Pastor's Update, Saturday, January 16, 2021

Happy Saturday, WFMC Family,

Link to Morning Worship Live-stream, January 17, 2021 (becomes live at 8:30a)

Morning Worship: We continue with our "normal" Sunday schedule, with worship gatherings at 8:30a and 11:00a, and Sunday school, and Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships at 9:45a. Just as we did last Sunday, tomorrow we continue to use the hymnals and worship notebooks, since research increasingly shows very low virus transmission rates due to touch, especially since the hymnals lie unused for seven days each week. Since we have placed a hymnal and worship notebook in every seat, we have had to remove the sanctuary Bibles. Please do bring your own Bible to worship, or, if you happen to forget, there are some available for use (or to take if you don't have one) at the Welcome Center.

In-person worshippers, please wear masks while moving and singing, and be careful to keep social distancing protocols in place.

"ABF" Stands for Adult Bible Fellowships, and there are many from which to choose, some online only, some in-person only, and some hybrids. Click here for the latest information on ABFs and all Sunday morning educational opportunities.

Kids! Do You Need a Fun Activity for a Gloomy Winter Afternoon? Print the attached scavenger hunts and let them see how quickly they can search for different clues found in each book of the Old and New Testaments. There are also printed packets of them in the church foyer.

Attached / Below is an Interesting Article that I've found helpful and hope you do as well, on some things we can learn about nationhood from Israel…found, remarkably, in the Wall Street Journal.

And Finally, On Keeping Our Senses of Humor:
This is from the Babylon Bee (again…think satire here):

Conservative Mental Health Up 300% After They All Get Banned From Twitter

U.S.—*A recent report from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) revealed a huge spike in mental wellbeing among one segment of the American population—the tens of thousands of conservatives who were kicked off of Twitter last week. The report showed increases as high as 300% for those who are no longer engaging on the Orwellian social media platform.*

"For years we knew Twitter wasn't great for mental health, but we didn't think it was this bad," said NIMH Director Dr. Joshua Gordon. "Some of these people are showing levels of good mental health that we've never even seen before."

Users whose accounts were shut down only took a few days to experience the benefits of their newfound freedom.

"At first I was upset," said Chet Bradman, one of many right-leaning Americans de-platformed by Twitter. "But after a few days, I realized how much better my life was. The sun was brighter, the birds' songs were more beautiful. I just wish Twitter would have overstepped its reach and shown its true colors on free speech years ago."

While the NIMH report is available to the public, Twitter, Google, and Facebook are doing their best to suppress the information in an attempt to keep users under their control and keep Americans in a toxic state of mental health.

Peace and Blessings, Sisters and Brothers,
Pastor Daryl

Weekly Schedule of Events—Week of January 17, 2021

Today

8:00a	Pre– Service Prayer—B106
8:30a	Morning Worship I
	Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
9:40a	Children's Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships
	Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
11:00a	Morning Worship II—Sanctuary & B200-B201 Overflow
	Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing children under 4 years

Monday

8:30a-12noon	HS/MS Virtual Café
10:00a	Ladies' Bible Study via Zoom;
	(contact Peggy Welch for Zoom link / 859-338-4378)

Tuesday

6:30a	Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
8:00a	Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
8:30a-12noon	HS/MS Virtual Café
6:30p	*Blessings* Handbell Choir— Sanctuary
7:00p	Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

4:50p	Bible Quizzing—B100s
7:00p	Adult Prayer Meeting
	FM Youth—Building C
	Children Grades K through 5—A106
	Pre-School (4 and under)—Building B Preschool Wing
	Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing

Thursday

7:00p	Grandparents Who Pray @ Roxberry home, 114 Anderson Way

Friday

8:00a	Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C Great Hall
9:00a-12:30p	HS/MS Virtual Café — C202
10:00a-noon	Moms Pray & Play—Building C Great Hall
	High School Ski Trip

Saturday

WFMC Hazardous Weather Plan: Schedule changes for church events due to hazardous weather can be found on the front page of the church website, typically one hour prior to service times. Check the News Feed at the bottom of the homepage, or tune in to TV channels 18, 27, and 36.

A Time for...Fasting — Pastor Daryl

Matthew 9:14-17

Recordings of All Messages are Available.
Note "Message" and date on a Communication Card at the Welcome Center, and pick up your CD the following Sunday. Messages (audio, video and print) may also be downloaded at wilmorefmc.org.

YouTube iTunes TruthCasting

Prayer Seeking Salvation: *Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me, and I place my trust in You. Forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sin and live a life wholly devoted to You.*

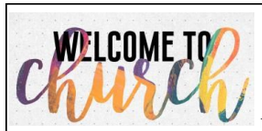
Prayer Seeking Sanctification: *Lord Jesus, I recognize my need for holiness. Purify me of all that is unlike You, fill me with Your Holy Spirit until I am totally Yours, and set me apart for Your purposes from this day forward.*

If you seek or have found salvation or sanctification today, please let a member of the pastoral staff know. We're here to help you on your journey.

Wilmore Free Methodist Church

January 17, 2021
Sanctity of Life Sunday
Racial Reconciliation Sunday

office@wfmc.net www.wilmorefmc.org 859.858.3521



Welcome to worship at WFMC!
Here are some helpful notes if you are new.

The Communication Card is key to allowing us to welcome you fully. Please fill it out and drop it in the gold box after worship. We won't harass you, but we'd love to send a welcoming note.

The Worship Guide in this folder leads through our service. We try to use elements, liturgy, music and sacraments from a variety of Christian traditions to help lead people of all ages, stages, and tastes into God's presence. Worship is participatory, so please join in prayer, word, giving, and song.

Nursery/Childcare for children up to 4 years is available all morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

Children's Worship (CW, age 4 through grade 3) is available in the 8:30a service only. After the Children's Time, children are escorted by CW Staff to A104. Following 8:30 worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from Room A104. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the foyer.

Wheelchair Seating is readily available in the center aisle or an usher will be glad to remove a sanctuary chair for your convenience.

Prayer Focus: Pray for the new Great Awakening in our nation, that the Lord might bring peace. Pray that Christ's Church might be examples of civil conversation, patience and understanding in disagreement and overcoming love.

World Mission Focus: Brazil: Pray for Dan & Hope Owsley, who serve at the Free Methodist Seminary in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Hope is also involved in women's ministries.

Home Mission Focus: Pray for our own Jerry Coleman and his ministry of evangelism and speaking on the deeper life in the Spirit through the Francis Asbury Society, headquartered right here in Wilmore.

Youth Ministry Focus: As Jessamine County Public School schedule changes again this week, pray for our teens. Pray that they would be diligent in their studies and that they will be a light for Jesus in and out of the classroom.

Nursery:

	Today/This Week	Next Week
8:30 Worship	J Evans/D Flanigan/M Woki	C Blankenship/H Hall/O Proctor
Sunday School	C Blankenship/D Roxberry	C Blankenship/P Probst
11:00Worship	N Ellwood/E Walsh/S Walsh	J Madill/C Maynard/E Maynard
Wed. Evening	L Branan/K Winter	A Allen/R Thompson

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- **2020 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS** may be picked up in the foyer. Should a mailed contribution be received late that was postmarked by December 31, a revised giving statement will be made available. Thank you for faithfully giving to the Lord's work through WFMC.

- **Old and New Testament Scavenger Hunts** for kids are available to pick up on the credenza beneath the world map.

- **You Are Invited** to attend "*Grandparents Who Pray*" Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Don & Devon Roxberry, 114 Anderson Way, Wilmore. Come share requests for your family and join others in prayer.

Common Threads prayer shawl ministry is going strong. Even though not meeting in person, technology helps us keep in touch with weekly communication of encouragement to our members. Would you like to help make prayer shawls for the church family? If so, contact the church office or Marcia Burgess.

Prayer shawls (for men, women and children) are made to give away to those who are suffering or grieving, as reminders of the church's love and prayer for them in their time of sickness, grief, discouragement, etc.

If you know someone who would be blessed by having one of these shawls, select one from the supply located to the left of the Welcome Center. A notebook is located on the shelf there for you to write in, letting the team know how they might pray.

Let's Hit The Slopes!

Annual High School Ski Retreat
January 22-24, 2021
Registration packets are available in Building C.

In These Strange Days, we are worshipping in different ways, including not using common offering plates or communion elements. We're not greeting one another with hugs or hand-shakes, and we are wearing masks when less than 6 feet from others indoors and while singing. Due to virus spread, most of our vocal music ministries groups are on hold.
All this, like so many other parts of life, is very different, and we pray the need for it passes quickly. Until then, thank you for loving one another in these ways.

Free Methodist History and Polity Class

This class, (a FMC ordination requirement) will be offered via ZOOM on the following dates, using a Friday/Saturday format as follows:

- Fri., Feb. 5, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., and Sat., Feb. 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., and Sat., Feb. 20 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 6, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This is a 2 credit-hour, masters-level class eligible for seminary credit, but is also an excellent introduction / review of our denominational heritage, theology and vision. E-mail the church office for a syllabus, with questions, and/or to register. The cost is $150.00 and due on the first day. In order for the class to count toward seminary credit, you must register through Asbury Seminary. Instructor: Dr. Craig Saunders.

Access to RightNow Media (RNM) is available free of charge to all church persons and families. RNM is a 20,000 +/- video library that includes cartoons, Bible studies, personal development tools and much more. These resources can be used personally or for a group.

Explore it by of the following options:

1) Scan this QR code
2) Go to https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/wilmorefmc
3) Text RIGHTNOW WILMOREFMC to 41411

A Note About Our Building Debt: If you have joined WFMC in the last couple years (and there are many of you), you may not know that our church invested over a decade in planning and raising funds for the construction of Building B and the subsequent renovations of the rest of the campus, all of which was dedicated in May, 2017. With God's help and by the sacrificial giving of many, an over four million dollar project was completed incurring "only" $1,200,000 of debt. Over the past three years, we have paid that down to our present mortgage amount of $490,000. If WFMC has been a blessing to you, and you were not present to participate in the initial giving toward our facility, please consider helping to retire our debt.

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Dwight

NURSERY/CHILDCARE for children up to 4 years is available in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW- currently 8:30 service only) After Children's Time, children age 4 through grade 3 will be dismissed (please wear masks) and escorted by CW staff to Room A104. Following 8:30 worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from Room A104. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ***Children in 8:30 service may now leave for Children's Worship***

MUSIC MINISTRY *arr.* Tom Fettke

Written in Red
Suzanna Walsh, soloist

MESSAGE Pastor Daryl

A Time For...Fasting

POSTLUDE *arr.* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Our Great Savior (Hymnal 89)

WORSHIP IN GIVING
In this strange, "touchless" season, we are giving our finances in worship through either the gold boxes in the foyer, by mail, or digitally through *Engage* vvia this QR code.

Help for the hearing impaired is available. See an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP GUIDE

God is so glad you've set aside this time to worship Him. He inhabits the praise of His people. As we gather, please take a moment to ask God to prepare us for worship—to open our ears and minds to His voice and to freely apply His word to our hearts and lives. Please also take a moment now to silence all electronic devices so that the Lord might have opportunity to freely speak to all.

GATHERING

Jesus Loves Me / He Keeps Me Singing (Hymnal 579, 488) *arr.* Glenda Austin
Heaven's Joy (Hymnal 18, 555) *arr.* Marilynn Ham
All Hail the Power (Hymnal 97) *arr.* Dino Kartsonakis

SONGS OF PRAISE, CLEANSING AND REDEMPTION

Hymnal 31 *Great Is the Lord*
Hymnal 190 *Are You Washed in the Blood?* (stanzas 1, 2, 4)
Hymnal 199 *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

(Please wear a mask if you choose to sing)

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 418 *All Your Anxiety* (stanza 2)

No other friend so keen to help you, No other friend so quick to hear;
No other place to leave your burden, No other one to hear your prayer.
All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the mercy seat—leave it there;
Never a burden He cannot bear, Never a friend like Jesus!

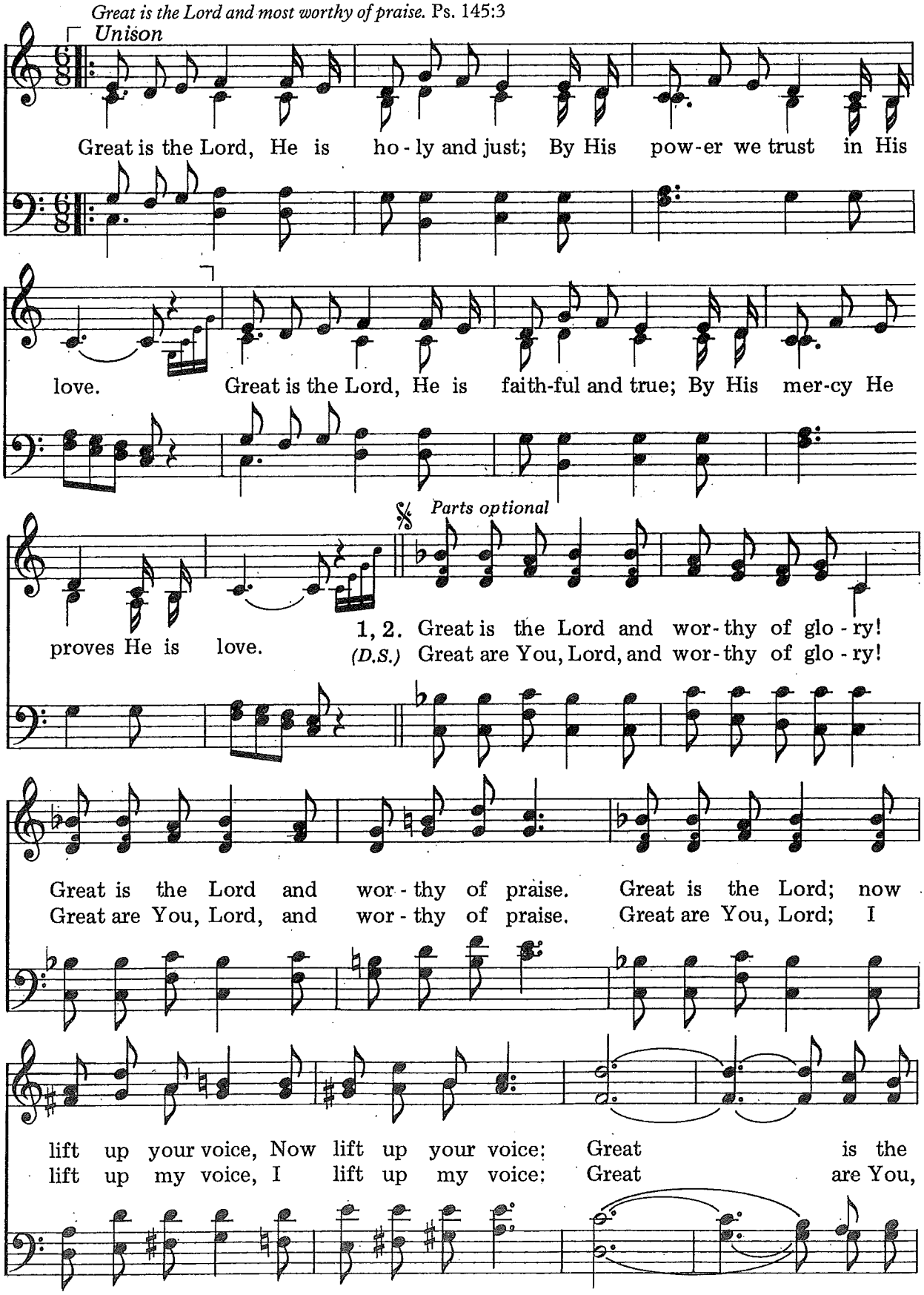
(CCLI Member)

PRAYER Pastor Andrea

GOD'S WORD TO US *Matthew 9:14-17*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

31 Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Ps. 145:3

TEXT and MUSIC: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

GREAT IS THE LORD
Irregular meter

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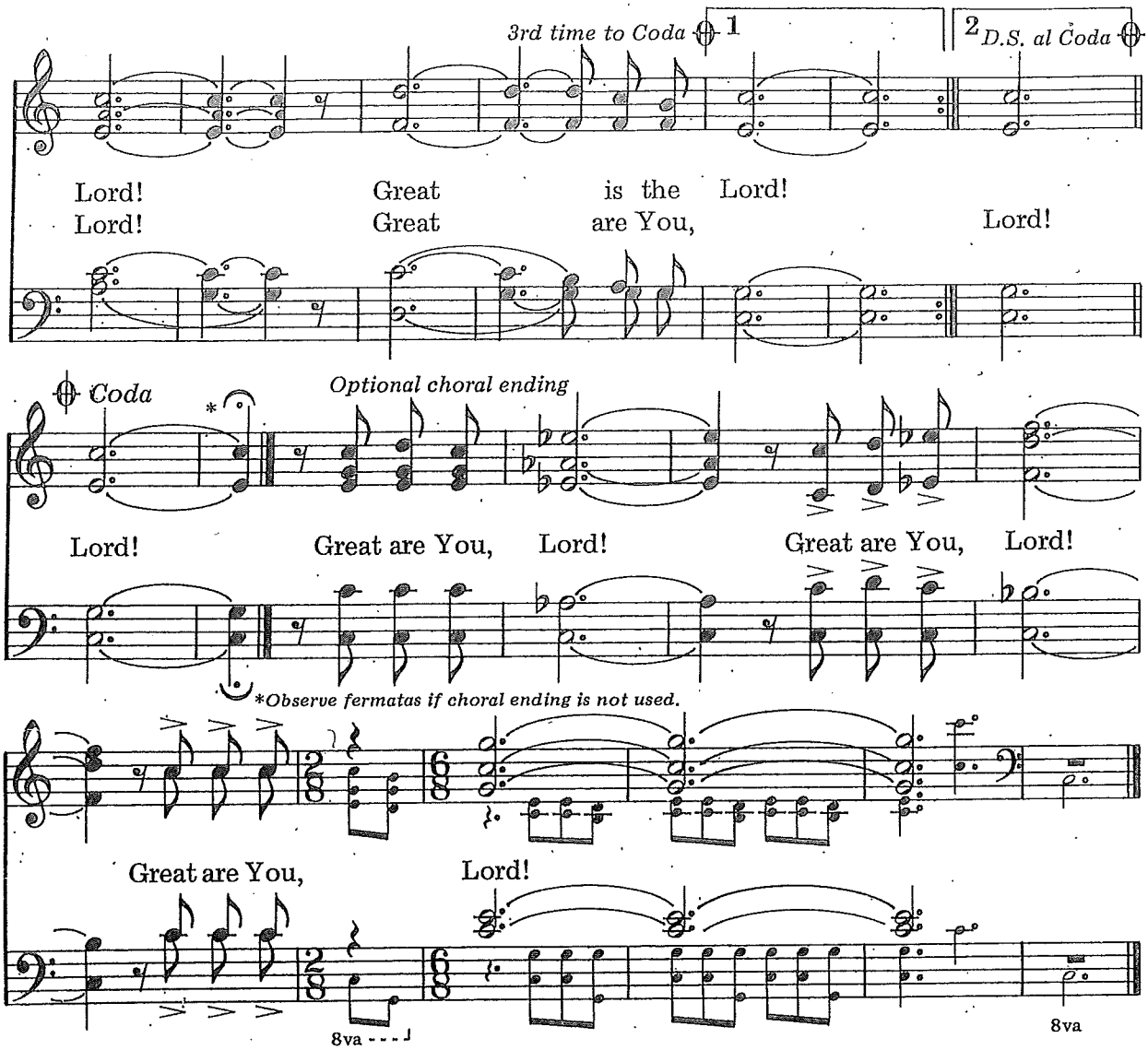
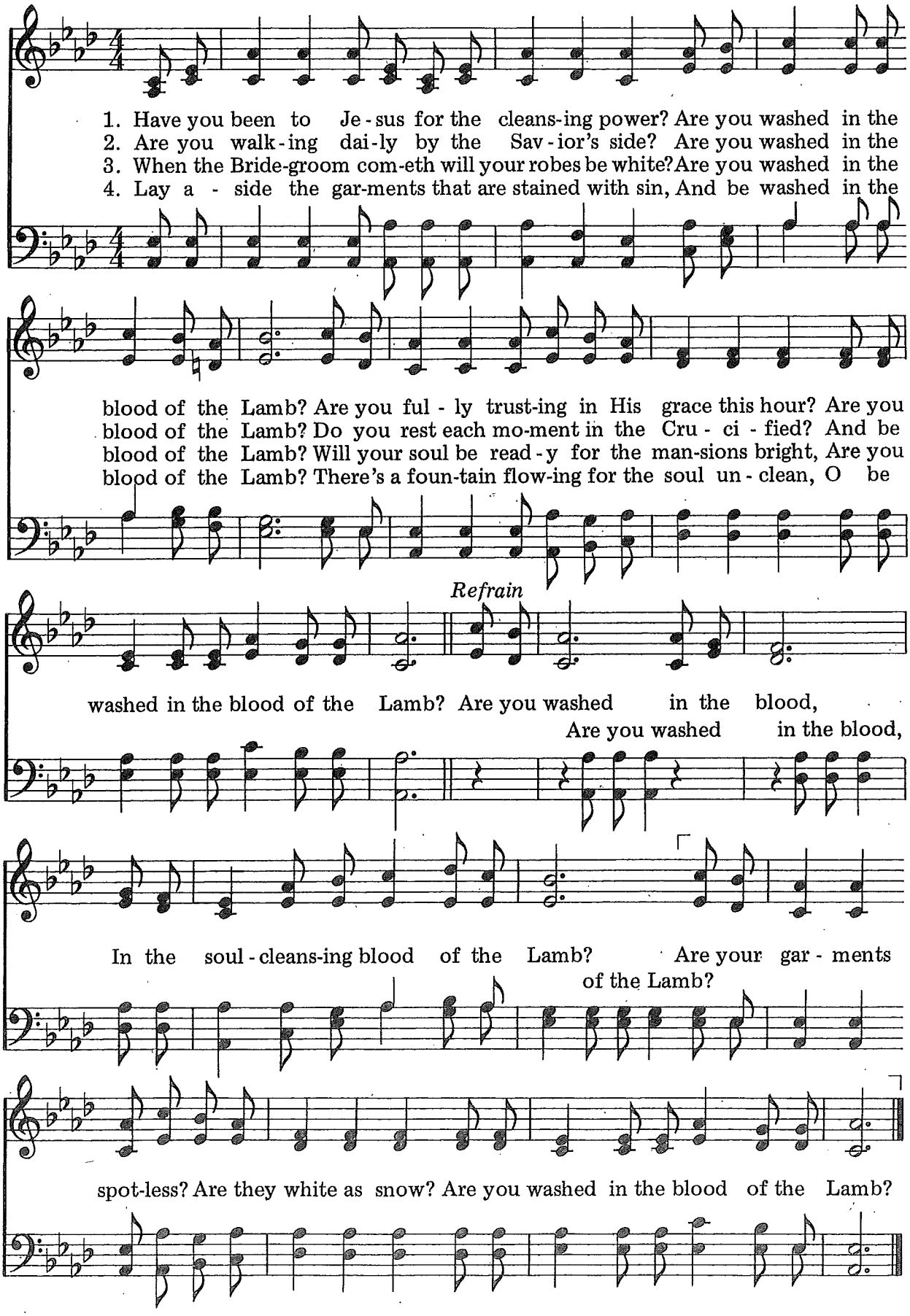


The end of "HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME—A Brief Service in Recognition of God's Majesty and Power"

190 Are You Washed in the Blood?

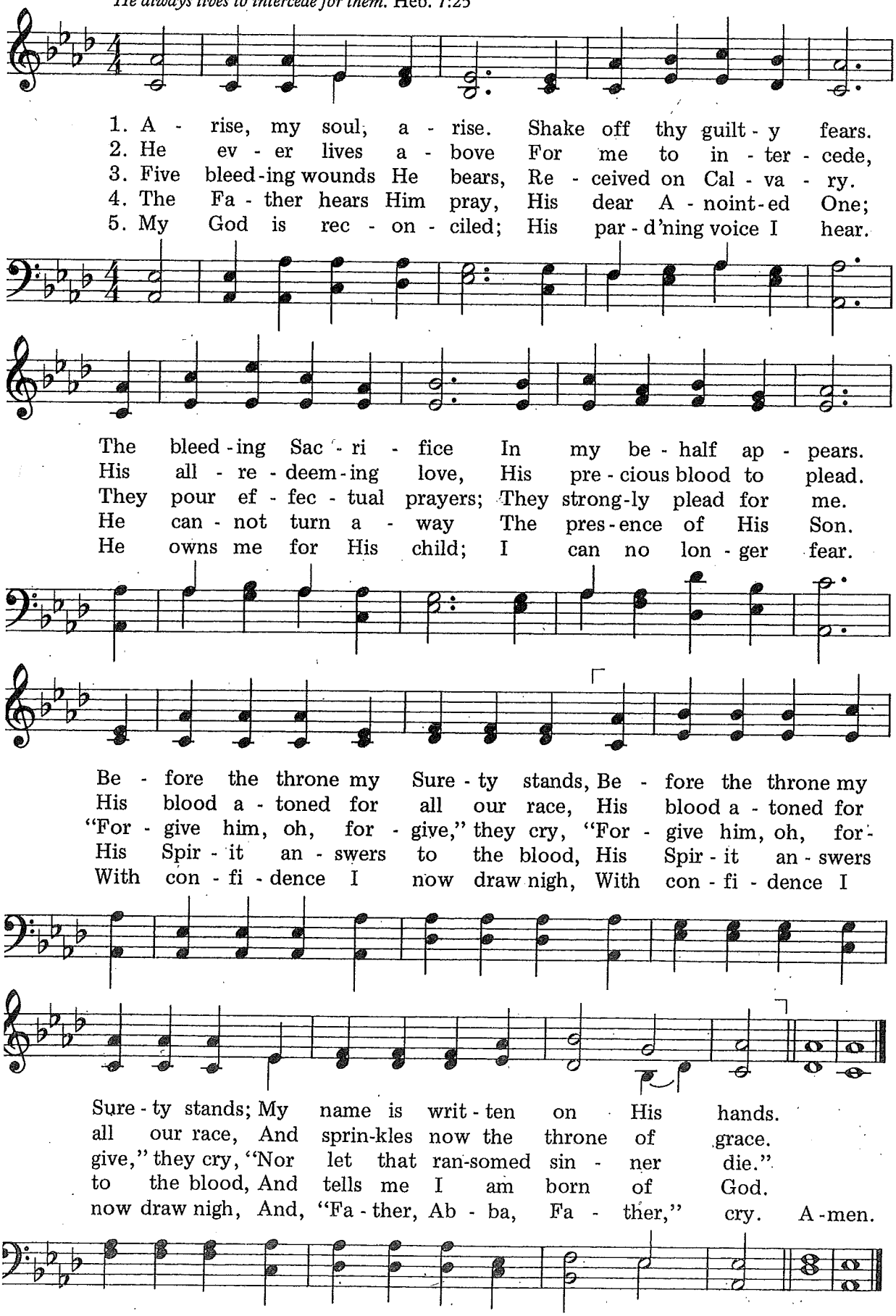
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14



TEXT and MUSIC: Elisha A. Hoffmann

WASHED IN THE BLOOD
11.9.11.9. with Refrain

199 Arise, My Soul, Arise

He always lives to intercede for them. Heb. 7:25

TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Lewis Edson

LENOX
6.6.6.6.8.8. with Repeat