

**Welcome**  
**to**  
**Kirkwood!**

# **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Glory to God #370*

# **Opening Hymn**

**“This Is My  
Father’s World”**

*TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901*

*MUSIC (TERRA BEATA, SMD): Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.*

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all na - ture sings, and round me rings  
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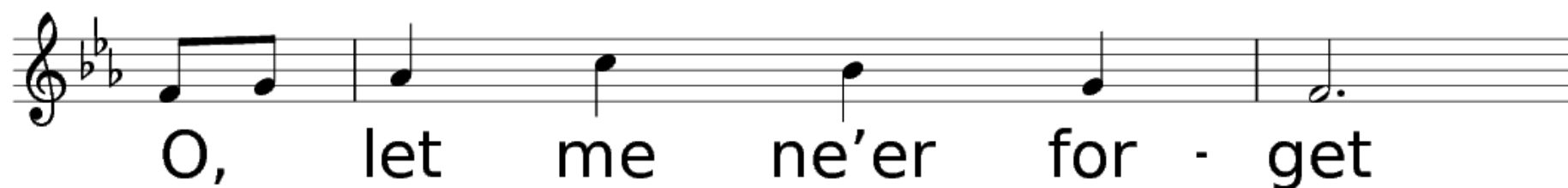
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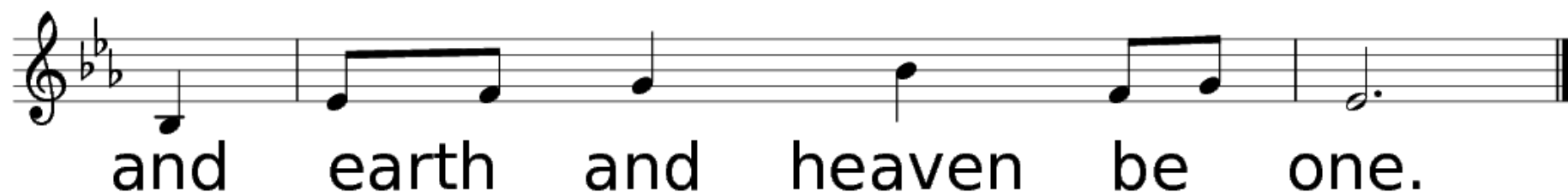
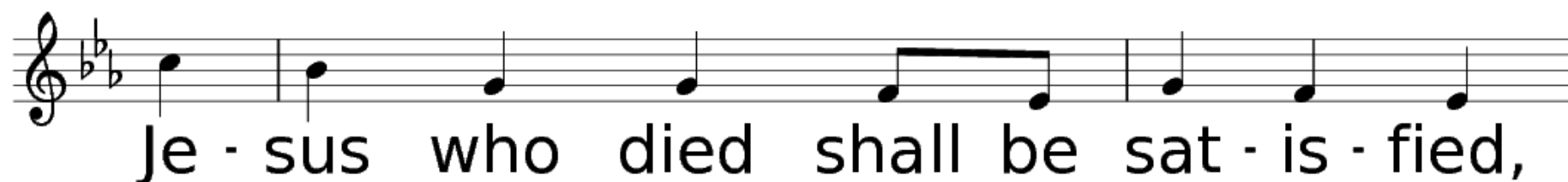
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# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us here to worship.

We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let us remember who we are:

**People: We are the body of Christ.**

Leader: We remember whose we are:

**People: We are God's beloved children.**

Leader: We remember our chief purpose:

**People: To glorify and enjoy God  
forever.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**A Time for Children**

# **Gathering Prayer**

# **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine ourselves. We are distracted by our fears.**

**We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important.**

**We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it, because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.**

**Forgive us. Help us discern and  
choose the better path as we seek  
to follow Christ.**

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

# **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News!  
God has chosen to make known to you  
the mystery of the glory of Jesus.

**People: The Spirit within us enriches  
our lives.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

# **Old Testament Lesson**

## **Psalms 52**

Why do you boast, O mighty one,  
of mischief done against the godly?

All day long you are  
plotting destruction.

Your tongue is like a sharp razor,  
you worker of treachery.

You love evil more than good,  
and lying more than  
speaking the truth.

*Selah*

You love all words that devour,

O deceitful tongue.

But God will break you down forever;

he will snatch and tear you

from your tent;

he will uproot you from the land

of the living.

*Selah*

The righteous will see, and fear,  
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,  
“See the one who would not take  
refuge in God,  
but trusted in abundant riches,  
and sought refuge in wealth!”

But I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.

I trust in the steadfast love of God  
forever and ever.

I will thank you forever,  
because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful  
I will proclaim your name,  
for it is good.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# **New Testament Lesson**

**Luke 10:38-42**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.”

But the Lord answered her, “Martha,  
Martha, you are worried and distracted  
by many things; there is need of only  
one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part,  
which will not be taken away from her.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Mary or Martha?



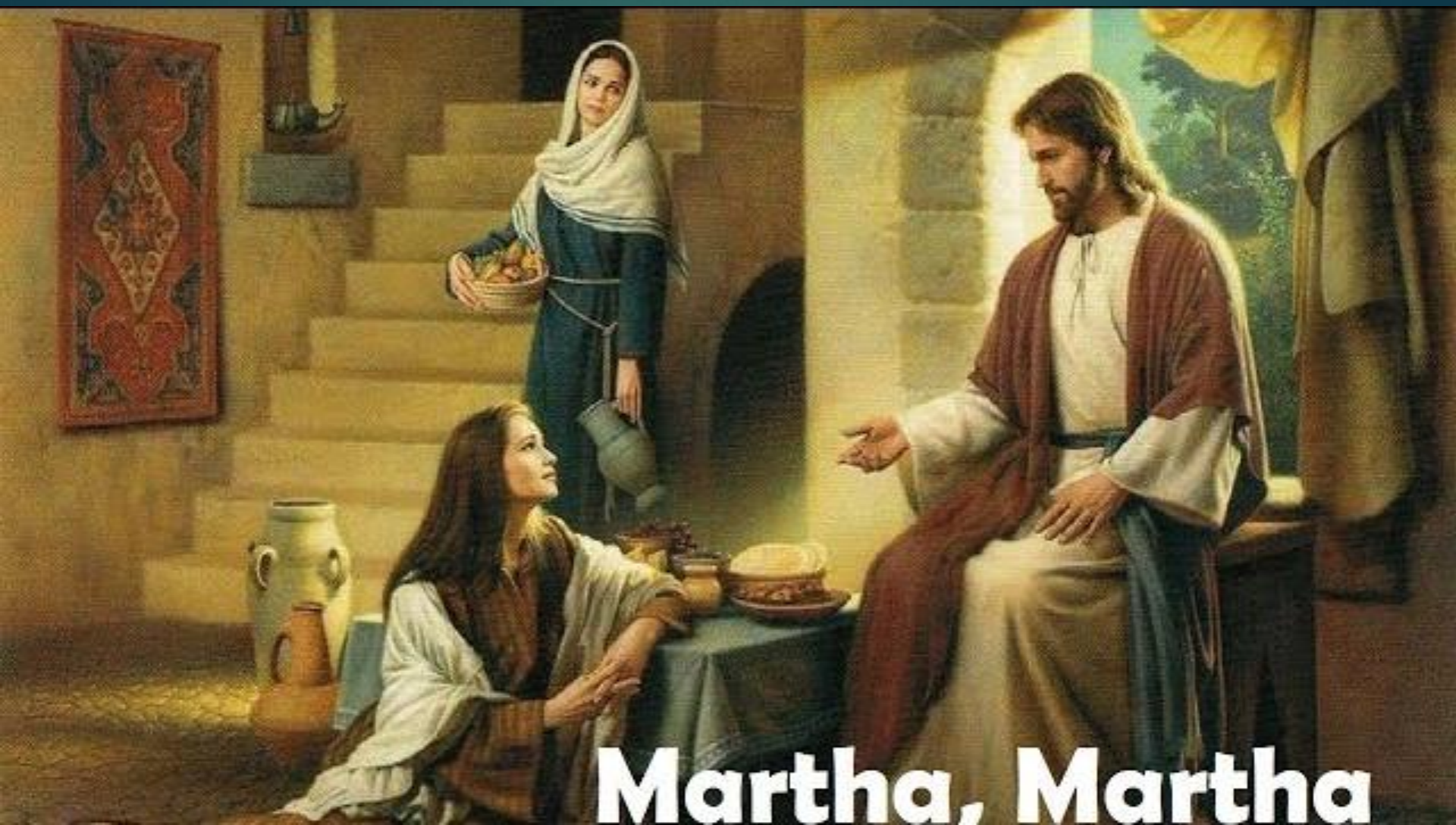






# Deacons

Appointed servants of the church



**Martha, Martha**







# Samuel




"Lesson 27: Samuel, the Boy Prophet," *Primary 6: Old Testament*, (1996), 117









**“Stop and Listen”**  
**(Luke 10:38-42)**

# **Middle Hymn**

**“Open Up the Heavens”**

# **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: Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world.**

**May they witness to your love and care  
for all people, as we offer our time and  
energy to do the same. In Jesus' name  
we pray, Amen.**

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# **Closing Hymn**

**“In My Life  
(*Lord, Be Glorified*)”**

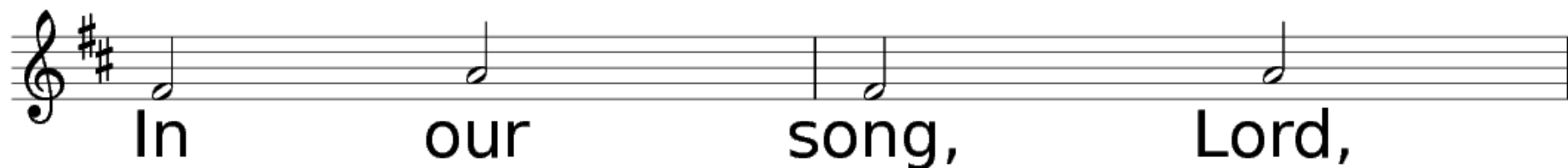
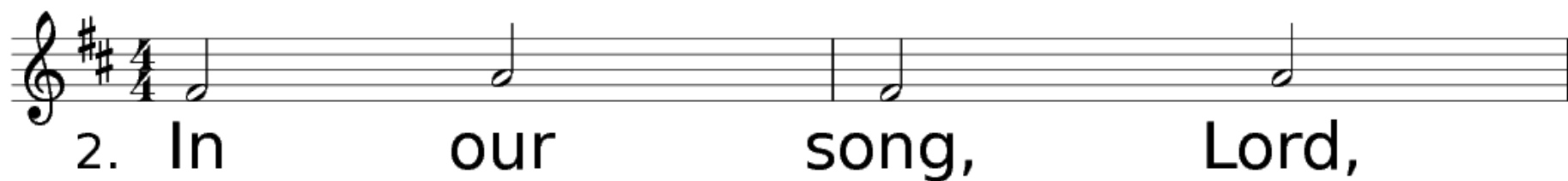
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1. In my life, Lord,

be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

In my life, Lord,

be glo - ri - fied to - day.



3. In your church, Lord,

be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

In your church, Lord,

be glo - ri - fied to - day.

4. In your world, Lord,

be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

In your world, Lord,

be glo - ri - fied to - day.

# **Charge and Blessing**

