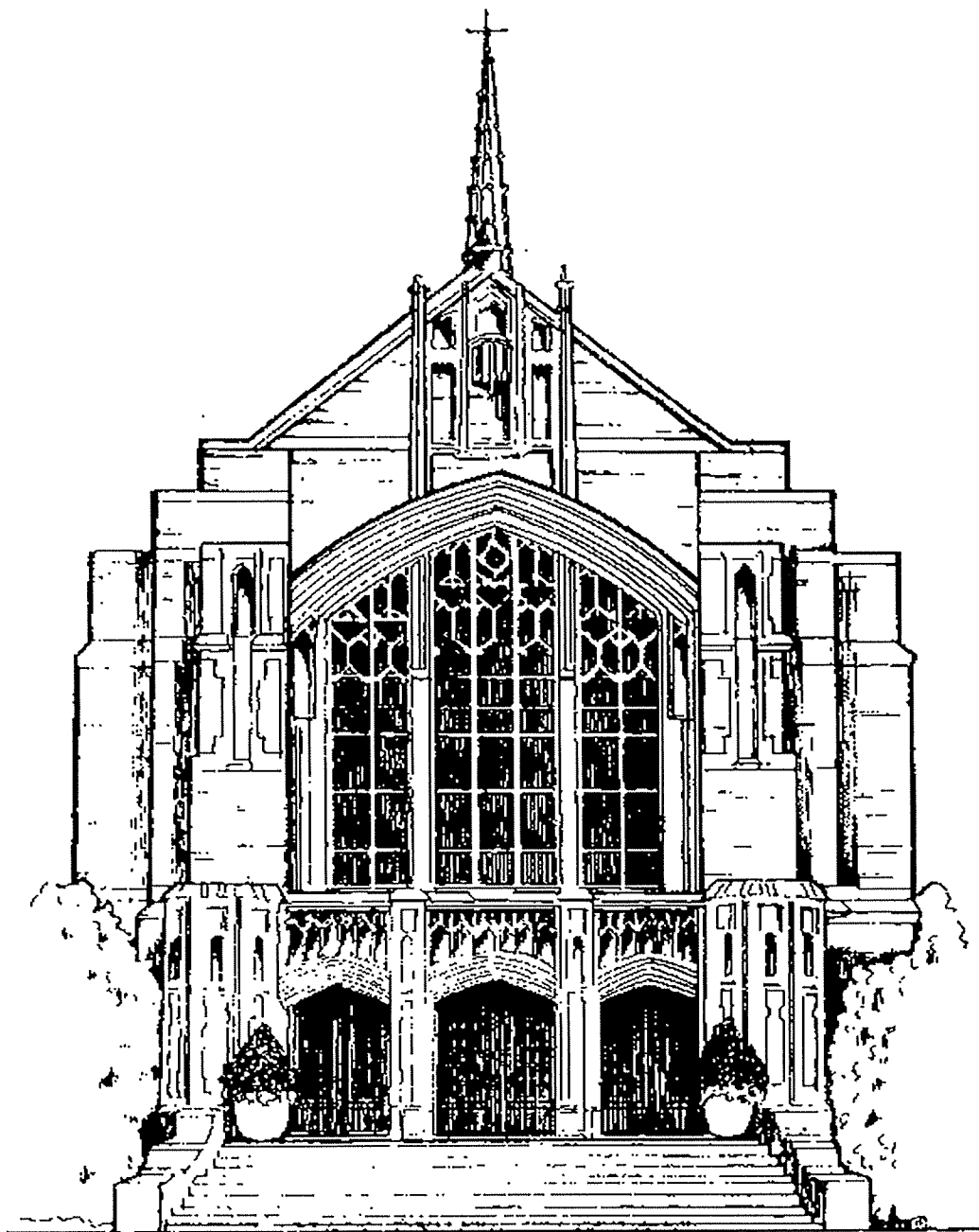


First Baptist Church of Dayton

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 21, 2024



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*Celebrating 200 Years 1824-2024*

## ***A Story of Love***

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...." John 3:16*

gather round  
I have a story to tell  
of one who reached inside himself  
and took a handful of love  
like a pile of stardust  
and said: this is for you  
it is all you need  
it is all you will ever need  
there is enough here  
to change the whole world  
take it

many laughed at him  
mocked him  
and ignored the invitation

but some dared to take it  
and those who did  
noticed something about this love  
they found they could do what the gift-giver could do  
they could stand with the lost  
welcome the traveler  
eat with the hungry  
they found themselves doing what the man first did  
to them  
give something of themselves to others  
they became like the man  
offering themselves  
and as they offered themselves  
others took the invitation  
and many still do  
and many still trust  
it is enough to change the whole world

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Listening to the Stones.  
<http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nk-blogging/mucky-paws/>



The First Baptist Church at Worship  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 April 21, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

R. Alan Kimbrough, Organist

“Introduction-Choral” and “Prayer” from *Suite Gothique*  
 Leon Boellmann

Psalm 23 Chorale Preludes on “Brother James’ Air” and “St. Columba”  
 Benjamin M. Culli, Robin Milford, and Ian Higginson

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir  
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! ..... arr. William Henry Caldwell

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this assurance gives!  
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!*

\*WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#68 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*  
 HE LEADETH ME

“He Leadeth Me” by American Joseph Gilmore was birthed out of a particular struggle in American history. This hymn was composed in 1862 during the Civil War, a time of upheaval and insecurity. The author was preaching at First Baptist Church in Philadelphia soon after his ordination.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

Tonya Mitchell

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

Tonya Mitchell

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our

hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

Meredith Ryan

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#66 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
RESIGNATION

Psalm 23 remains the most well-loved and often recited psalm, and Isaac Watts' powerful paraphrase, coupled with the peaceful yet strong American folk tune, make this hymn a moving rendition of that psalm. Watts' interpretation of the last line of psalm, "and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever," gives a new understanding to the original psalm: "No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home." Watts gives us a concrete image of dwelling – a child, knowing he or she is safe and secure, and in a place of love and comfort – to help us understand what it is we hope for. The same peace we find in the pasture and by the stream, we find in the house of the LORD, to which our Shepherd is leading us day by day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. David Coggins

(Children are invited to come forward for the message during the last verse of the Fellowship Hymn.  
Children will return to sit with their families for the remainder of the service.)

CALL TO PRAYER (SEE PG. 8)

*I Love You, Lord, Today*  
CHINWAH SONGS

**I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, today  
because You care for me in such a special way.  
And yes I praise You. I lift you up. I magnify Your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.  
My heart, my mind, my soul belong to you.  
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.  
And yes, I praise You. I lift you up. I magnify Your name.  
That's why my heart is filled with praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

The Wright State University Collegiate Chorale  
Dr. Nathan Nagir, Conductor

Indodana ..... Traditional isiXhosa Song

TEXT & TRANSLATION

WOMEN

Ngob'umthatile umtwana wakho, uhlale nathi hololo helele  
The Lord has taken his son who lived amongst us.  
Indodana ka nkulunkulu bayi'bethelela hololo helele  
The son of the Lord God was crucified.

MEN

Hololo Baba Jehova  
Hololo Father Jehovah (Hololo represents crying and has no translation)  
Zjem zja baba  
Zjem zja father (Zjem zja is expressive with no meaning)

I Love You/What a Wonderful World ..... arr. Craig Hella Johnson

We can be together now and forever, I love you, I love you. And when I'm praying,  
I hear Him saying I love you. People all over the world, they're opening up, they're  
coming around, and they're saying I love you. I see skies of blue and clouds of white, bright,  
blessed day and dark sacred night; and I think to myself, what a wonderful world.  
The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, are also on the faces of the people going by.  
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you? They're really saying I love you.  
I hear babies cry, I watch them grow, they'll learn much more than I'll ever know,  
and I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

THE SERMON

Rev. Alspaugh

*"No Greater Love"*

*The Response of God's People*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#456 *I Come With Joy*  
DOVE OF PEACE

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift; one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here. Uncharacteristic of many older Communion hymns, the incipit speaks of an attitude of Joy when approaching the Table. The first stanza is written from a first-person singular perspective. The individual worshipper comes to the table with joy for what Christ has done.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Alspaugh

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#523 v.1 *God Be With You*  
GOD BE WITH YOU

The Battle of Jericho ..... Moses Hogan

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, and the walls came a tumbling down.  
Talk about you men of Gideon, talk about you men of Saul,  
But there's none like good ole Joshua, at the battle of Jericho, that morning.  
Right up to the walls of Jericho, He marched with spear in hand,  
go blow that ram's horn Joshua cried, cause the battle am in my hand God a mighty,  
then the lamb ram sheep horn begin to blow, the trumpet begin sound.  
Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come a tumbling down.  
Joshua fit the battle of Jericho.

Praise His Holy Name ..... Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down, shout hallelujah, praise His holy name.  
Sing till the power of the Lord come down, shout hallelujah, praise His holy name.  
Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Him. Shout hallelujah, praise His holy name.  
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free  
No there's a cross for everyone, and there is a cross for me.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Him. Shout Hallelujah, praise His holy name.  
Holy, Jesus, praise His name, Oh Hallelujah, praise His holy name,  
Hallelujah, let us praise his name, Hallelujah, Lord,  
Hallelujah, Praise His name.  
Praise his Holy name. Praise Him.

(\*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please place your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.*  
**Thank you!**



**Welcome to the Wright State University Collegiate Chorale!**

With us this morning at Historic First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio is the Wright State University Collegiate Chorale under the direction of Dr. Nathan Nagir, who is in his second year as conductor of this fine group. For many years, this group was directed by Dr. Hank Dahlman, who was also the conductor of the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus that many of us know so well here at First Baptist. Dr. Nagir is from Trinidad, and he holds the Doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Nagir is a dedicated and passionate music educator, choral clinician, and performer. He studied Choral Conducting with the Grammy Award winning composer and conductor Craig Hella Johnson. We welcome Dr. Nagir and the Chorale as they bring their special music throughout the Dayton community and First Baptist Church. We will receive a special love offering this morning to help support the Chorale and its conductor Dr. Nagir. Women of the Chancel Choir will provide lunch for the members of the Chorale immediately following the service. Welcome to First Baptist!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

### Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Jason Alspaugh	Bill Harrell	Judy Smith
Glen Babb	Lavanda Ferguson	Anita Suro
Clara Black	Jett Family	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Ron Kalbfleisch	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Ray Landis	Harold West
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Dorothy Williams
Linda Ginter-Brown	Liss Family	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Vincent Liss	<b><i>Military Duty:</i></b>
June Collier	Tom McKenzie	Sebastian Ewald
Pamela Cress	Arthur Merkle	Sunny Ewald
Lynn Domescik	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
David Donovan	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Earnest Family	Judy See	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

### Week of April 21 – 28

Sun. 21	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
Wed. 24	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
Thu. 25	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 28	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering

### April Adult Sunday School Classes

***“Those Who Witness and Testify: Character Studies in John’s Gospel”***

Led by The Rev. Kate Bradley  
 April 7 – 28 @ 11:30am-12:15pm  
 1st Floor Chapel

The Fourth Gospel offers a vivid narrative aimed at instilling belief in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, and guiding readers toward life in His name (John 20:31). By closely examining John’s character portrayals—such as John “the Baptist,” Nicodemus, Peter, and Mary Magdalene—we gain deeper insight into the core themes and teachings John emphasizes about Jesus and the Christian journey. In this study, Kate Bradley will introduce us to these people as *John writes about them*. Following that, we’ll engage in a close reading of a Scripture passage, which will serve as a springboard for personal discussions.

## **Bicentennial Keepsake**

***On Sale Now thru April 21***

The First Baptist Church of Dayton's Bicentennial is on our minds and hearts this year. We have a special keepsake to commemorate this historic event! It is a beautiful wooden replica of our church (5"3/8" high x 7 1/2" wide). A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall where you may sign up for how many keepsakes you would like to purchase. The price will be \$10 each and may be picked up after payment. We are blessed and honored to follow those who have led the way in the Dayton community for 200 years. May we be a blessing to those in the future of First Baptist Church of Dayton.

## **Almost Last Call for Photos!!**

If you have any wedding, trunk-or-treat, softball, or eclipse photos, please email them to [angelinahoschouer@gmail.com](mailto:angelinahoschouer@gmail.com). If you have photos that can go on display boards that you don't need back, please drop off in church office or give to Kent or Angie. Thank you!

## **Prep Meeting for Vacation Bible School**

There will be a preliminary Vacation Bible School preparation meeting at the **home of Janet Landis on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 with dinner provided**. All are welcome even if you cannot attend VBS week (July 8-12), we need your ideas! Please RSVP to Janet Landis at [janetcwl318@gmail.com](mailto:janetcwl318@gmail.com) or cell 937-901-6871, or home 937-237-9127. Address is 4760 Blue Spruce Ct, Dayton 45424.

## **Church Women United News**

April Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dorothy Lane Baptist Church, 1pm. Our speaker will be William Davis, a local activist for single-payer health care.

Save the date! May Friendship Day, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm at United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Rd. Clayton, OH 45315. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Marva Hughes. Remember to bring your offerings for the "Fellowship of the Least Coin."

## **Upcoming BYF Gathering**

### **BYF Gathering & Paint Party @ FBC**

Sunday, April 28 @ 12:15-2:30pm

Also, we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants, and ask that parents turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason ([jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org) / 937-631-3579). Print copies are available outside the church office. Friends are always welcome, but we ask that they also turn in a BYF Form.

## **Rebuilding Together Dayton -- National Rebuild Day**

Saturday, April 27 @ 8:30-12:30 (or later)

Location to Be Announced

## **Mark Your May Calendar!**

- May 12: Dedication of FBC Historical Marker, after church
- May 18: Memorial Service for Rev. Jim Earnest, 10 AM at FBC
- May 25: Celebration of Life for Mary K. Lee at Englewood MetroPark, 12-3 PM
- May 26: FBC Bicentennial Celebration with Service and Banquet on Founders Sunday  
*(It's important to RSVP for the catered banquet!)*



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*Bicentennial Celebration*  
1824 - 2024

*111 W. Monument Avenue*  
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Please join the First Baptist Church of Dayton  
for their Bicentennial Celebration  
1824-2024



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*Sunday, May 26, 2024*

*10:00 a.m. - Service*

*11:30 a.m. - Lunch*

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Please RSVP to Linda Blair  
by May 17, 2024  
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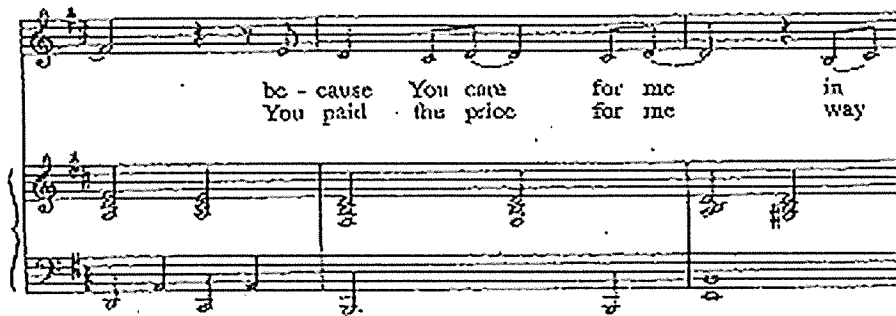
# CALL TO PRAYER

## 580 I LOVE YOU, LORD, TODAY

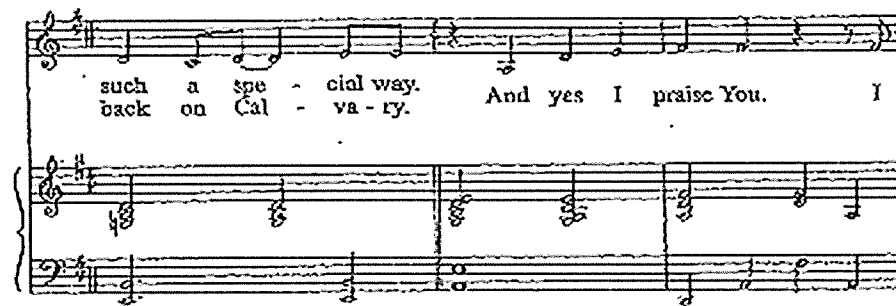
...Yes, Lord; you know that I love You...  
John 21:15



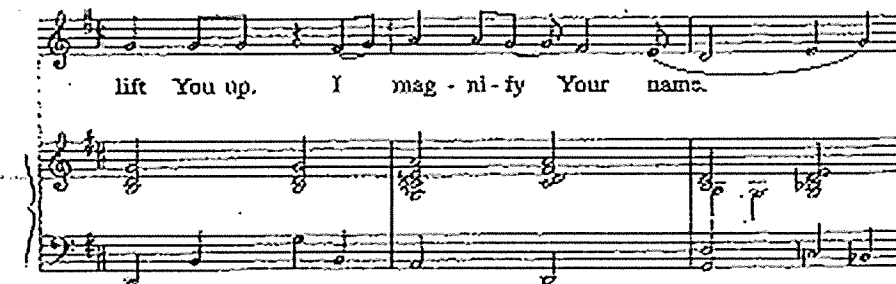
1. I love You. I love You. I love You, Lord, to-day  
2. My heart, my mind, my soul be-long to You




be-cause You care for me in  
You paid the price for me way



such a spe-cial way. And yes I praise You. I  
back on Cal-va-ry.



lift You up. I mag-ni-fy Your name.



That's why my heart is filled with praise.