Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 1, 2026

Beatitudes, Debra Lee Murrow

The Service of the Lord's Day
Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.*
Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE — "The Infinite Peace of God" by Lani Smith — Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 34)* — Cathy Bashore

Come, let us bless the Lord at all times.
God's praise is always on our lips.
We are not the first to gather. Saints in every age and language have sung before us.
This morning, we sing with them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are all who take refuge in God.
Around the throne, a crowd no one can count is praising the Lamb.
Together, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 326 — "For All the Saints"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION — Cathy Bashore

Today we remember the people who got us here, the ones who prayed for us and showed up when it counted. Hebrews says a whole crowd of them surrounds us. It also says to put down whatever is weighing us down so we can keep going. So let's take a moment and put some of it down. Tell God the truth. God can take it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Cathy Bashore

God of mercy, we say we want to follow you. Then Monday comes and we pick whatever is easy. We walk past people who are grieving because we don't know what to say. We chase things that never fill us up. Peacemaking sounds like somebody else's job. Forgive us, and use us anyway.

(Silence)

Hear us, and heal what we can't fix ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — Jenn DiFrancesco

Listen to what Jesus says: blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Mercy is exactly what God gives us, and it is already ours. Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Bashore

God of every generation, you spoke to the saints who went before us, and you speak to us now. Open our ears to the words we are about to hear. Give us a picture of your whole family gathered, and show us where we belong in it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

Cathy Bashore

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord, I Call to You" by Hal H. Hopson Chancel Choir

Lord, I call to you. Lord, I call to you.
Show forth your love, have mercy.
Lord, hear my supplication.
Blot out all my sin, wash me through and through.
Send your joy, Lord, once more.
O Lord have mercy.
Show forth your love, Lord, hear my prayer.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12 Jenn DiFrancesco

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed Jenn DiFrancesco

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER — Jenn DiFrancesco

INVITATION TO THE TABLE — Jenn DiFrancesco

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING — Jenn DiFrancesco

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

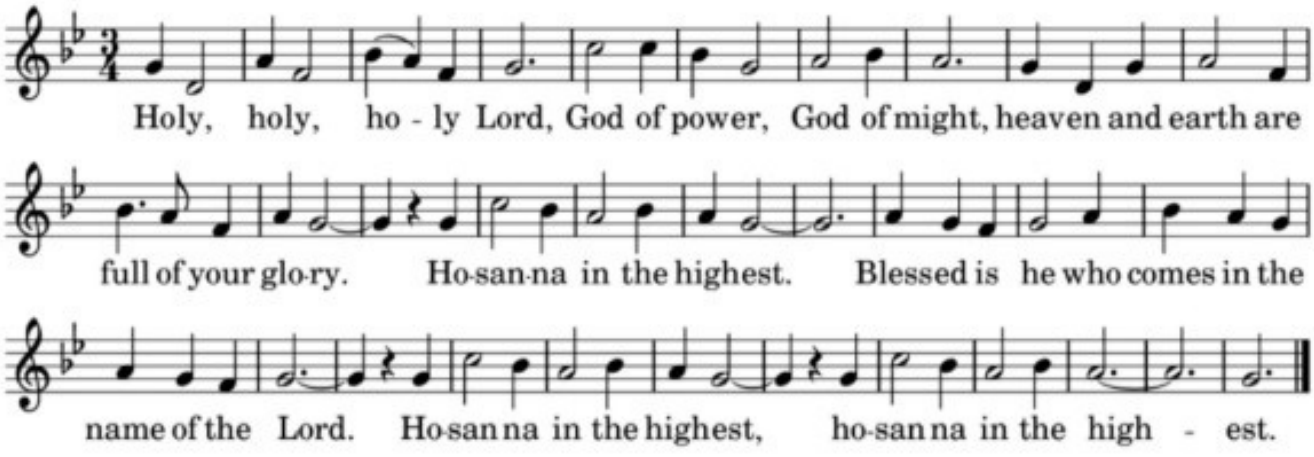
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, God, and it is a joy, to thank you always and everywhere. You made the world and called it good. When we wandered, you kept calling us back. You sent prophets to speak your word, and in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, who lived among us, ate with sinners, and wept at a grave.

And so, with the saints of every age, with angels and archangels, and with every voice that has ever praised you, we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Glory to God 565
TEXT: Trad. Liturgical text
MUSIC (SANCTUS (Haugen)): Marty Haugen, 1984, © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.



Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who promised that not even death could separate us from your love.

Today we remember those who have gone before us, especially those from this congregation who have died since we last gathered on All Saints' Sunday. We give thanks for their lives, for the love they shared, for their place in this community, and for the ways their lives became part of ours.

We speak their names now, trusting that they remain known and loved by you.

Jerry Adcock
Edith Binkley
Bob Crystal
Kirk Culbertson
Stephen (Steve) Doudiken
Kara Rae Hammann
Gail Loretta Kolombatovich Zelley
William Stansbury Thayer
Pat Yeakel
Jan Spigler
Jane Shaffer

(Silence)

God of all generations, receive our thanksgiving for these beloved ones and for all whose names we carry in our hearts. Comfort those who grieve. Help us remember with gratitude, even when remembering brings tears. And remind us that the table you prepare is larger than the company we can see gathered here today.

For on the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

So we remember. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them the body and blood of Christ for us, and make us the body of Christ for the world. Join us to everyone who has ever sat at this table, including the people we miss most today. Hold us together until the day we all feast with you at the end of time.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP — Jenn DiFrancesco

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Jenn DiFrancesco

Gracious God, you fed us with the bread of heaven, and we are grateful. We took it into our hands and our bodies. Send us out to feed others the way we have been fed. Thank you for the saints who taught us to pray, who sat beside us when we were afraid, and who showed us what faith looks like on an ordinary Tuesday. Keep us faithful until we see them again. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING — Jenn DiFrancesco

Everything we have came from God first. Out of gratitude, let's give back some of what we've been given, and let the work of this church carry on the work of the saints before us.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY — "Sacrament" by Michael Shea — Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 609

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jenn DiFrancesco

God of all generations, take these gifts and the lives behind them. Use them to feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and make peace where it is needed. Let our giving be one more way we say thank you. Amen.

*HYMN # 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*BENEDICTION Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE "Gavotte" from *French Suite No. 5* by J.S. Bach Valerie Adelung

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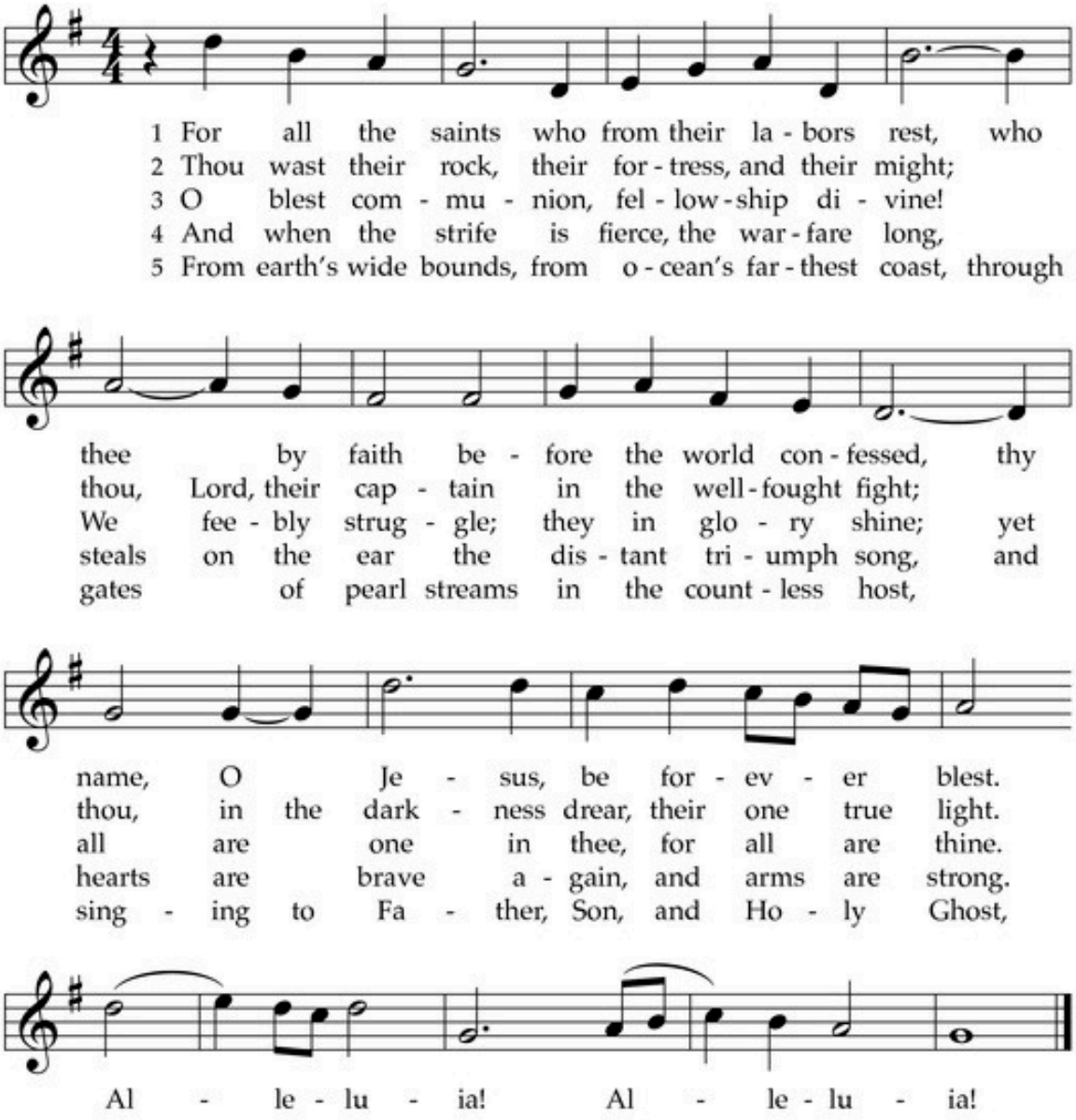
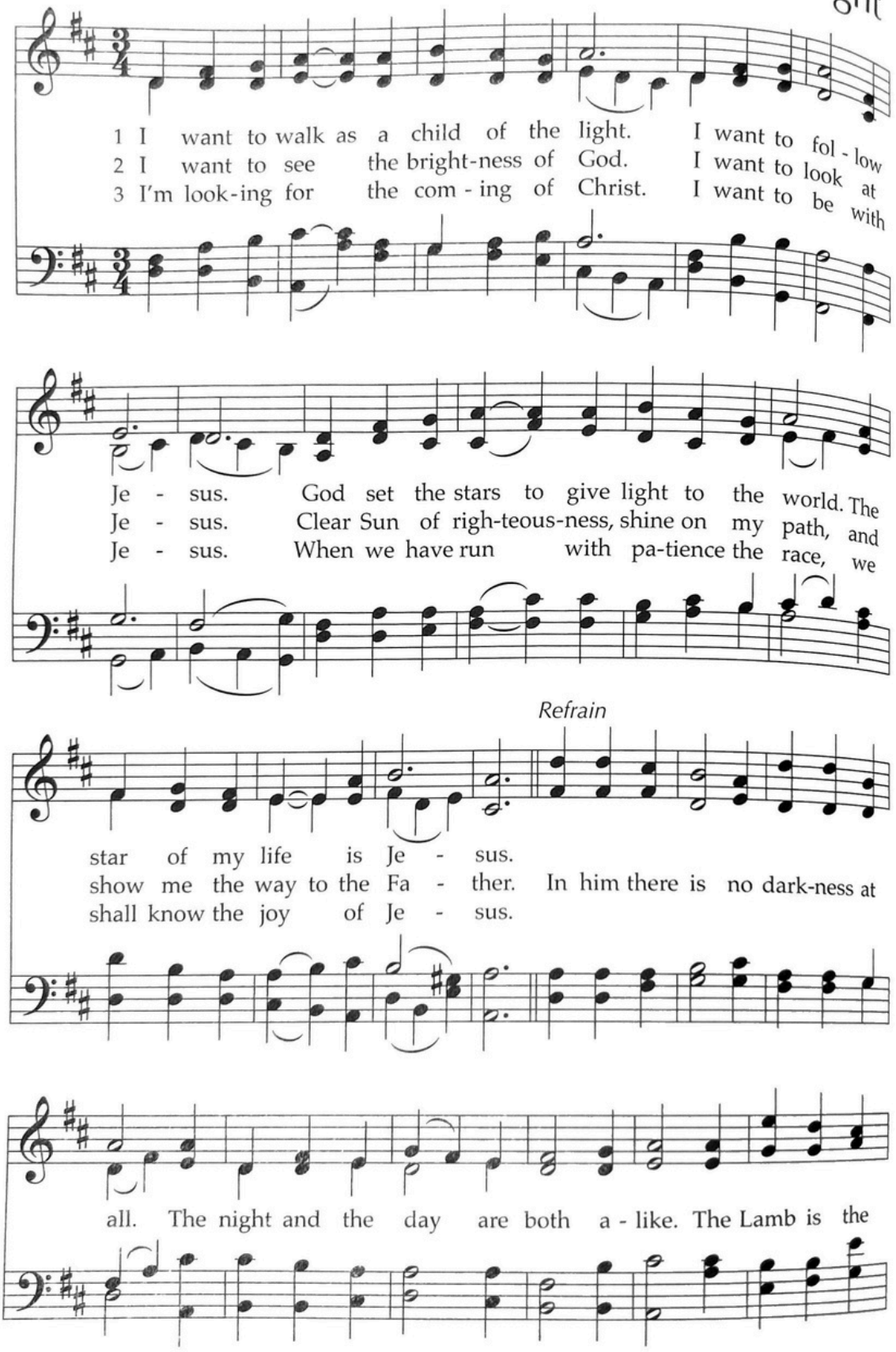

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1–2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

TEXT and MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
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HOUSTON
10.7.10.8 with refrain