

Welcome
to
Kirkwood!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #175

Opening Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God



and its righ - teous - ness,



and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you.



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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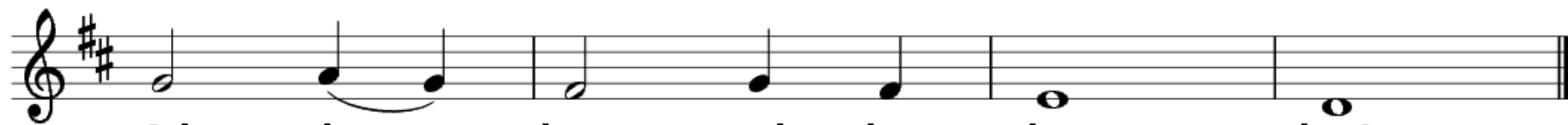
2. Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you;



seek, and you shall find;



knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you.



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



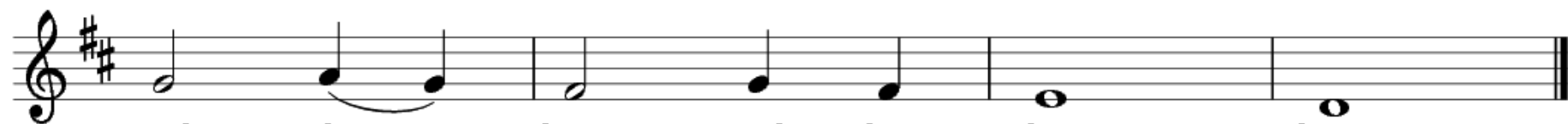
3. You shall not live by bread a - lone,



but by ev - ery word



that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 37)

Leader: Our salvation is from the Lord;

**People: God is our refuge in times
of trouble.**

Leader: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

**People: God saves us because we take
refuge in our Lord.**

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them.

But we personally and socially devote ourselves to other “gods” - the false gods of prosperity, materialism, and social status.

**Forgive us our sins and transform us
by your Spirit so that we might learn
to love as you love and live as people
baptized as your own children.**

Leader: Please continue in silent
confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News!

God's love will not let us go.

**People: He will bring us resurrection
and new life.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

A Time for Children

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land,
and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires
of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication
shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause
like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord,
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those
who prosper in their way,
over those who
carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret-it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord

shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked
will be no more;

though you look diligently

for their place, they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land,

and delight themselves

in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous
is from the Lord;
he is their refuge
in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked,
and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 6:27-38

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?

Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged;
do not condemn, and you will not be
condemned. Forgive, and you will be
forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Enemies and Selves





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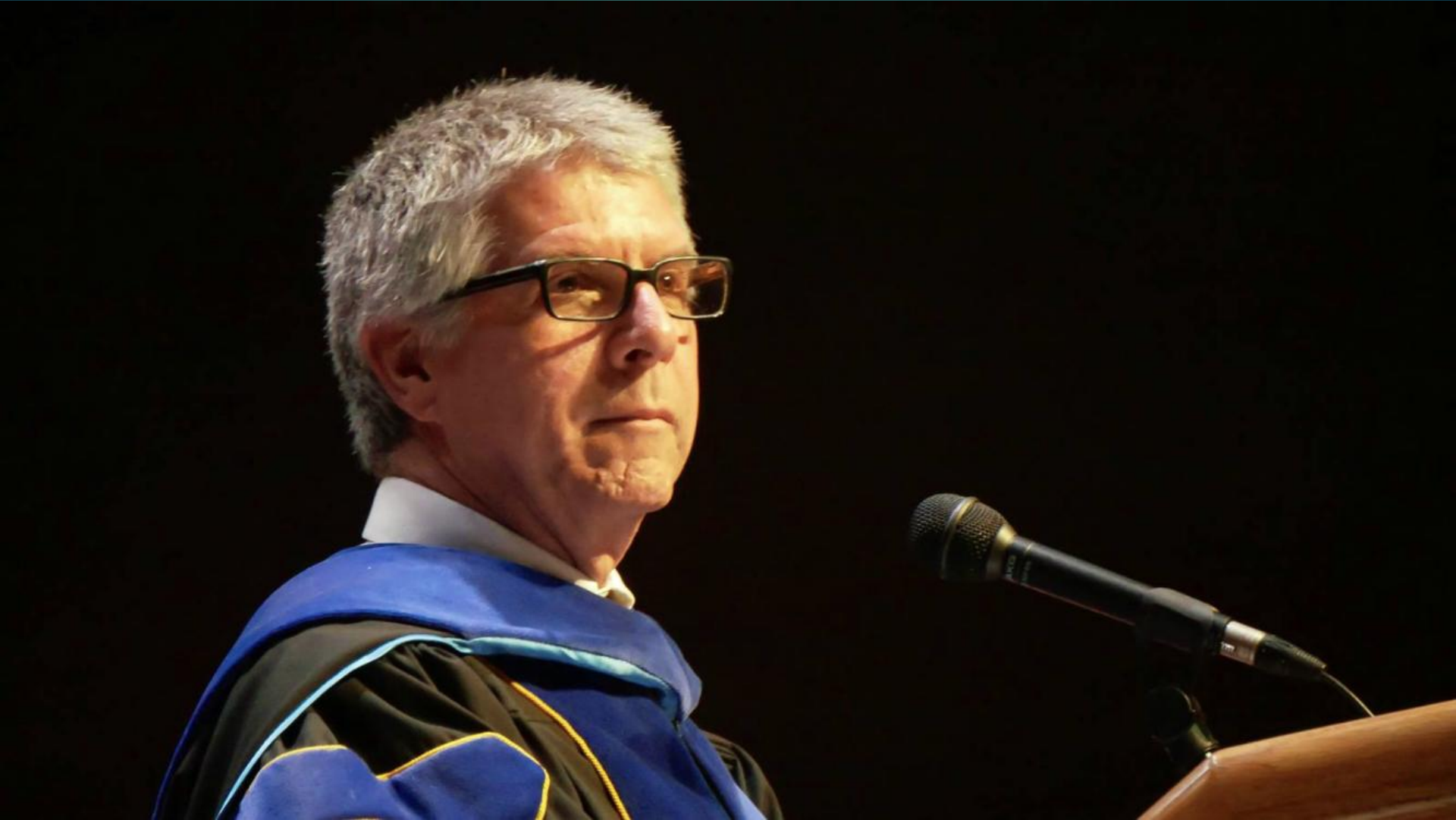
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God's love
is unconditional

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A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, palms up, holding a small, rectangular piece of torn, light-brown paper. The paper has a rough, deckled edge and is centered in the palms. The word "forgive" is written on the paper in a black, elegant cursive script. The hands are positioned against a dark, textured wooden background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the paper.

forgive



Middle Hymn

**“Open the Eyes of
My Heart”**

Receiving of New Members

Affirmation of Faith

(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.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Giving Thanks to God
with Our Tithes and
Offerings**

Offertory Song

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;**

**Praise God above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

(repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

People: O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

Glory to God #8

Closing Hymn

**“Eternal Father,
Strong to Save”**

TEXT: William Whiting, 1860, alt.

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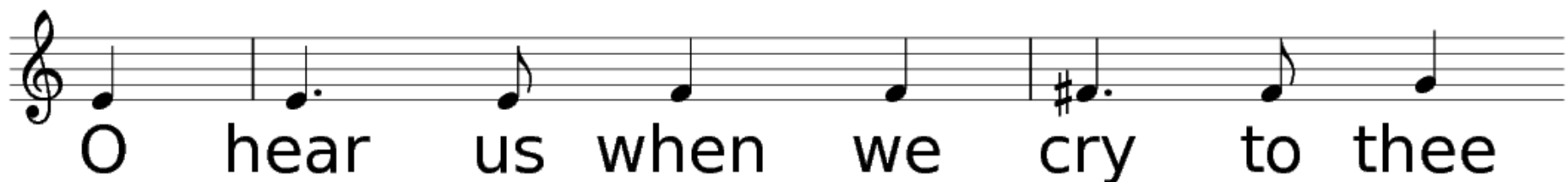
whose arm has bound the rest-less wave,



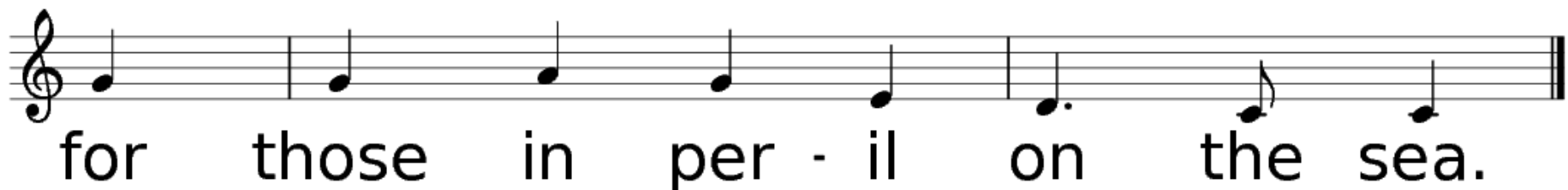
who bade the might - y o - cean deep



its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep:



O hear us when we cry to thee

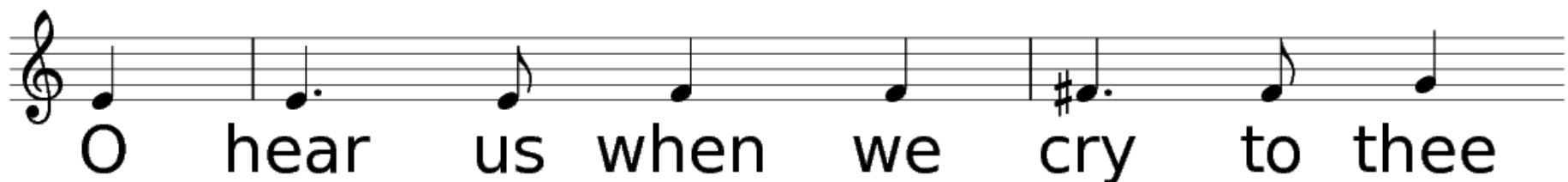


for those in per - il on the sea.

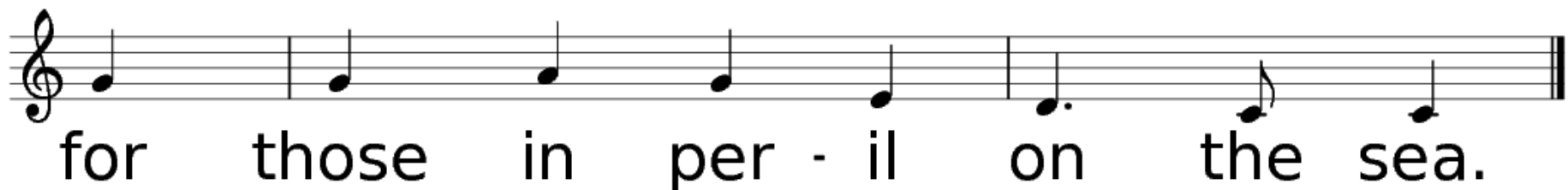
2. Ō Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word
the winds and waves sub - mis - sive heard,
who walked up - on the foam - ing deep,



and calm a - mid its rage did sleep:

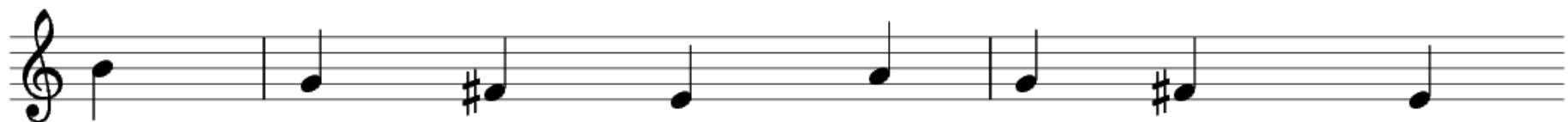


O hear us when we cry to thee

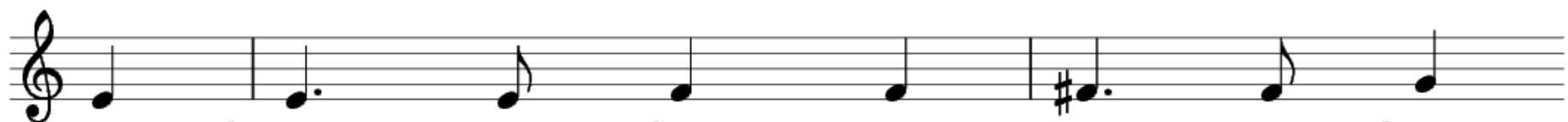


for those in per - il on the sea.

3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood
up - on the cha - os wild and rude,
and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease,



and gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace:



O hear us when we cry to thee



for those in per - il on the sea.



4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power,
all trav - elers guard in dan - ger's hour;
from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe,



pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go;



thus ev - er - more shall rise to thee



glad praise from air and land and sea.

Charge and Blessing

