OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Rev. Don Price

PRELUDE *Prelude in D minor* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

His greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another;

They tell of your mighty acts.

They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty;

And I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell the power of your awesome works;

And I will proclaim your great deeds.

They celebrate your abundant goodness

And joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

The Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

A great king over all the earth.
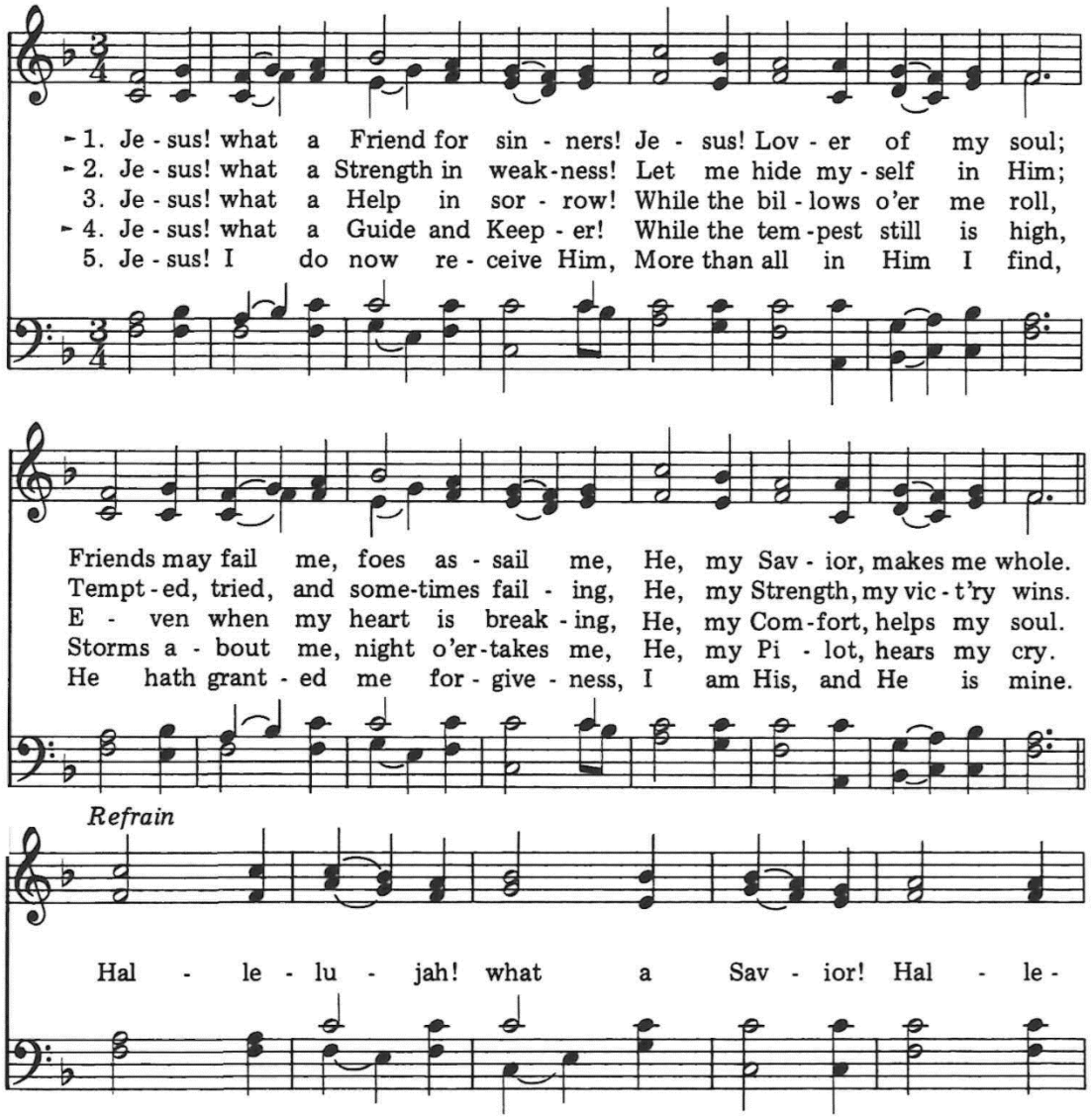
God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

This is the Lord's doing.

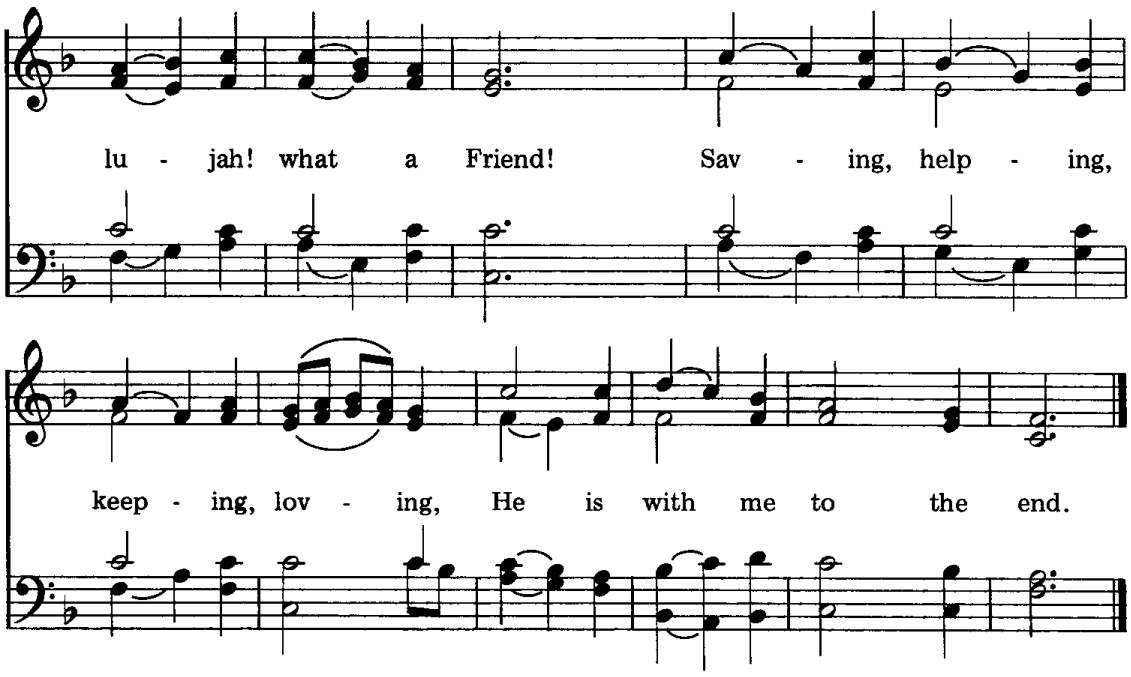
It is marvelous in our eyes!

OPENING HYMN *Our Great Savior*



TEXT: J. Wilbur Chapman
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness;
Descant and choral ending by Tom Fettke
A higher setting may be found at No. 233

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer…

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint-like – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear this Good News. The love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

Alleluia! Amen.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end! Amen, Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD
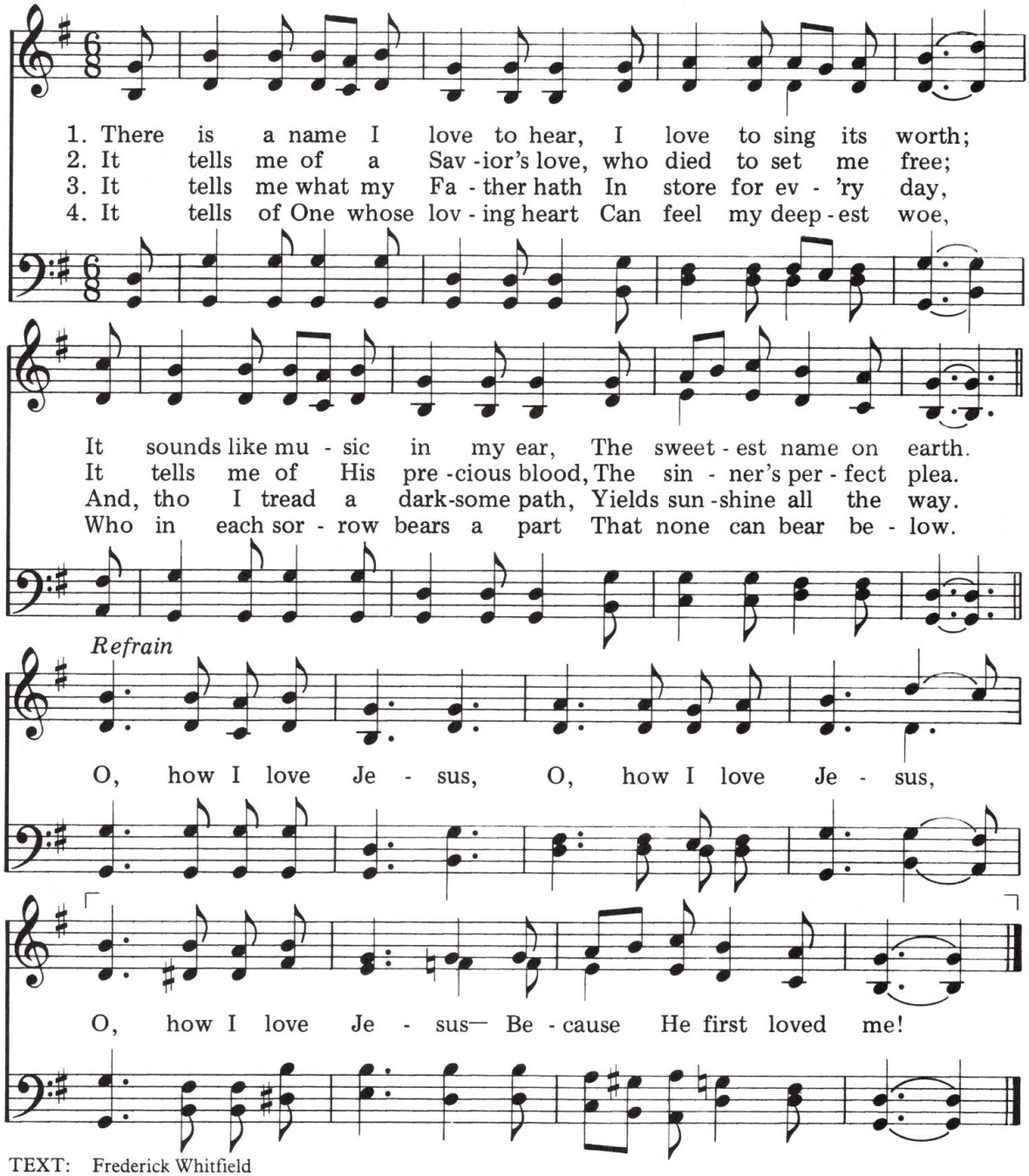
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-24

SERMON *Dressed with the Armor of God*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN *O, How I Love Jesus*



TEXT: Frederick Whitfield
MUSIC: Traditional American melody

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give our offering hopefully, hoping that you can use these gifts, hoping these gifts can further your kingdom, hoping that your kingdom will come. Your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

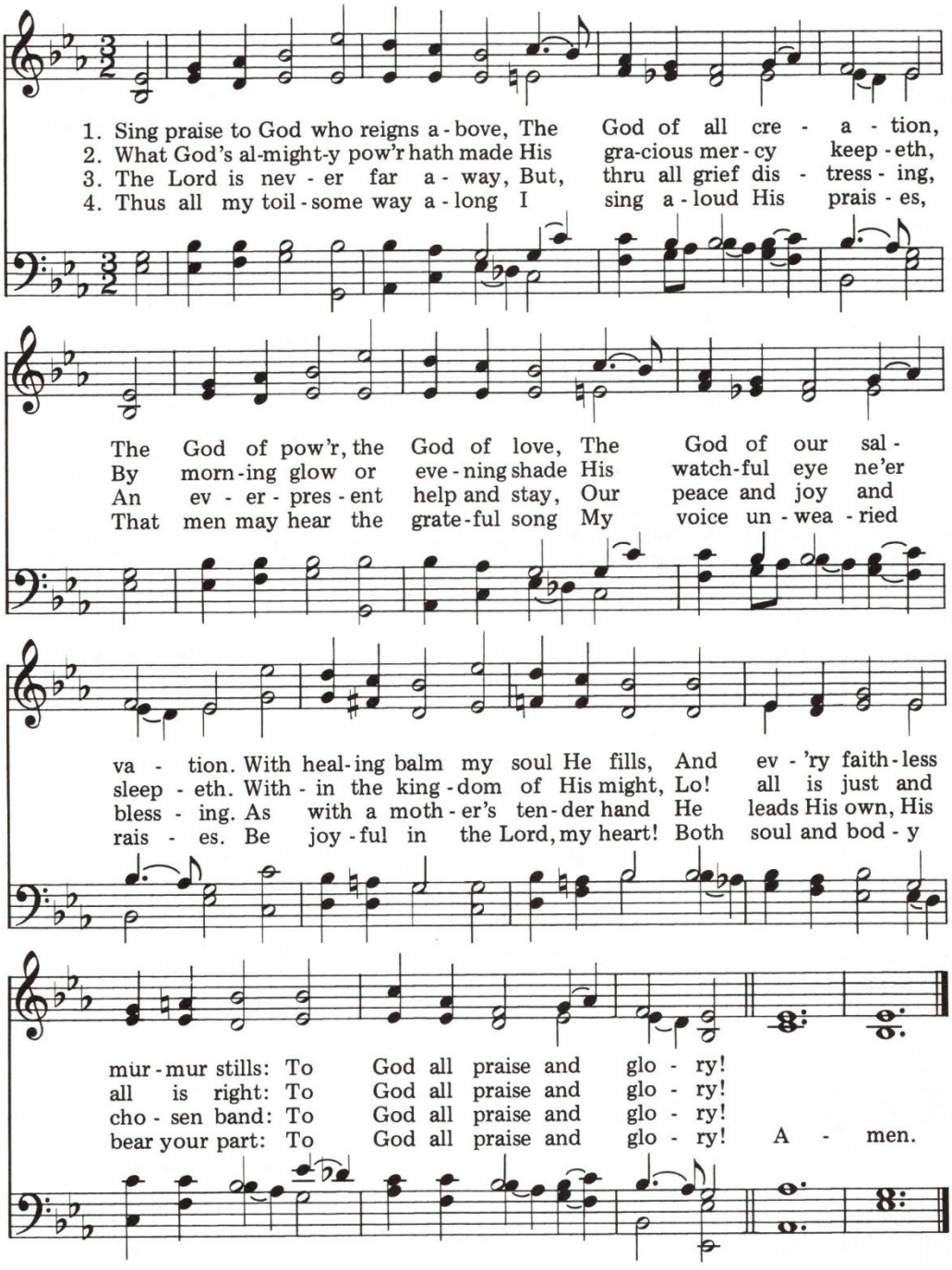
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER with the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*



TEXT: Johann J. Schütz; translated by Frances E. Cox
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge,* Berlin, 1566

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D minor* J.S. Bach