Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2026

Rev. Benjamin Glaser, D. Min, Pastor

Lord's Day Morning Worship Order of Service

Prelude "Blessed Assurance"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Mark 1:6-8

*Hymn "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall" #135 v. 1-3

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer *(Debts and Debtors)*

*Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 19:8-19

Children's Moment

*Bible Song "The Endless Mercy of God" #286 v. 1-3

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem "Joy in The Lord" #68

Sermon "*Have You Not Shown Partiality*" James 2:1-13

*Bible Song "The Blessings of The Godly Man" #236 v. 1-4

*Benediction Malachi 4:1-3

*Doxology chorus #236

*Postlude "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Thank you for joining us today for the worship of Jesus Christ, our Common Lord and Savior. If you would like to know more about Bethany, please fill out one of the pew cards and place them in an offering plate.

** - Please Stand If Able*

Announcements

- There is a nursery provided upstairs (0-4) as need may arise.
- Mr. Darin Melson and his family send their thanks for your warm and genuine hospitality last Lord's Day morning!
- The Blessing Box is in need of donations, especially supper-making products. Please place them on the table in the fellowship hall.
- If you do not see the push notifications or if you need help signing up with the Church Social app, please see Kelly Gordon.
- We give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit in worship today.
- Pastor Appreciation Sunday and Luncheon will be today Oct. 25th.
- Please place your offerings in one of the four plates by the doors as you come in or as you go. We thank you for your ministry support.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Eddie Helms, Mary Clay, Edith Faulkner, David Gordon, Richardson Chapel, the Kosin Church, and Shut-Ins.

If you have any prayer requests, joys, concerns, or would like a visit, please let an Elder or Rev. Glaser know. His contact info is: 601-577-1359 and pastor.glaser@bethanyarp.org.

Nursery

Oct. 25th: Lauren McGill, Lydia Carroll, Riley Carroll
Nov. 1st : Katlyn Long, Carla Smith, Emily Smith

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 18th : $ 4,130.00
Needed Weekly: $ 3,669.15
Runda Mission Project: $1,125

Weekly Schedule of Classes & Studies

Sunday: Sabbath School – **10:00am**
Morning Worship – **11:00am**
Evening Worship – **5:30pm**

Mon/Wed: Facebook Devotions and What's That Word – **7:15am**

Tues/Thurs: Prayer and Worship Help/Confessional Thursday Email

Wed. Night: Adult Study and Prayer Time/Youth Group - **6:30pm**

Sermon Notes

Introduction

What Makes a Man Rich, and a Man to Be Poor?

How Does This Warning Apply to Civil Leaders?

What is the Purpose of James' Main Concerns Here?

Why is It Easy For Us to Make Material Distinctions?

Verses for Reflection

Leviticus 19:15-18, Deut. 10:17-18, Gal. 3:28
Matthew 25:37-40, Acts 10:34-35, Prov. 22:5

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Lord's Day Evening Worship

Welcome		
Call to Worship		Psalm 1:1-6
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Reading		James 2
Song Selection #1	*Bible Song of the Month*	#150
Season of Prayer		
Song Selection #2	*Pick a Bible Song/Hymn*	
Scripture Reading		Genesis 37:1-11
Teaching Time	*The Life of Joseph: The Chosen Son*	
Closing Prayer		
Benediction		1 John 2:1-2

Sermon Notes

1) **Why is It Important to Study the Life of Joseph?**
2) **How is It That Jacob Choose This Son Over the Others?**

Welcome to Bethany ARP Church!

Founded in 1797 by Scots-Irish settlers seeking a place to worship our God according to the Scriptures, our vision is inspired by Jeremiah 6:16: "*Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.*" Like the many old oaks in this area, we desire to grow deeply rooted in the nourishing waters of God's Word, which flow from the ancient wells grounded in Jesus Christ.

We are a **Reformed** church, shaped by the biblical principles of the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. Following in the footsteps of men like John Knox and Ralph Erskine, we hold to the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, which summarizes the essential teachings of Scripture.

We are also **Presbyterian**, meaning elders elected by the congregation govern our church. These elders work together within the broader *Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)* to support our shared mission and ministry. Our motto, "*In Thy Light We See Light*,", taken from Psalm 36:9 reflects our commitment to honoring Christ in preaching the gospel to all men and resting in His grace.

Join Us!

Whether you're new to the area, exploring the Christian faith, or seeking a church home, we'd love for you to join us in worship and service. Rev. Glaser is always available.

BETHANY ARP CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Ronnie Smith — Adam Smith
Fred Faulkner, Clerk of Session — Randy Carroll

ELDER EMERITUS

Jim Davidson

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Joey McGill	Caleb Robinson	Tim Gordon
Matthew Carroll, Chairman		Hunter Robinson

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**"I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord." – Psalm 121:1**

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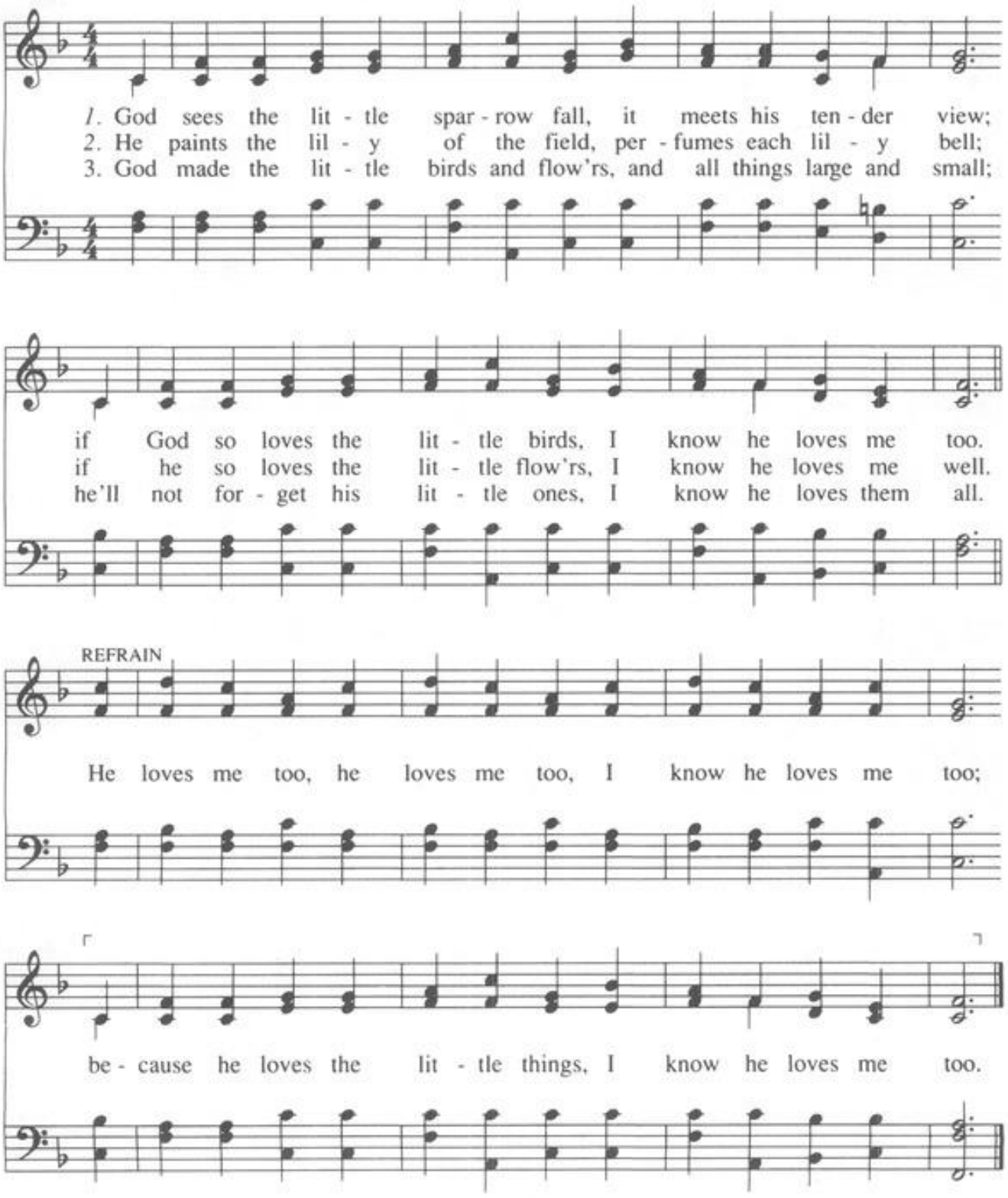
OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Bethany ARP Church is to glorify God by:

Worshipping Him in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24)
Equipping the Saints For the Work of Ministry (Eph. 4:12)
Reaching Our Community with Christ's Gospel (I Pet. 2:9)

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall 135

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Luke 12:6, 7



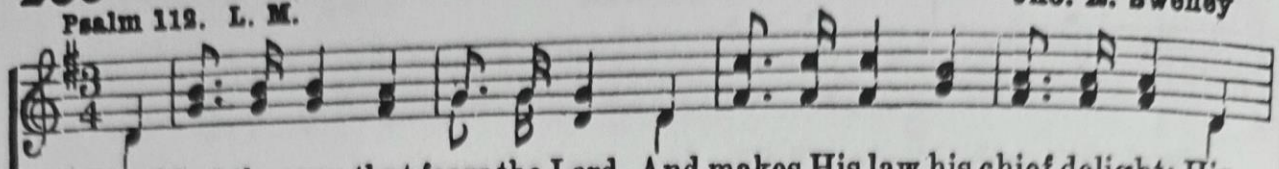
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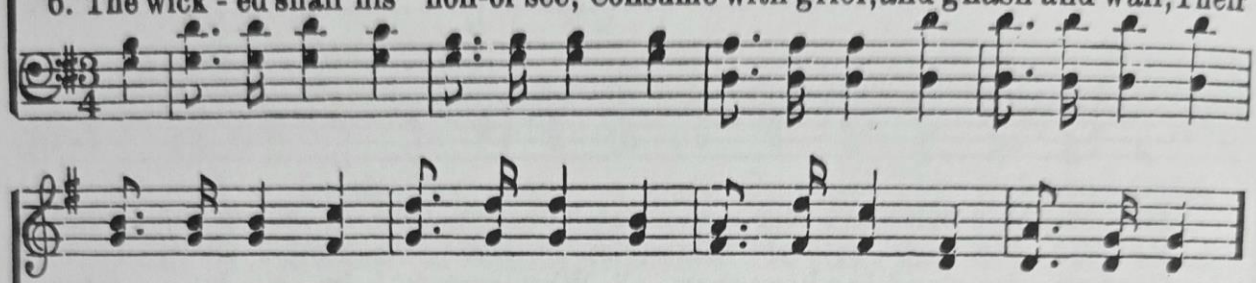
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Psalm 112. L. M.

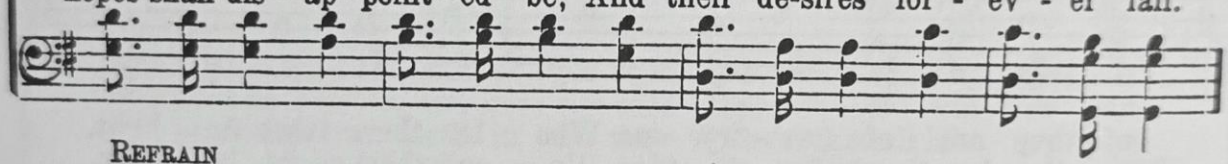
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1. How blest the man that fears the Lord And makes His law his chief delight; His
2. A-bounding wealth shall bless his home, His righteousness shall still endure; To
3. The good will fa - vor show, and lend, And his af-fairs dis-creet-ly guide; Un -
4. No e - vil tid - ings shall he fear, His heart doth on the Lord re-pose; He
5. Dis -pers - ing gifts a - mong the poor, His lib'ral hands their wants supply; His
6. The wick - ed shall his hon-or see, Consume with grief, and gnash and wail; Their

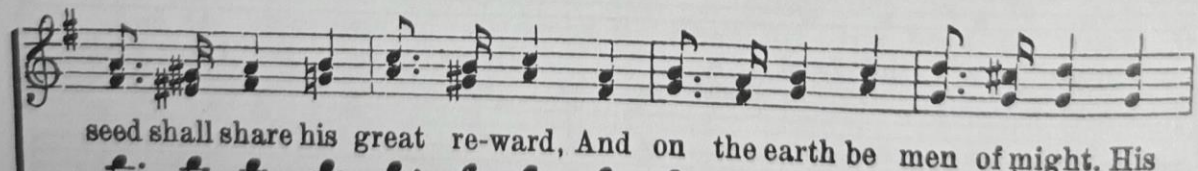


seed shall share his great re-ward And on the earth be men of might.
him shall light a - rise in gloom; He's kind, com-pas - sion - ate and pure.
moved he stands till life shall end, His name and hon - or shall a - bide.
stands unmoved by dan - gers near, Till he shall see his pros-trate foes.
right-eous-ness shall still en-dure, His pow'r shall be ex - alt - ed high.
hopes shall dis - ap - point - ed be, And their de-sires for - ev - er fail.

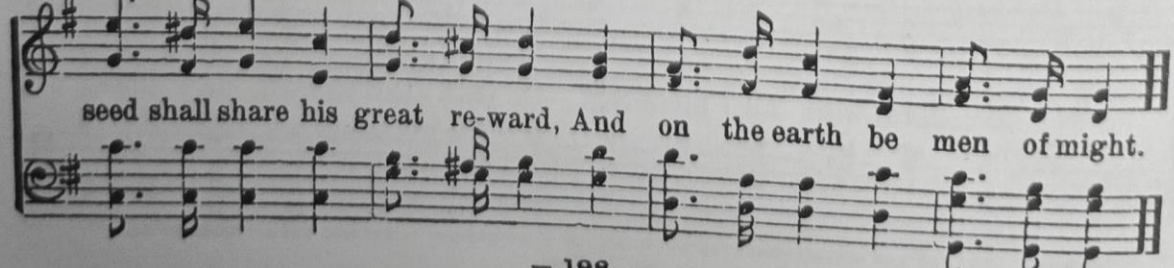


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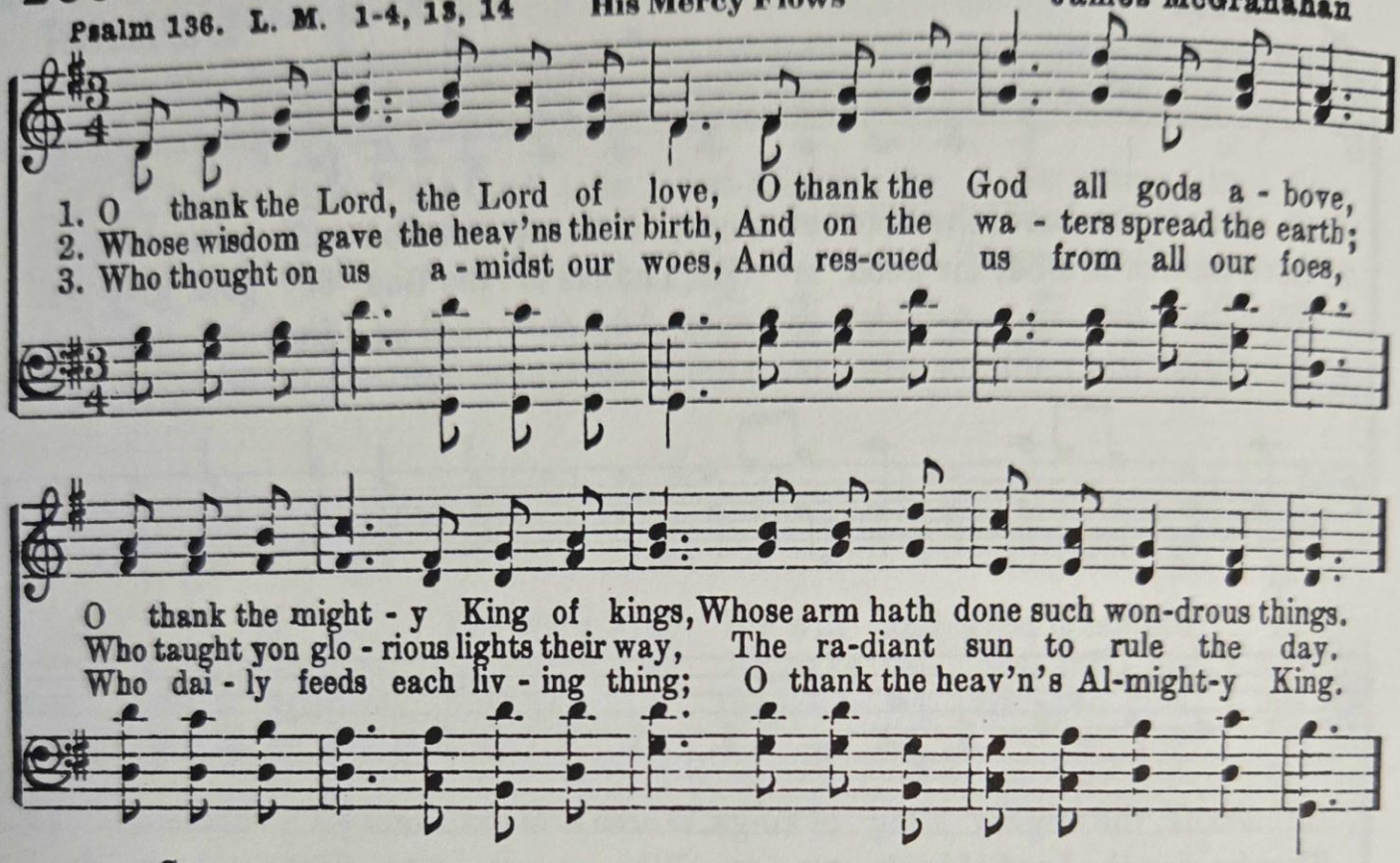
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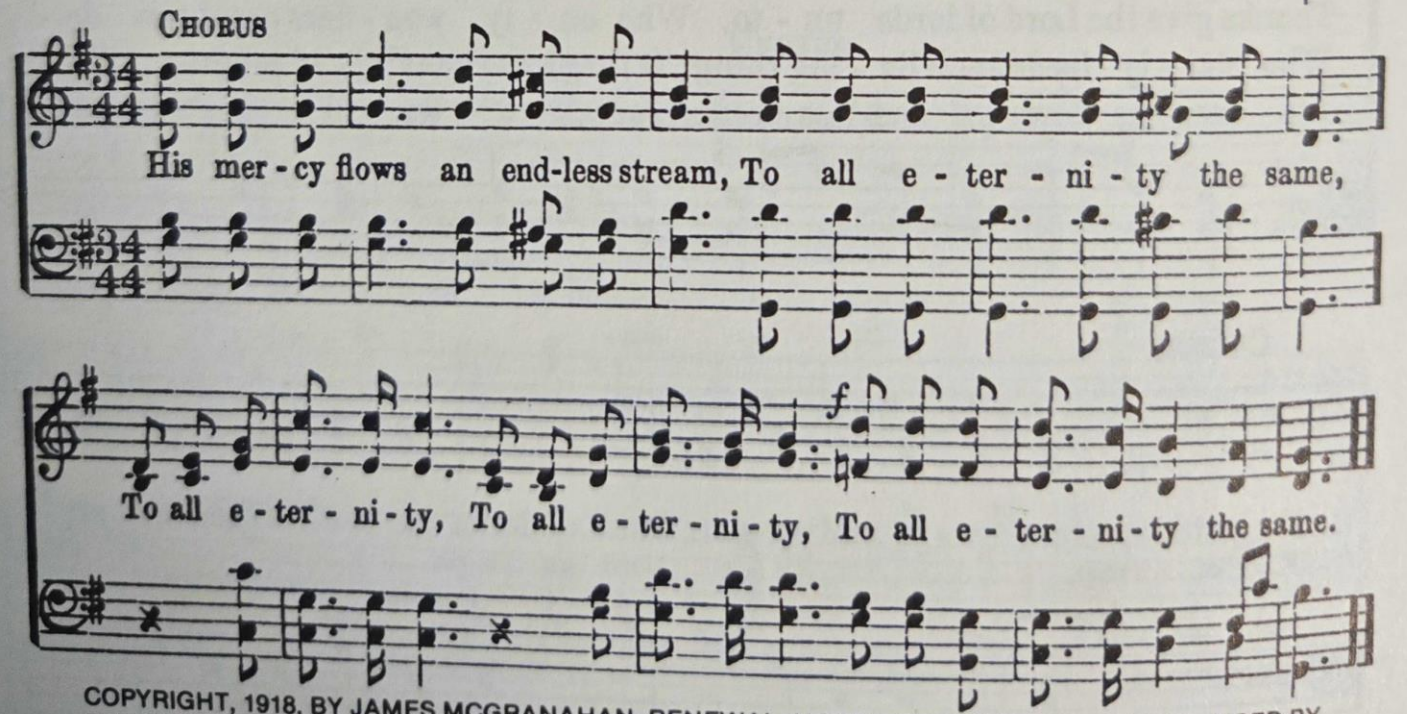


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286 The Endless Mercy Of God

Psalm 136. L. M. 1-4, 13, 14 **His Mercy Flows** James McGranahan





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