

Worship Plan for **Reconciling In Christ Sunday//Pentecost** - June 5/22

Treaty 4 Territory

We are privileged to gather today in Treaty 4 Territory and the traditional homeland of the Metis.

Welcome Statement

You are welcome here, you, whose face does not resemble mine, whose spirit I may not define, you, whose eyes have seen, what I will never dream. You, whose frame is bent or broken, whose mind fears the unspoken. You are welcome here.

Regardless of your race, your age, your gender identity or expression, your marital status, physical and mental ability, your sexual orientation, country of origin, economic and religious status, you will be honoured here.

For Christ has made us whole and Christ has set us free. His daily grace enables us to live in harmony.

GATHERING

Called by the Holy Spirit, we gather this PRIDE season to proclaim God's love and welcome to ALL. In this space when we say ALL, we mean people of every ability and disability, age, culture gender identity and expression, neurodiversity, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and the fullness in which God has created you to be! We gather knowing God values and embraces us each as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice. Let today be a day where we welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for God's diverse Kin-dom.

CONFESSION

In the name of the Holy Parent, And of the Child, And of the Holy Spirit, ever-present in our lives. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and no secrets are hidden, be with us all and cleanse us through the gifts of the Spirit.

We reside in this space humbled and seeking forgiveness. Forgiveness for the hurt we have caused to our LGBTQIA+ siblings, Black, Brown Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) siblings, women- identified people, immigrants, elderly, disabled siblings, neurodiverse siblings, and those who do not have access to basic human needs. Let us break this cycle of brokenness, heal our hearts, restore our trust, and work to be a community for all people. We turn to the power of the Holy Spirit, confessing our sins against our siblings, and in receiving forgiveness, seek to grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ – our Savior and Liberator.

Merciful Creator, Have mercy on us. We confess we have turned away from you and the holy people of your Kin-dom. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown. When we have had power, we forgot what it is for. We raised ourselves further up, ignoring how it kept pushing others further down. We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power in love, to lift up the voices of those forced to be silent. Help us remember that we are Your children, are made in Your image, worthy of your unending grace. May the giver of life make all things new through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GATHERING SONG *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)

GREETING (ELW p. 184)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (ELW p. 184)

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 188)

Let us pray.. Spirit, fill us with your knowledge and invitation to be movers and shakers in this world. As this month embodies all the ways we each are made in God's image, we center ourselves and focus our energy. Creator, You are asking us to keep expanding welcome to others, liberating those forced to live in the margins, and dismantling the barriers that keep us from experiencing equity. We arrive present, with open hearts and open minds to hear your good news, in anticipation of the work we are sent out in the world to lead! Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21. A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 139

¹LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, you | have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my | rising up;

you discern my thoughts | from afar.
³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
 and are acquainted with | all my ways.
⁴Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
 but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.
⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
 and lay your | hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.
⁷Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
 Where can I flee | from your presence?
⁸If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
 if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.
⁹If I take the wings | of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,
¹⁰even there your | hand will lead me
 and your right hand | hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
 and the light around me | turn to night,"
¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
 darkness and light to you are | both alike.
¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my | mother's womb.
¹⁴I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
 your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.
¹⁵My body was not hid- | den from you,
 while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
 written | in your book;
 my days were fashioned before they | came to be.
¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
 How great is the | sum of them!
¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
 to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.
¹⁹Oh, that you would slay the wick- | ed, O God!
 You that thirst for blood, de- | part from me.
²⁰They speak spiteful- | ly against you;
 your enemies take your | name in vain.
²¹Do I not hate those, O | LORD, who hate you?
 And do I not loathe those who rise | up against you?
²²I hate them with a | perfect hatred;
 they have become | my own enemies.
²³Search me out, O God, and | know my heart;

try me and know my | restless thoughts.

²⁴Look well whether there be any wicked- | ness in me
and lead me in the way that is | everlasting.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12, 19:10-15 The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (ELW p. 189)

SONG – "COME AS YOU ARE" - MUSICAL CONTRIBUTION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING & COMMITMENT TO BE RECONCILING PEOPLE

Blessed are you O Lord our God, Maker of All Things.

In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters
And out of the chaos you gave us order, beauty and life.

In great tenderness & compassion you knelt in the dust
And from the clay of the ground you formed us
and breathed your of life into us
Human kind in all its beautiful diversity your created us
And wove us each as threads into the great tapestry of life,
People of all races, orientations, gender identities,
political understandings, and places on the spiritual journey,
People each with varied talents & imaginations
sharing our unique gifts to capture your dream for the world.

And then you set us in the garden that is this creation and challenged us
to tend it with the same grace & compassion your own heart has given us.

Help us this day, O God, to recommit ourselves to the work of nurturing your
world with openness, welcome, advocacy and love.

Where people stumble in the darkness of confusion or fear

May we bring the light of your Spirit

Where people feel discarded or dehumanized

May we embrace them with unconditional acceptance & love

Where friendships and families become broken by emotions they can't make
sense of, and hurts that cut to the heart,

**May we become witnesses to the peace that passes all understanding and
the healing hope of compassion.**

In these days when the world seems convinced that anyone who thinks or acts
or lives in ways different than us is to be feared and hated

**May we look again to the example of Christ who sees us not as "male or
female, Jew or Greek, slave or free" but each and every one as a
beloved child.**

And finally.. as we celebrate 10 years of journeying together and with Christ on
this path of being "reconciling" people..

**May we recommit ourselves to the work and promise of being a
congregation of God's people who welcome all. May we repledge our
hearts to the work embracing each other as we are, and to
preserving the dignity of all. Move us to reach out to all people who
have been marginalized – especially to those of the LGBTQ2+
community – and to continue to work toward understanding,
affirmation and the celebration of God's grace.**

For the precious foundation of Christ's love and for all who heard the call and did the work to bring us this far on the way..

We celebrate our past and stride even more boldly toward the tomorrow of "God's Kin-dom come!"

And all the people said.. **Thanks be to God, Amen, Alleluia**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for morning and night, for dawn and dusk, and for every moment in between. We praise you for the vibrant, loud, and serene colors of creation. For the infinite and as-of-yet undiscovered diversity of your creatures, and galaxies beyond our imagining. Make us bold in our proclamation that the lives, loves, and gifts of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Aromantic, Black, Brown, Indigenous, Incarcerated, Disabled, and Migrant people matter to you, and so they matter to all of us – manifest in both word and deed. Teach us to see and celebrate the stunning beauty in all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who need hope. For those who feel excluded. For those who are experiencing dysphoria. For all to know they are beloved by God, and worthy of love. We pray for people in our lives and those unknown to us who need healing, care, and compassion, the hungry, those without homes, the refugee, and the stranger. Shield those places in danger, and inspire us to be stewards of the earth and all your creation by making choices that lead to a greater future in our world, for all who inhabit it after us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We cry out for change. For the dismantling of systems rooted in oppression and discrimination. Change in policies and practices that exclude and "other" your beloveds. As people of faith, our role in caring for our neighbors lives beyond these walls; the freedom that comes with our faith should be used to lift up those in your Kin-dom, not be used to harm. Bless our lips as we speak words of affirmation and liberation, and give us the strength needed to extend welcome and hospitality through our actions and practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We seek guidance for our leaders in the church and larger world. Teach them to lead humbly and rooted in your grace and compassion. Let them look to those who have gone before us, on whose shoulders we stand. Keep them

wrapped in your abundant love and draw them closer to the communities in which they serve; as they meet their people and hear their needs, they will better know your hope for the future. We thank you for their gifts of wisdom, their advocacy, and for the promise of abundant life with you and all the saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We bring you the names and places of your people in need, speaking them aloud or in the silence of our hearts, now.... Terri, Stacie, Debbie, Beth, Lynne, Paul, Harley, Emma, Kevin, Jane, Lorraine, Cooper from Edenwold, Mike, Todd, Andy and Sunshine. Pastors Kragbe, Sarah and Janet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your unlimited capacity for love and mercy, and in your grace. **Amen**

PEACE - The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 190)

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING & DIALOGUE (ELW p. 190)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks & praise.**

PREFACE (ELW p. 190)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene & Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 190)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 190)

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
 but guided us into the path of love and light.
 In every age you sent prophets
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.
 The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
 In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
 to preach good news to the afflicted,
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

At this table make us your body. Form us to be a people of justice and peace.
 Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word
 and deed. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

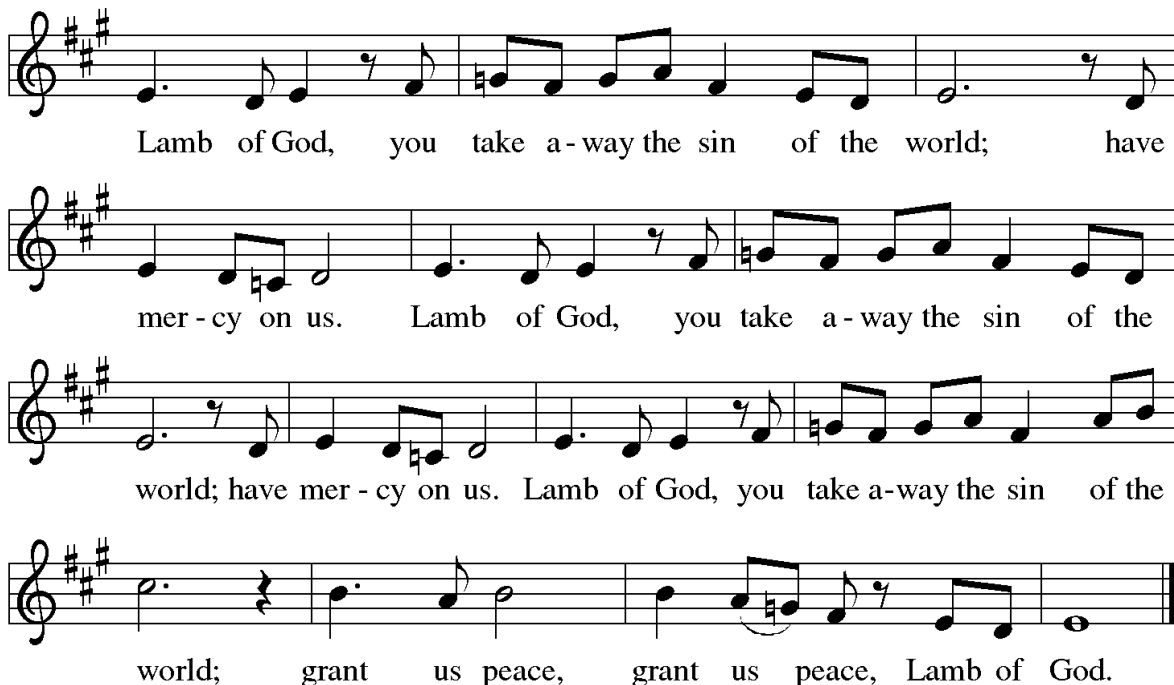
Nourish our bodies to that we may be fed. Teach us to see You, Christ, in those around us. As we prepare this table for you, we prepare our hearts for your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION & COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 191)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 191)

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**A Word From Our National ELCIC work of Reconciliation – Brent
Langenburger**

BLESSING (ELW p. 192)

Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace; continuing to be fierce advocates and activists for your LGBTQIA+ siblings and all those in need of inclusion and advocacy, leave this space with a fervent and renewed passion for welcome.

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve thereator. Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made in God's image!

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 192)**SENDING SONG *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)****DISMISSAL (ELW p. 192)**

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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All Are Welcome

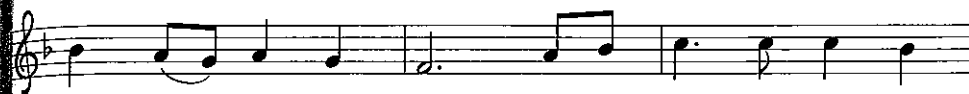
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

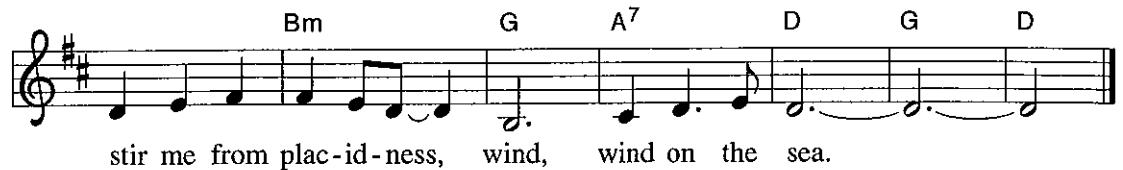


all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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TWO OAKS
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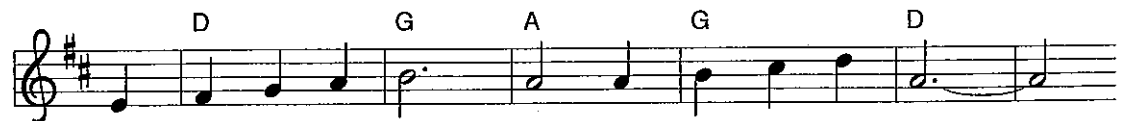
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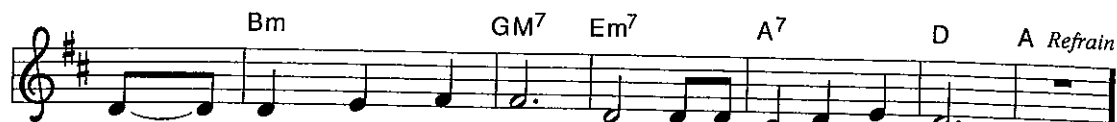
- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



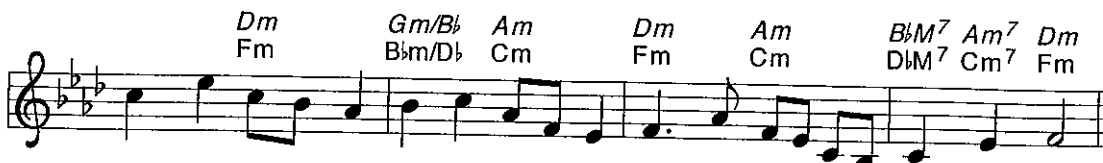
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Loving Spirit

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- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro- tect me, teach me the dis- cern-ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com-fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.