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Red Clay Creek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY / SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 / 10 AM

Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!

We're glad you're here. If needed, a family area with CCTV is in the narthex near the front doors, and our nursery is open for young children. Restrooms are available by exiting out the side door near the pulpit and turning left. After worship, join us for Coffee Hour in Founders Hall by the main parking lot. Please silence your cell phone as we enter into worship.

GATHER

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.

Sign-Up!

RED CLAY SHARES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has brought us this far—through generations of faith, through seasons of change, through grace upon grace.
Many: And God is not finished with us yet.
One: Christ draws us closer—to him and to one another.
Many: Together, we FOLLOW.

(continued)

*Indicates all who are able may stand

One: God opens our eyes to wonder, wisdom, and possibility.
Many: Together, we DISCOVER.
One: The Spirit gathers our voices, our hearts, our whole lives.
Many: Together, we WORSHIP.
One: Grace received becomes grace given away.
Many: Together, we SHARE.
One: God has brought us this far. God will lead us on.
Many: FOLLOW. DISCOVER. WORSHIP. SHARE. Let us be the church together!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321 **The Church's One Foundation**

"Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and my King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them are ones playing tambourines… there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Edee Chase Fenimore

Many: God of grace, you give us more than we can see, and still we are afraid there will not be enough. We hold back when you call us forward. We overlook the gifts already among us. We forget to give thanks. We keep for ourselves what you meant us to share. Forgive us. Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our hands. Take what we have, take who we are, and make of us more than we imagined.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God's grace is not scarce. God's mercy does not run out. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and given another beginning.
Many: There is grace enough for all of us.
One: Thanks be to God.
Many: Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
(Hymn 523; congregation joins on cue)

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE — The Rev. Tim Rodden

Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — My Lighthouse — (REND Collective)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the conclusion, we look forward to welcoming all children through 8th grade to the nursery or their Sunday school classes, as the congregation prepares to hear the sermon.

SUNG RESPONSE — You Satisfy the Hungry Heart — (see previous)

PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER — The Rev. Emily Schwenker

CALL TO THE OFFERING

We invite you to make an online donation or by placing a check or cash in the collection plate. Envelopes are available in the pews for specified giving. The gray envelopes are for our Roots & Rays Fund, which goes to creative outreach projects in the community.

MUSICAL OFFERING — Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — We Lift Our Voices — (Hymn 710)

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION — The Rev. Nancy W. Anderson

HYMN 69, vss. 1,3 — **I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)**

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:1–13 The Rev. Neta Lindsay Pringle

MUSICAL OFFERING I Love to Tell the Story † (congregation joins on cue)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest;
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

SERMON Second Serving: The Endurance The Rev. Dr. Phillips

SEND

*HYMN 826 **Lift High the Cross**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

† *Today's anthem "I Love to Tell the Story" was commissioned by Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church to celebrate its 300th anniversary on November 20, 2022, from internationally known composer and arranger Mark Hayes. The arrangement features a "new" tune to the familiar words of the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus and His Love"—intentionally selected because Red Clay has been telling Jesus' story for over 300 years!*

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A special welcome to our visiting clergy members,
who are participating in today's service:

The Rev. Nancy W. Anderson, *RCCPC Regular Attender*
The Rev. Edee Chase Fenimore, *Former RCCPC Parish Associate*
The Rev. Neta Lindsay Pringle, *Former RCCPC Transitional Pastor*
The Rev. Tim Rodden, *Former RCCPC Youth*
The Rev. Emily Schwenker, *RCCPC Parish Associate*

Thanks to today's worship participants:

Gideon Pilipis, Caleigh Serpico, Noah Spencer, *Youth Procession Participants*
Festival Choir & Children's Choir, *Music Ministry*
Sue Peo, *Trumpet*
Lois Galinat, *Usher Captain*
Dave Rahn, *Greeter*

The flowers today are given in loving memory of my grandmother,
Sarah V. Townsend, from Keith Barton. She was born November 18, 1900,
and was a member of RCCPC from 1920 until her death in 2003;
for many years, she was Red Clay's oldest member.

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Join us for refreshments & fellowship in Founders Hall following the postlude.

Through a series of in-person messages, devotionals, and worship opportunities, we hope to keep you connected to—and nurtured by—the Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church community. Make sure you're signed up for our Thursday eNews, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. Visit www.rccpc.org.

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Red Clay Creek Presbyterian invites you to
its *Signature Services & Events* during the coming year.

SERVICE OF LIGHT & HOPE — December 6th, 2026 | 3PM

A time of reflection and healing for those carrying burdens this season.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES — December 24th, 2026

- **Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 4PM**
- **An Acoustic Candlelight Service | 6PM**
- **Holy Night Service with Candlelight | 8PM**
- **Candlelight & Communion Service | 11PM**

ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE — February – March, 2027

A month-long service effort each year, that directs our intention to the needs of our community.

HOLY WEEK 2027

- **Maundy Thursday — March 25th ; Good Friday — March 26th**
- **Resurrection Remembrance Service — March 28th | 9:30AM Worship**
- **Easter Sunday — March 28th | 10AM Worship**

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — May 16th, 2027 | 10AM

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, so a church celebration and blessing of the tartans in our Presbyterian church honors both local and church heritage since it was the Scots who brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC — June 13th, 2027 | 10AM

Join us in the back meadow for worship and our annual picnic.

CAMP RED CLAY — July 2027 | 9AM-12PM

Kids (K-5th grade) can attend one of our three Camp Red Clays! More info coming soon.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY — September 2027 | 10AM

We mark our return to regular church programming with the start of our fall sermon series and Sunday School & youth ministry kick offs.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 2027 | 10AM

We give thanks for God's many blessings and our rich history of over 300 years.

WELCOME TO RED CLAY

For LARGE print bulletins, please ask an Usher.
Restrooms are available. Just ask!

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home! Rooted in God's abiding love for all, our church is lighting the way for friendship, compassion, and service. All are welcome, for Jesus gathers us together even as we divide ourselves by politics, denomination, or whatever labels the world puts on us. Please join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall after service. We hope you will worship with us again soon! If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Red Clay, it's time to think about membership! Contact Elder Karen Vordemberge at kvordemberge@gmail.com.

Here at Red Clay, we have numerous groups that are open and that welcome newcomers, including, e.g., Quilters, Crafters, "Friends and Fellowship" luncheon for seniors, Bible study, ROMEOs ("Retired Old Men Eating Out"), Centering Prayer and "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials. Details can be found at *www.rccpc.org*!

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45AM through the conclusion of worship in Room 125 (just down the hallway from the sanctuary). After the Children's Moment, Pre-K - Kindergarteners will adjourn to Room 123, Grades 1-3 will adjourn to Room 208, and Grades 4-8 will adjourn to Room 204/206.

UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Next Sunday: Celebration of the Church Year & PIE DAY!

We'll enjoy a celebration of the church year. Just when we think the feast of God's grace and blessings is finished, He surprises us with one more course.

Pie becomes the parable: the unexpected encore, the taste of Easter all over again, the reminder that His goodness keeps coming back around.



Join us for fellowship and PIE after worship. We invite you to bring your favorite PIE to share!

RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN — MINISTERS, STAFF & CHAIRS

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, *Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*
Rev. Emily Schwenker

Jeffrey Miller, *Director of Music*
Deena Andrews, *Director of Children's Choir*
Lisa Nichols, *Bell Choir Director*

Rachele Gilmore, *Director of Community Life*
Jamie Russell, *Director of Children & Youth Ministries*
Barbara Vanderkraats, *Pastoral Care Coordinator* ❖ Ben Andrews, *Seminary Resident*
David Newby, *Youth Coordinator* ❖ Judy Lozier, *Nursery Director*
Delaney Christel & Josephine DeCaire, *Sunday School Teachers*

Julie Reeder, *Office Coordinator* ❖ Dinyar Vania, *Facilities Manager*
Kelley Norton, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Anthony M. Condoluci-Smith, *Financial Associate*

Charlie Hannagan, *Technology Support*
A. Leonhard, S. Armstrong, A. Bloom, D. Howarth, *Livestream Production*

Nancy James, *Clerk of Session* ❖ Kathy Ciabattoni, *Deacon Moderator*
Bill Ciabattoni, *Belong Chair* ❖ Darlyn Green-Kocher, *Nurture Chair*
Linda Reisor, *Reach Chair* ❖ Lois Galinat, *Rejoice Chair*
Brandon Wallace, *Finance Chair* ❖ Christine Fischer, *Personnel Chair*
Mark Cozine, *Home Chair* ❖ John Gast, *Administration Chair*
Andrew Bloom, *Community Partners* ❖ Marcia Kelly, *Memory Garden Chair*
** For a complete list of all Session Ruling Elders and Board of Deacons members, please refer to https://www.rccpc.org.**

A NOTE ON THE LOGO
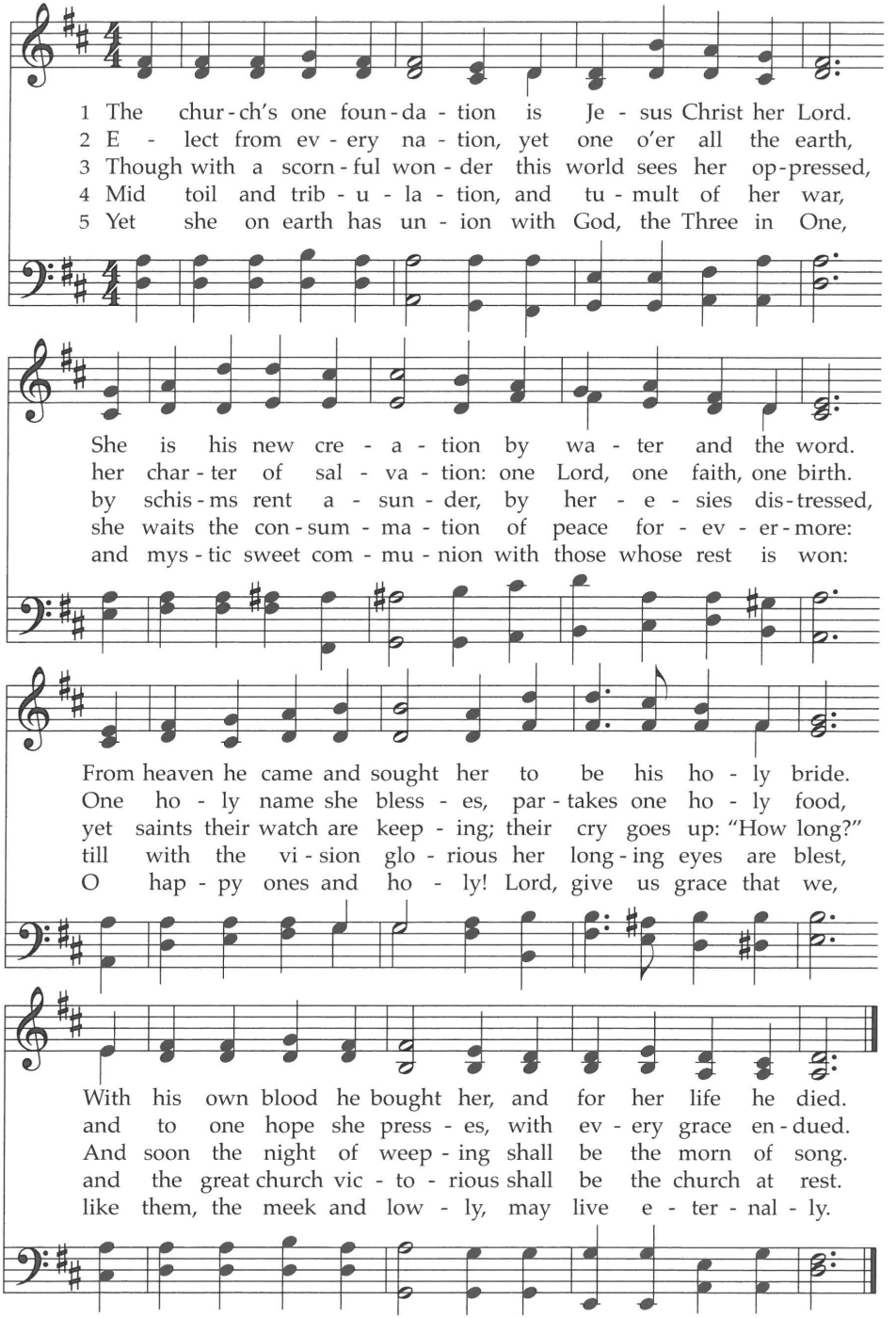
Our church has "**roots**" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope to be a sign that this kind of community can still exist. We also believe that, in order for that community to exist, we need to stay "rooted" in the Good News that God has chosen to love us - not because of who we are, but because of who God is. We call that grace.



That is where the "**rays**" come in. We hope to extend our love, and the love we know from the graciousness of God, in many ways today. This means engaging in friendships with those that Jesus would have made friends with - those that feel isolated for any number of reasons. We know we will never be perfect at that, but we will try! We are especially aware that churches have long held back from friendship with others based on age, economics, sexuality, race, disability, and the list goes on. We seek to be something different than that. There are so many stories about how Jesus entered into life-affirming friendships with those that others wouldn't. We seek to be like Jesus.

Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder of God's transformative presence.
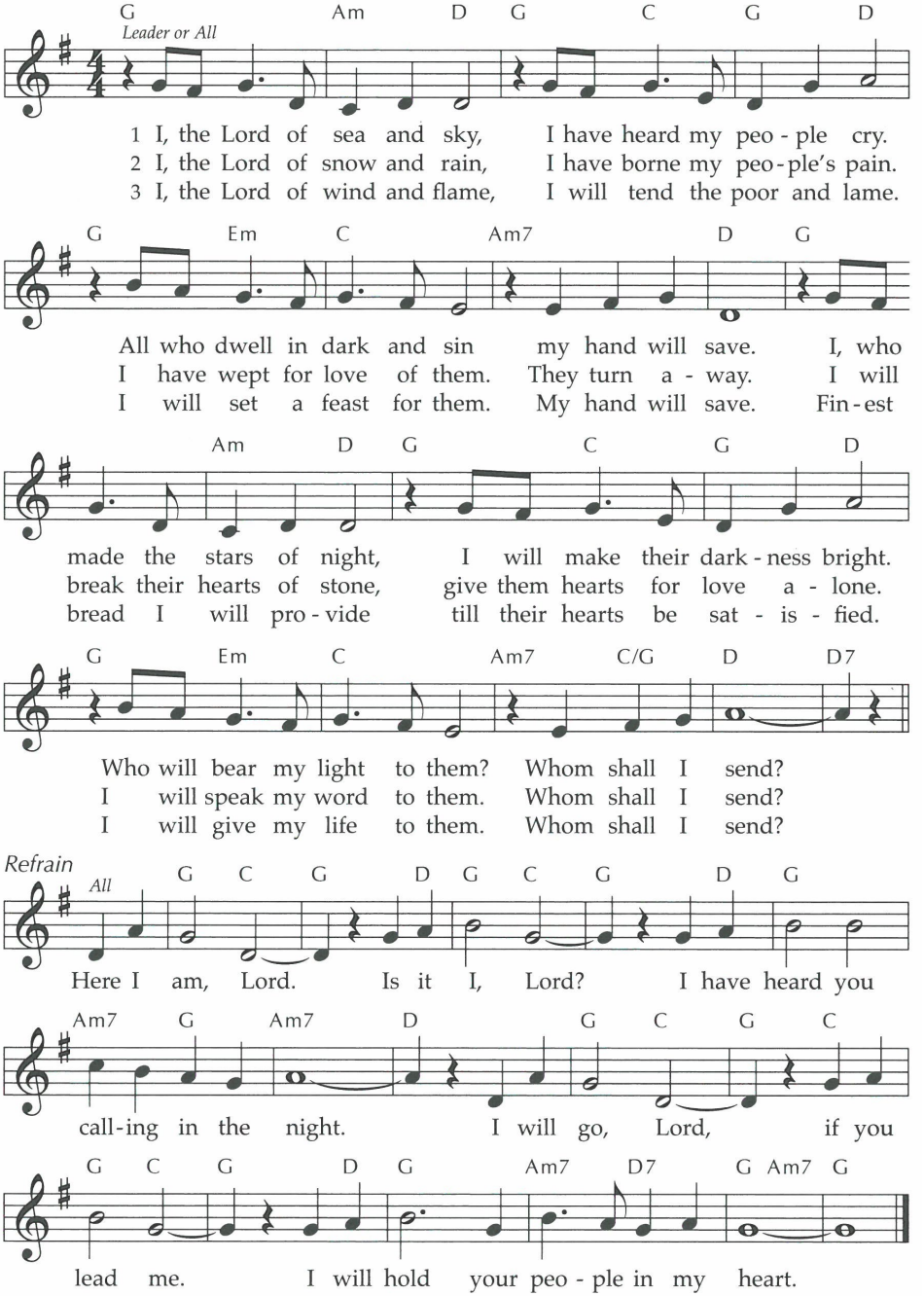
The Church's One Foundation 321



This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.
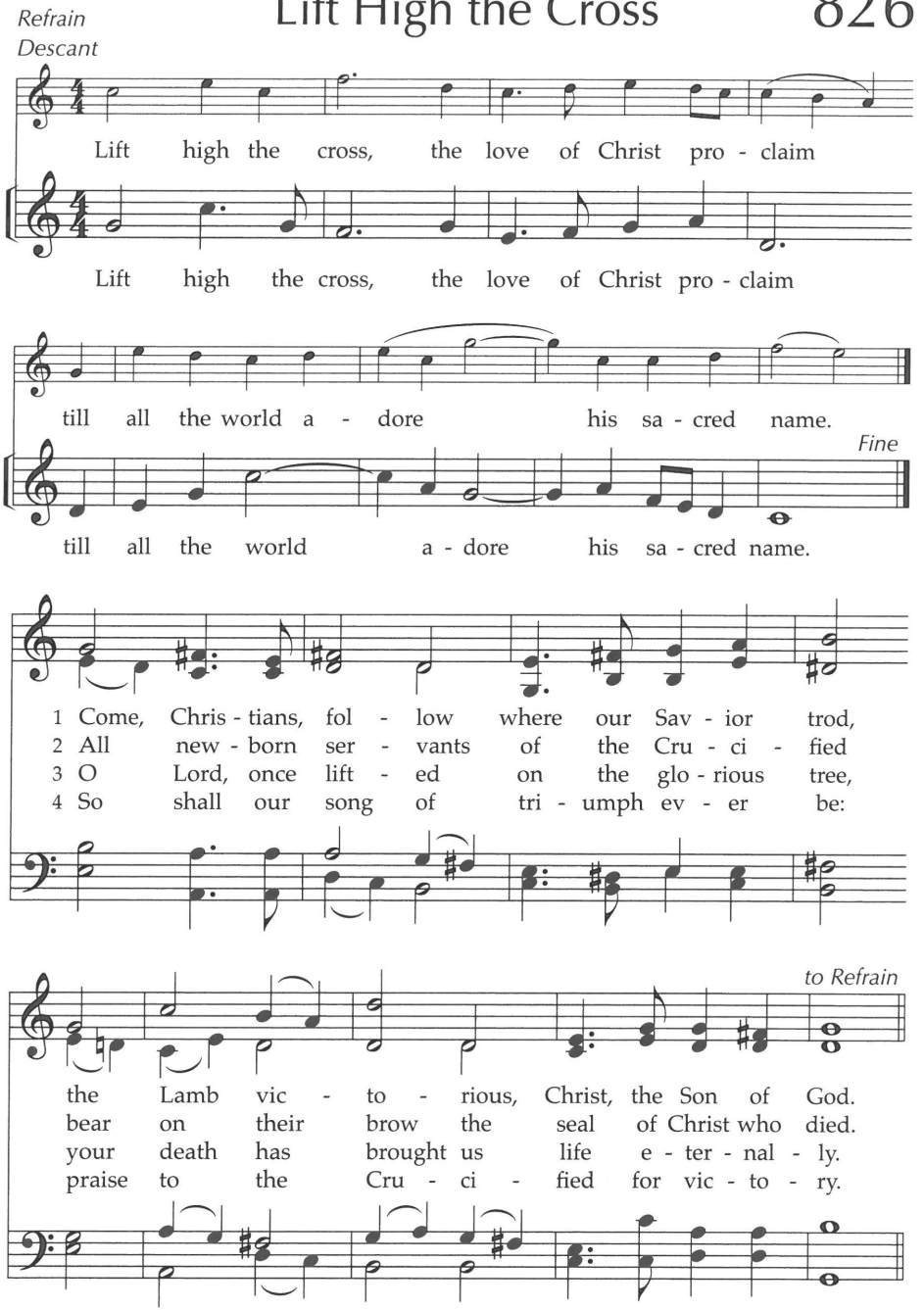
69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

Lift High the Cross 826



This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.