Sunday, October 4, 2026

The Gilford Community Church
The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor
Amber McLane, Director of Youth and Family Programs
AJ Coppola, Music & Choir Director

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Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ringing the Bell and Bringing the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude "God's Coloring Book" by Dolly Parton
Performed by Anne Colburn and Harmony Markey

***Call to Worship**

We cannot control everything that happens around us.
But we can choose how we will meet this day.
We cannot heal every hurt or right every wrong.
But we can bring kindness, courage, and compassion to our corner of the world.
We cannot dispel all the darkness.
But each of us can light a candle.
So let us turn our attention toward what is good, what is true, what is beautiful, and what is possible.
Let us be grateful for this life and for the difference we can make within it.
Come, let us worship together. . .
With open hearts, open minds, and grateful spirits. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #43

Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

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.

Choral Response (Old Hundredth)

Rejoice in love we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere;
rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.

Scripture Reading	Philippians 4:1-8	Irene Santaniello
Anthem	"Clear Blue Morning"	by Dolly Parton arr. by Craig Hella Johnson
	Performed by our GCC Choir with Harmony Markey, Soloist	
Gilford Youth Center		Scott Hodsdon
Children's Time		
Special Music	"I Will Always Love You"	by Dolly Parton
	Performed by Cindie Graham, Soloist	
Morning Prayer		
***Hymn of Preparation**	"Now Thank We All Our God"	#419
Sermon	"Things Have Never Been . . ."	
Communion	Everyone is welcome to join us for Communion (Bread placed in the communion cups is gluten free)	
***Hymn of Commitment**	"This Little Light of Mine"	Insert
***Benediction**		
***Congregational Amen**		

GCC Announcements:

- **Today's Coffee Hour will be hosted by our Flower Committee**
  1 pm Memorial Service/Reception-David Stowe
- **Thursday, Oct 8th 10:45-11:45 am "Coffee & Conversations" Book Group**
  6-7 pm GCC Choir Rehearsal
- **Sunday, Oct 11th GCC Youth "Socktober" Service (Bring socks to donate)**

The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.

If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.

We offer a QR Code for a fast, easy, secure way to make your pledge or donation! We also offer Venmo as well! (4-digit code: 6817)

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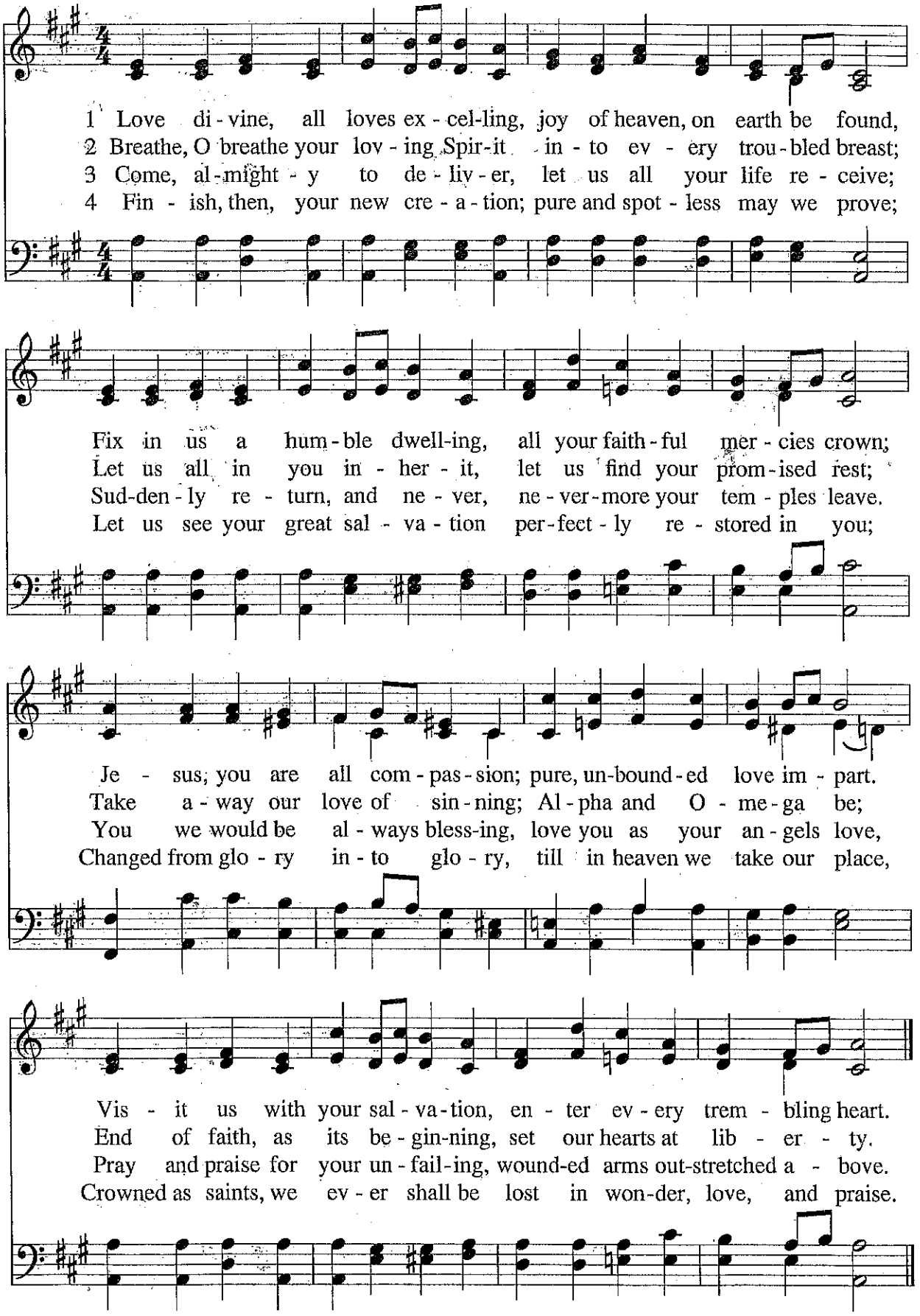
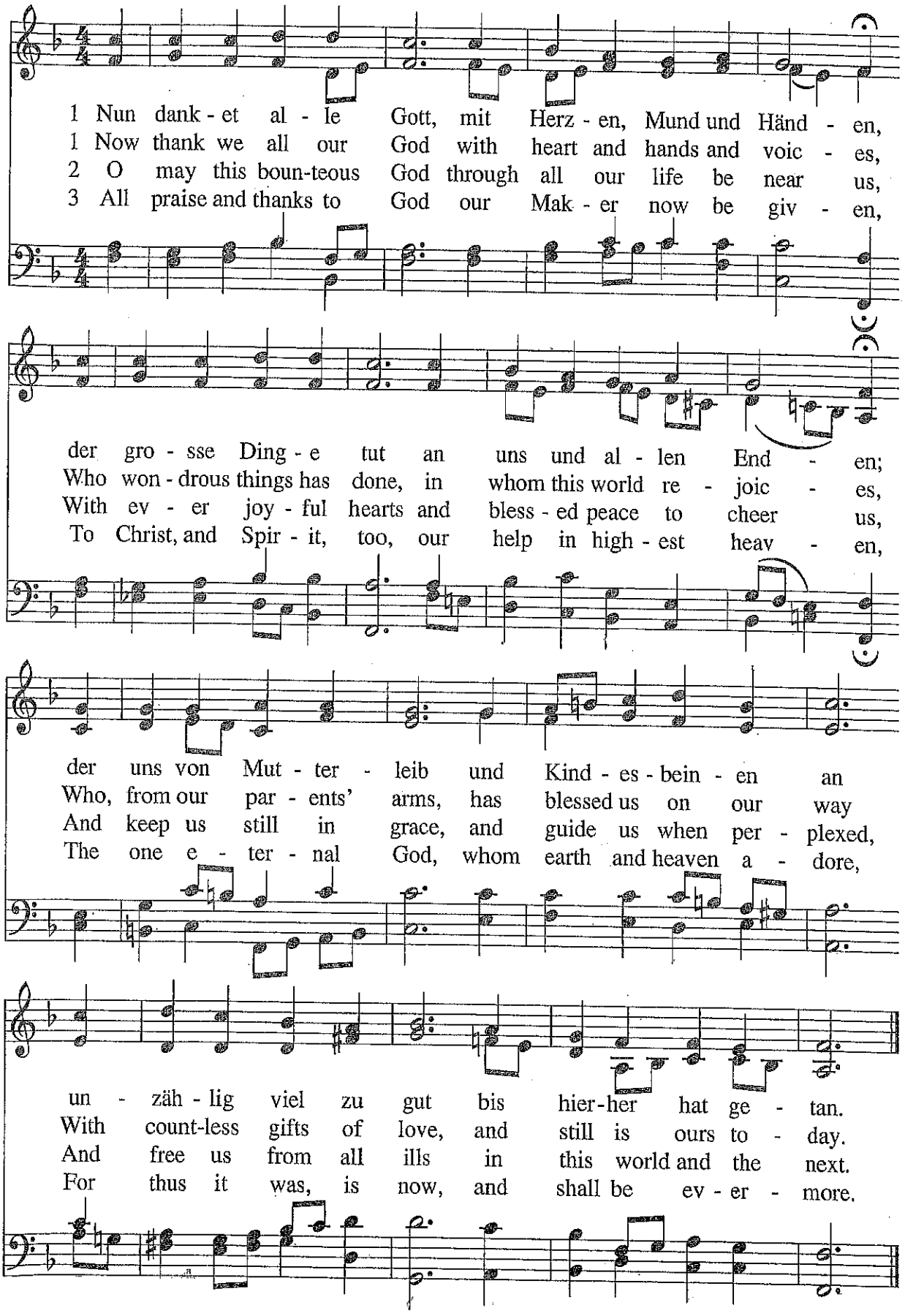
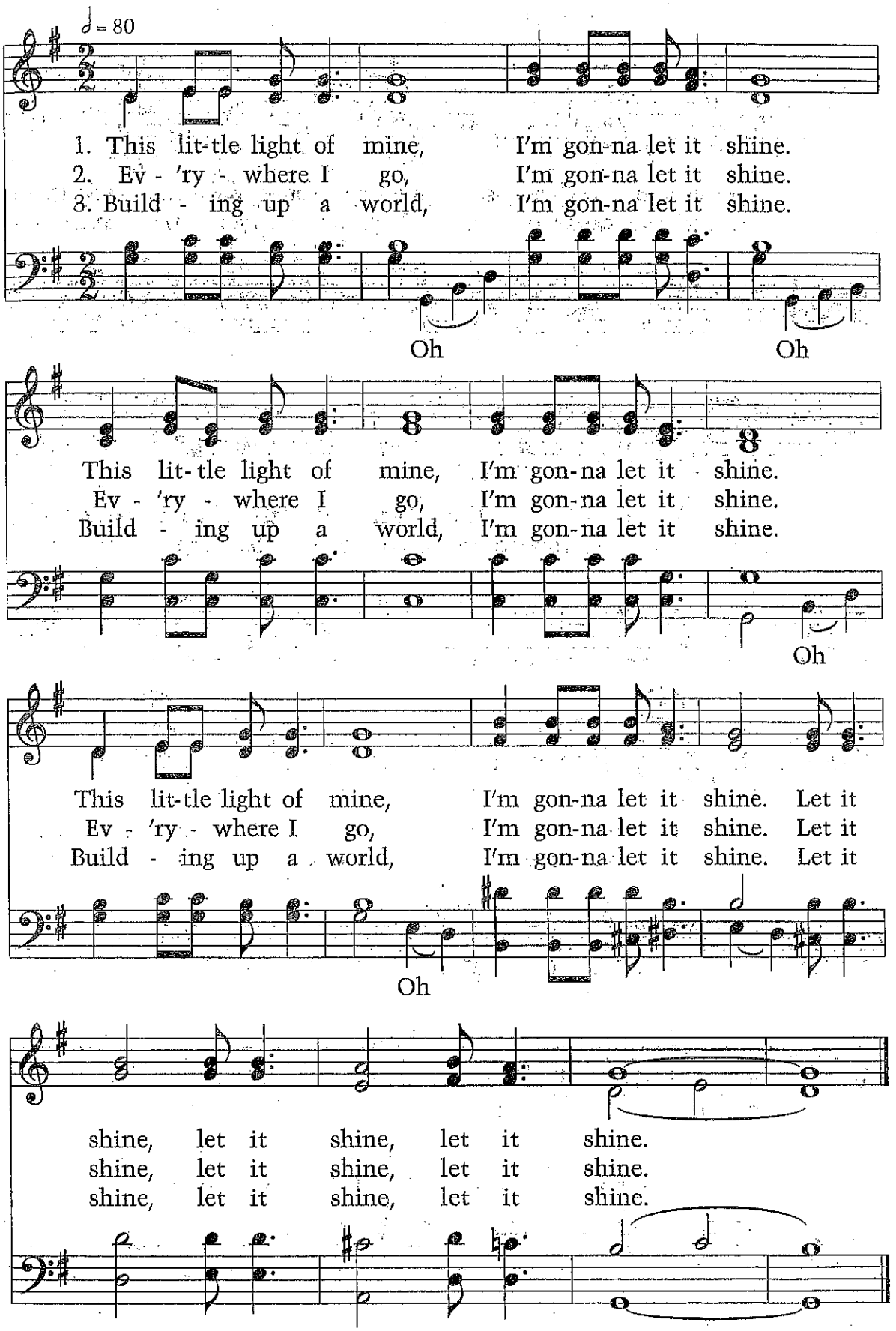
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Nun danket alle Gott
(Now Thank We All Our God)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