

Welcome
to
Kirkwood!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Glory to God #401

Opening Hymn

**“Here in This Place
(Gather Us In)”**

v. 1, 2, & 4

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1. Here in this place the new light is stream-ing;



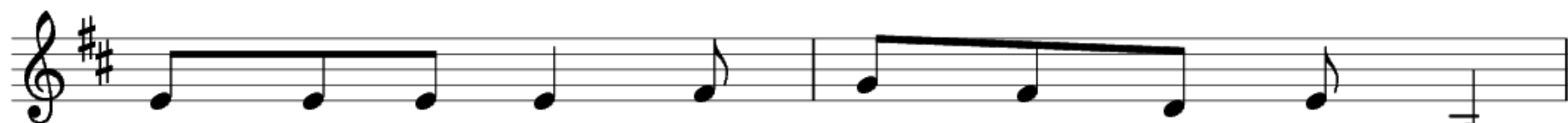
now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way;



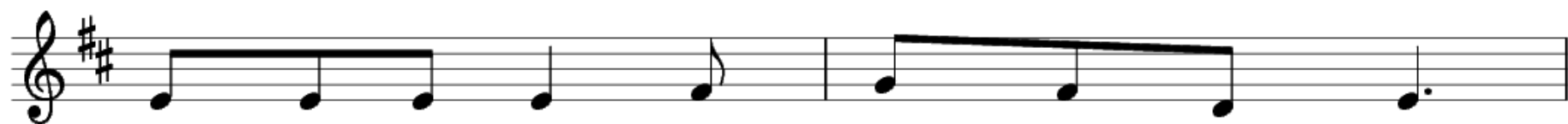
see in this space our fears and our dream-ings



brought here to you in the light of this day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en;



gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;



call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;



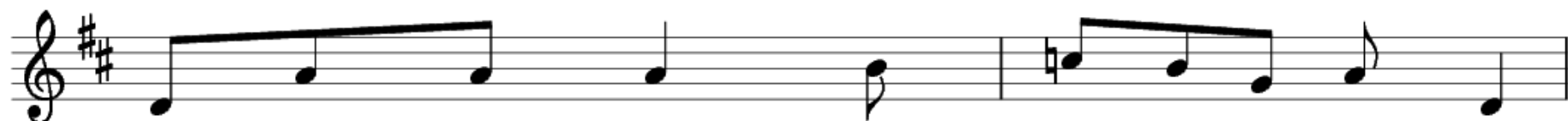
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.



2. We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery.



We are the old who yearn for your face.



We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,



called to be light to the whole hu-man race.



Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty;



gath-er us in, the proud and the strong;



give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;



give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.



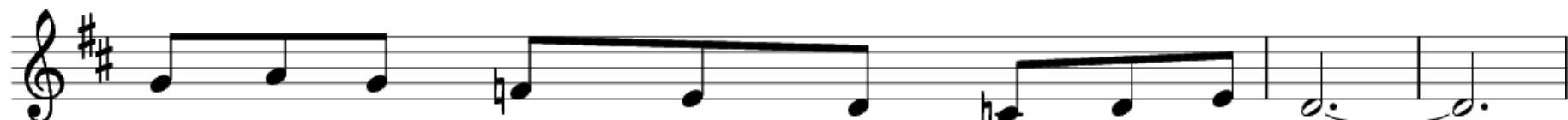
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing,



not in some heav-en, light years a-way:



here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 148)

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful
and full of majesty.

**People: May the Lord bless us with
God's Peace!**

Leader: The voice of the Lord proclaimed
Jesus as God's beloved.

**People: In our own baptisms, we are
claimed as God's beloved.**

A Time for Children

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Merciful God, we confess that we distance ourselves from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God.

**We exploit the earth as though it were
our possession rather than a gift
entrusted to our care and a reflection
of your image and glory.**

**Forgive us our sins and transform us
by your Spirit that we might live as
people who have been baptized as
your own children.**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel - all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, and repent of their sin, are one with Christ.

People: In his name, God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths.

Leader: Let us remember our baptisms
and trust in God's mercy to restore our
right standing as God's own.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant,
whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom
my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice
to the nations.

He will not cry or
lift up his voice,
or make it heard
in the street;

a bruised reed

he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick

he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring

forth justice.

He will not grow faint
or be crushed
until he has established
justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait
for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens
and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth
and what comes from it,
who gives breath to
the people upon it
and spirit to those who
walk in it:

I am the Lord,

I have called you

in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand

and kept you;

I have given you as a
covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners
from the dungeon,
from the prison those
who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord,
that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things
have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

You are MINE

Middle Hymn

“Won’t Start Now”

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, in our baptisms we have been named and claimed as your covenant people, connected deeply with you, with one another, and with the earth.

**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 #66

Closing Hymn

**“Every Time I Feel
the Spirit”**

TEXT: African American spiritual

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Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it



mov - ing in my heart I will pray.



Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it



mov - ing in my heart I will pray.



1. Up-on the moun-tain, when my Lord spoke,



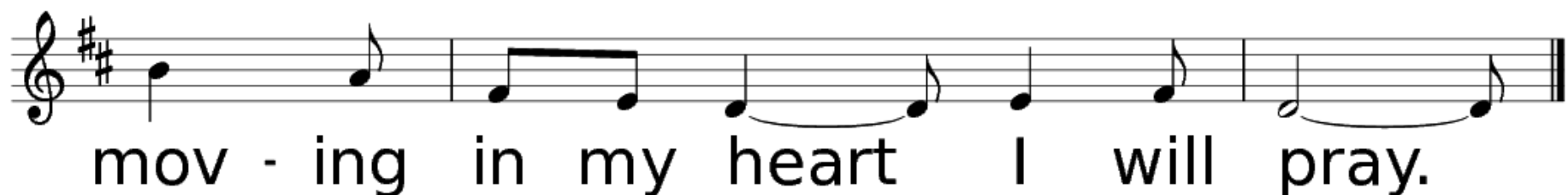
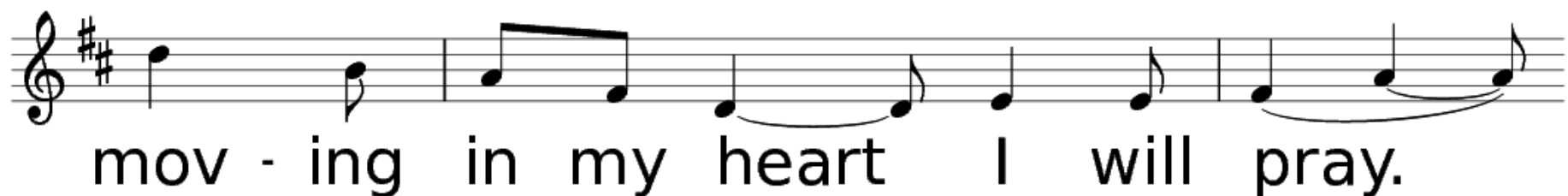
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.



Looked all a-round me, it looked so fine,



till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

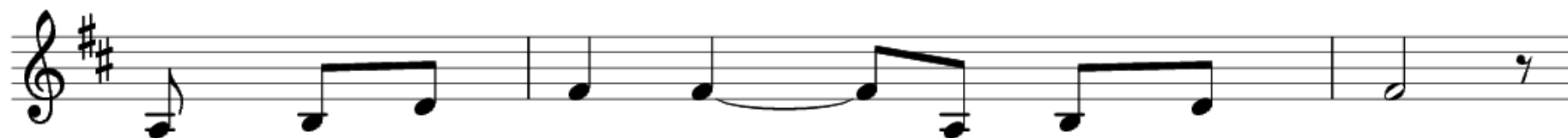




2. Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold,



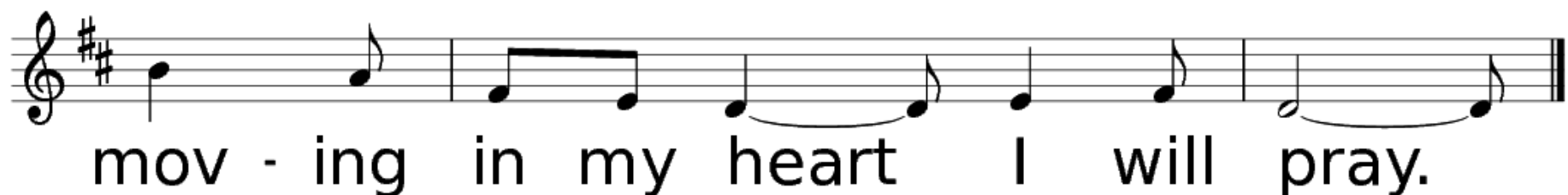
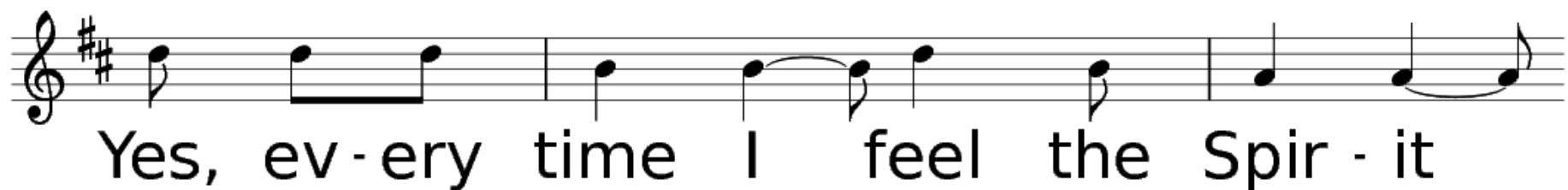
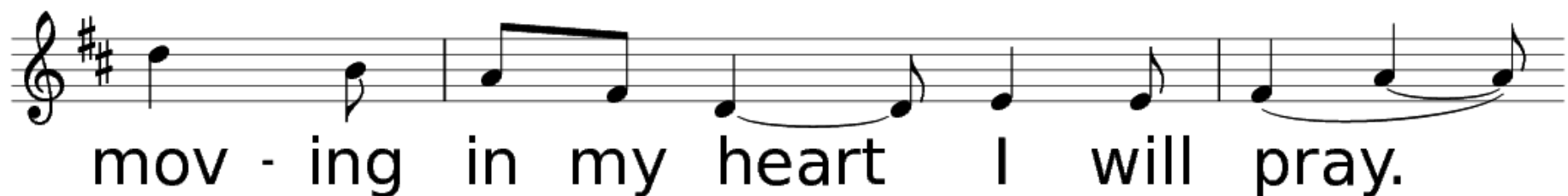
it chills the bod - y but not the soul.



There is but one train up - on this track.



It runs to heav - en and then right back.



Charge and Blessing

