Prelude in G Major
Dan Lawhon

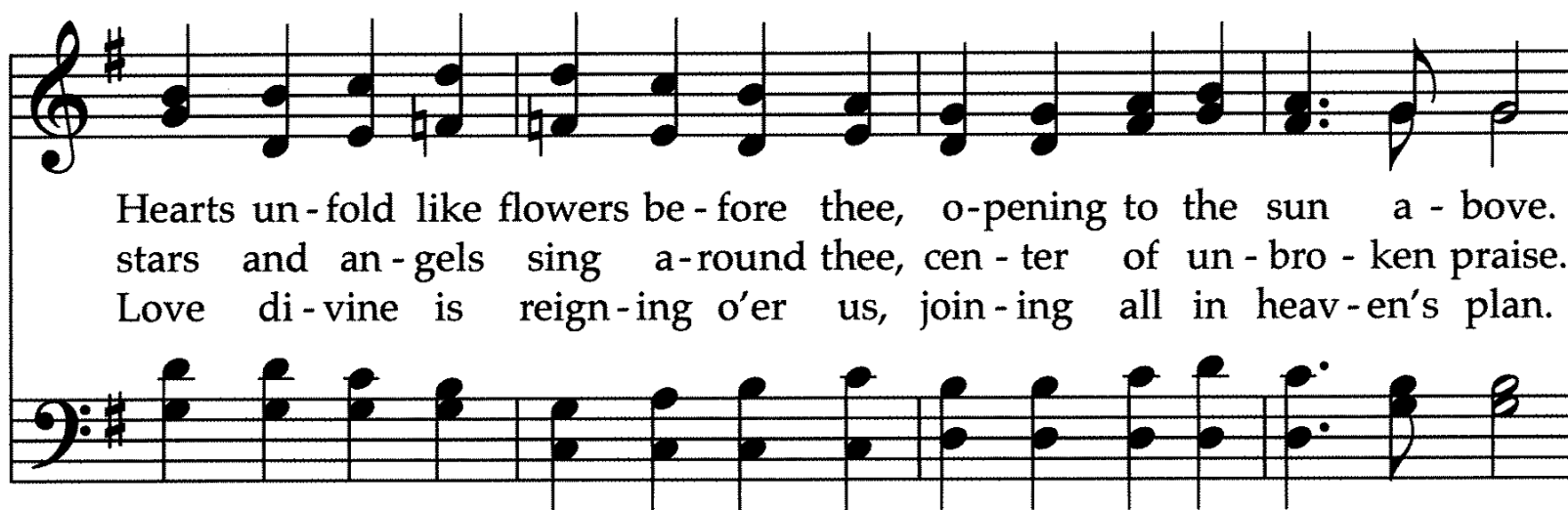
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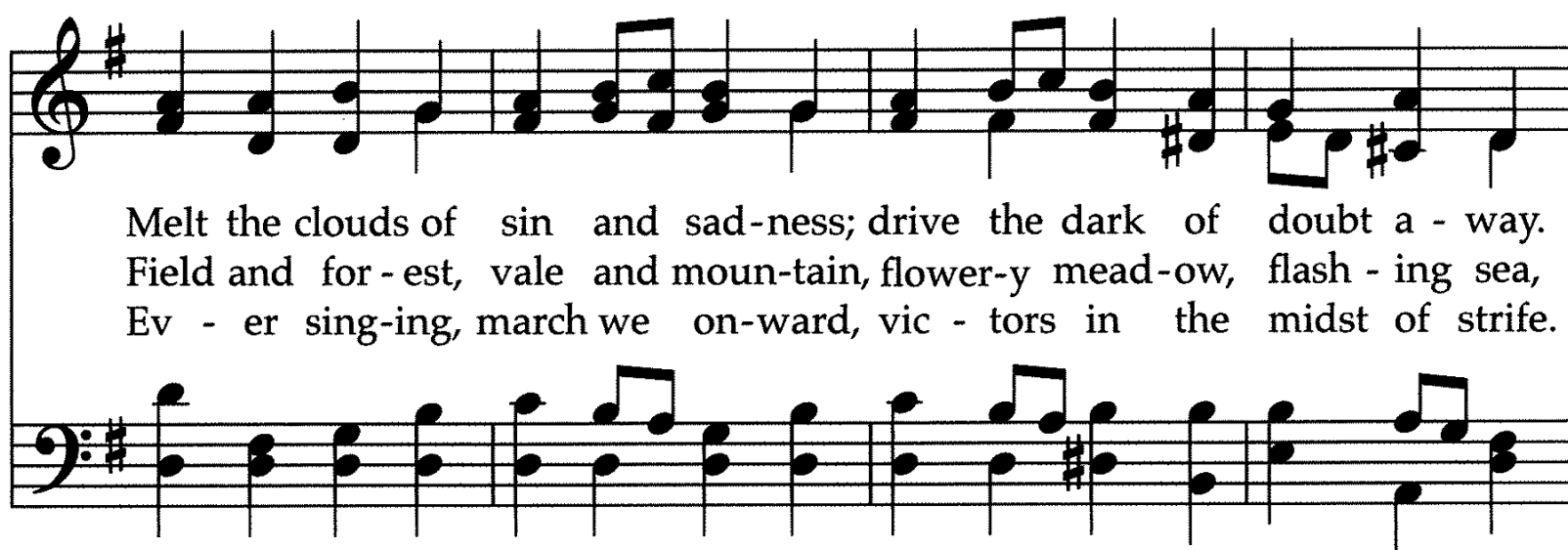
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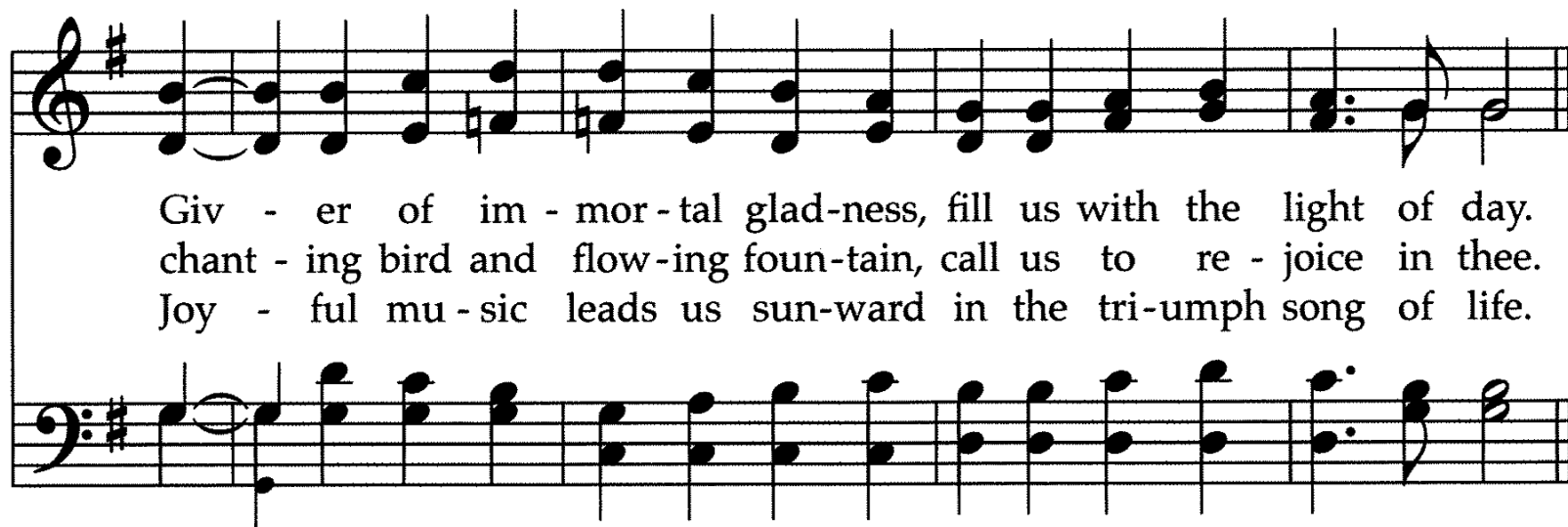
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

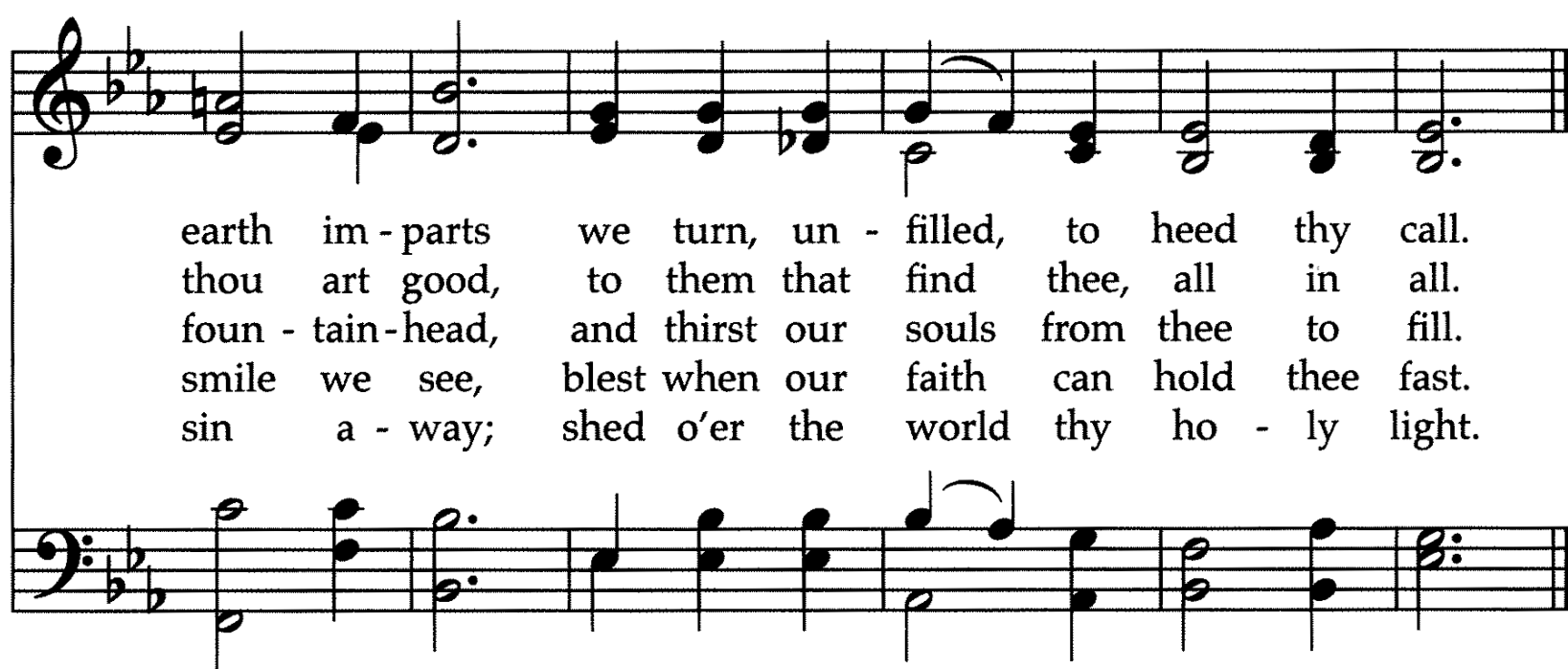
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494



1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our



life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of



earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 foun - tain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511

1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
2 All is read - y, come at - tend Al - le - lu - ia!
3 All who trust in God be - long
4 As the Lord our God has willed,

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend; Al - le - lu - ia!
at this ban - quet with this throng.
here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
come from north, west, south, and east; Al - le - lu - ia!
Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast. Al - le - lu - ia!
taste and see: the Lord is good.
All who share God's feast are blessed.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er



nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly
 car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; 7 you will
 la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
 longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing



asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 find there my nets and la - bor.
 love that keeps on lov - ing.
 friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while
 Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos, son - ri -



smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my
 en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la a -



boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your
 re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - to a



side I will seek oth - er seas.
 ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP October 7 at 6:00 pm

Join us for the 1st Wednesday Small Groups!

- The Legacy Group – Remembering Our Stories
- Telling the Old, Old Story
- The Caregivers Support Group
- Psalms: Prayers of the Heart

More information about each of these groups is available on our website.

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.

OCTOBER COAT DRIVE **Accepting Donations!**

Every year BCOC provides more than 200 coats to our neighbors through the winter. In 2025 we held our first churchwide October coat drive, and you were amazing! You donated more than 100 coats and funds to purchase more. Next week, we will begin our second annual drive. Please bring new or gently used adult warm coats or hoodies and hang them on the rack in the Fellowship Hall. The goal is 120 coats and/or hoodies, and we can exceed that! If you can't shop, feel free to donate to the designated clothing account; someone will shop for you. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We especially need both men's and women's sizes medium through XXL.