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# Genesis 1

(NASB)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was [c]moving over the [d]surface of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day.

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens." God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so. God made the

beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## Love in Living Color

Our beautiful earthly home paints our Father's love  
in living color.  
Open your eyes! Look around!  
With youthful enthusiasm our timeless God  
carefully planned all the universe,  
from immense panoramas  
to the tiniest, most stunning detail.  
He took pleasure in displaying His magnificence for all to see.  
He eagerly provided for our every need.

There in the very beginning,  
the same sovereign Word that spoke the world into existence  
***blessed us.***  
He blessed us even more richly in Jesus Christ.  
He continues to bless us day by day with everything  
good,  
noble,  
pure, and  
lovely.

Rejoice in Him!  
Worship our Father for all He has done!

*In this vast universe,  
we humans are significant for  
one reason only:  
the Creator loves us.  
We are important because  
we are important  
to Him.*

Hymn recording: [Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty](#)

# Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

TUNE: Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners (HYFRYDOL)

*Genesis 1*

F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub><sup>sus</sup> C C<sub>Bb</sub> E C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> F E<sub>A</sub>

1. Lav - ish love, a - bun - dant beau - ty, Gra - cious gifts for  
2. Who am I that You should love me, Meet my ev - 'ry  
3. I am Yours, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, All my bod - y,

G<sub>Bb</sub><sup>m</sup> E<sub>C</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>F</sub><sup>sus</sup> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub><sup>sus</sup> C

heart and hand, Life that fills the soul and sen - ses-  
need from birth? Why in - vest Your - self so ful - ly  
mind and heart. Take and use me to Your glo - ry,

E<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> F E<sub>A</sub> G<sub>Bb</sub><sup>m</sup> E<sub>C</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F F F C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub>

All burst forth at Your com - mand. Lord, our Lord, E - ter - nal  
In a crea - ture made of earth? In Your lov - ing heart You  
Form Your - self in ev - 'ry part. Lord, Your love brings joy and

C<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> E<sub>C</sub> C F F C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> E<sub>A</sub> E<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> F C E<sub>A</sub> F E<sub>A</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>E</sub> C<sup>7</sup><sub>G</sub>

Fa - ther, Great Cre - a - tor, God and Friend, Bound - less pow'r gave  
planned me, Fash - ioned me with great - est care; Thro' my soul You  
glad - ness Flow - ing forth with - in my soul. May my ver - y

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MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

HYFRYDOL  
8.7.8.7.D.

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full      ex -    pres -    sion    To    Your    love    which    knows    no    end.  
breathed    Your    Spir -    it,    Plant -    ed    to    Your    own    im -    age    there.  
breath    and    be -    ing    Rise    to    You,    their    source    and    goal.



## Infinite Love

*What is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them? (Psalm 8:4, NIV)*

The Creator of this vast universe  
    deeply,  
    personally  
loves us tiny, troublesome human beings.  
How can that make sense?

Look at the universe and  
    see God's power.  
It reaches to the farthest corners of physical reality and  
    to every microscopic detail.  
His power reaches to infinity in both directions,  
    to galaxies and  
    to water-drop worlds.  
Some are too vast and  
    some too tiny  
for us to trace with our senses.  
But everything is  
    created and  
    controlled  
by His will.

His wisdom and knowledge reach  
    everywhere His power goes.  
We marvel that He can know  
    everything  
    all the time.  
But is it so unbelievable that the  
    One able to create all this  
    can also stay in constant contact with it,  
        that He can always know it completely?

What's more, His love is as  
    deep,  
    rich,  
    creative, and  
    complete  
as His power and knowledge.  
He not only created all that is and

knows all that is,  
but He cares for it all,  
constantly and  
completely.  
Like His power and understanding,  
His love enfolds all He has made.

His love enfolds each of us,  
every moment and  
forever.

His love is  
enabled by infinite ability and is  
guided by infinite wisdom.

His love for you is  
unlimited and  
unfailing.

You can trust Him.

You can trust Him with  
every concern,

no matter

how far-flung or

how trivial,

for in every detail His love

knows and

controls and

cares.

**Hymn recording: [Look! His Goodness Fills the Morning](#)**

# Look! His Goodness Fills the Morning

*Psalm 19:1-6*

♩ = 88

F  $\frac{Dm^6}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$  C  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  F  $\frac{C}{G}$  G  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{G^9}{B}$  C  $D^{7sus}$   $\frac{Bm}{D}$   $G^{sus}$  G

1. Look! His good - ness fills the morn - ing! See His splen - dor flood the skies!  
 2. Lis - ten now! The sun is sing - ing, Shin - ing praise a - cross the skies.  
 3. Qui - et now! The night has fall - en. Dark - ness fills the end - less skies.  
 4. Look! His good - ness fills the morn - ing! See be - yond your emp - ty fears.

F  $\frac{C}{E}$  C  $\frac{Dm}{F}$  F  $\frac{C}{G}$  G  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{G^9}{B}$  C  $\frac{Dm^7}{F}$   $G^7$  C

“God is great!” the earth is shout - ing. “God is love!” my soul re - plies.  
 “God is light!” the world is chant - ing. “God is love!” my soul re - plies.  
 “God is God,” the heav - ens whis - per. “God is hope,” my faith re - plies.  
 God is life and joy and won - der! God is love, and God is here!

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SOUTH GALLERY STREET  
8.7.8.7.

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## Psalm 139

(NASB)

O Lord, You have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You understand my thought from afar.  
You scrutinize my path and my lying down,  
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before there is a word on my tongue,  
Behold, O Lord, You know it all.  
You have enclosed me behind and before,  
And laid Your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, You are there;  
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.  
If I take the wings of the dawn,  
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,  
Even there Your hand will lead me,  
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,  
And the light around me will be night,"  
Even the darkness is not dark to You,  
And the night is as bright as the day.  
Darkness and light are alike to You.

For You formed my inward parts;  
You wove me in my mother's womb.  
I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Wonderful are Your works,  
And my soul knows it very well.  
My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;  
Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;  
And in Your book were all written  
The days that were ordained for me,  
When as yet there was not one of them.

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!  
If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.  
When I awake, I am still with You.

O that You would slay the wicked, O God;  
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.  
For they speak against You wickedly,  
And Your enemies take Your name in vain.  
Do I not hate those who hate You, O Lord?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?  
I hate them with the utmost hatred;  
They have become my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;  
And see if there be any hurtful way in me,  
And lead me in the everlasting way.

## God, I Want to Know You

God, You created this entire universe,  
so vast and beautiful,  
so mysterious and wonderful.

You also created me.  
You conceived me before I was born.  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
And You patterned me after yourself.

You love me.  
You know every thought before I express it,  
every word before I speak it.  
Yet You love me.

And You want me to know and love You.  
You want that more than anything.  
My Creator, I don't want to ignore such an intriguing possibility.

God, I want to know You.

Hymn recording: [God of the Universe](#)

# God of the Universe

Isaiah 57:15-19

♩ = 68

Chords: Gm, Gm<sup>9</sup>/F, E<sup>b</sup>, Cm/E<sup>b</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>M<sup>7</sup>/D, B<sup>b</sup>/D, B<sup>b</sup>

God of the u - ni - verse, God of e - ter - ni - ty, God of glo - ry yet un -

Chords: E<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>, Gm, Gm<sup>9</sup>/F, E<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>M<sup>7</sup>/D, C<sup>m</sup>7, F<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, F<sup>7</sup>, F<sup>#</sup>7

seen, God of beau - ty, God of mys - ter - y, God of all that will be, In this

Chords: Gm<sup>9</sup>, Gm, G<sup>sus</sup>, Gm, B<sup>b</sup>M<sup>7</sup>/F, B<sup>b</sup>/F, B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>/F, B<sup>b</sup>/F, E<sup>b</sup>4<sup>#</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>/D, E<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>

time and place, By Your time - less grace, With Your ho - li - ness in view, You who

Chords: B<sup>b</sup>/D, B<sup>b</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>M<sup>7</sup>, E<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>/D, B<sup>b</sup>/F, B<sup>b</sup>/D, E<sup>b</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>/F, B<sup>b</sup>/D, E<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>, C<sup>m</sup>, F<sup>9</sup>, F<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup><sub>sus</sub>, B<sup>b</sup>

give Your - self to me, Tho' un - wor - thy, I re - ceive and I wor - ship You.

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GOD OF THE UNIVERSE  
Irregular

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## Psalm 103

(NASB)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget none of His benefits;  
Who pardons all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases;  
Who redeems your life from the pit,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;  
Who satisfies your years with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

The Lord performs righteous deeds  
And judgments for all who are oppressed.  
He made known His ways to Moses,  
His acts to the sons of Israel.  
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.  
He will not always strive with us,  
Nor will He keep His anger forever.  
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.  
Just as a father has compassion on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.  
For He Himself knows our frame;  
He is mindful that we are but dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;  
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.  
When the wind has passed over it, it is no more,  
And its place acknowledges it no longer.  
But the lovingkindness of the Lord is  
    from everlasting to everlasting  
    on those who fear Him,  
And His righteousness to children's children,  
To those who keep His covenant  
And remember His precepts to do them.



The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,  
And His sovereignty rules over all.  
Bless the Lord, you His angels,  
Mighty in strength, who perform His word,  
Obeying the voice of His word!  
Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,  
You who serve Him, doing His will.  
Bless the Lord, all you works of His,  
In all places of His dominion;  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

## I Am His Child

God loves us as a parent loves a newborn child.  
An infant doesn't have to earn the parents' affection.  
A baby is loved  
    because of relationship,  
    not because of merit.

Read the beautiful picture painted in Psalm 103.  
The Father understands us far better than  
    we understand ourselves.  
He never expects us to live like  
    something we're not.  
We don't need to pretend with Him.

Instead, He takes the initiative to transform us  
    into more than we can be on our own.  
He wants to make us truly His children.  
He wants to make us like our Father in every way.

All He asks is that we respond to Him  
    in trust,  
    step-by-step.

Hymn recording: [We Are Children](#)

# We Are Children

TUNE: Jewels

♩ = 72

$\frac{F}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$   $\frac{G^7_{sus}}{C}$   $C$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$

1. In the morn - ing, at the dawn - ing, When life is be - gin - ning,  
 2. In our sing - ing, in our danc - ing, When dreams are all bloom - ing,  
 3. When our Sav - ior has re - turned and We shine in His glo - ry,

$\frac{F}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$   $\frac{G^7_{sus}}{C}$   $C$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $\frac{E_m}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$

At the sun - set, in the eve - ning When life is full grown,  
 In our weak - ness, in our fail - ure, When griev - ing has come,  
 When His dear ones have be - come all He knew they would be,

$\frac{C}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $C$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $C$   $A_m$   $G^7$   $C$

We are chil - dren, just chil - dren In the arms of our Fa - ther,  
 We are chil - dren, just chil - dren In the arms of our Fa - ther,  
 We'll be chil - dren, just chil - dren In the arms of our Fa - ther,

$\frac{C}{E}$   $F$   $\frac{E}{A}$   $C$   $F$   $\frac{C}{G}$   $\frac{F}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$  v. 3 D.S., then Fine

Ev - 'ry mo - ment for - ev - er His loved and His own.  
 Ev - 'ry mo - ment for - ev - er His loved and His own.  
 Ev - 'ry mo - ment for - ev - er His loved and His own.

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 MUSIC: George F. Root; arr. by Ken Bible

JEWELS  
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## A Glance Backward

*Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be terrified;  
do not be discouraged,  
for the Lord your God  
will be with you wherever you go.  
(Joshua 1:9, NIV)*

Faithful, Faithful, Faithful.  
I look back over my life, and  
I am startled by the love I thought I knew.  
You pursued me when I couldn't see You in my darkness.  
You whispered in my ear,  
You clutched my heart,  
then stood in front of me and declared that  
YOU were God.  
I knew it was true.  
As I bowed, You gave me new life—  
Your life.  
I was warmed by the fire of Your love,  
and in its light, I saw Your glory all around me,  
leading me on.

You've taught me that  
Your deliverance, Your forgiveness,  
are daily gifts,  
flowing from the fountain of Your eternal love.  
Viewing my past journey,  
I see only Your hand  
guiding, teaching, holding me,  
giving my life a consistency that is Yours, not mine.  
The power of Your presence has  
always, always, always been there,  
though I only glimpse it now and again.

Father,  
Eternally Faithful One,  
make our bond of love and trust  
as iron.  
Make it a living cord from Your heart to mine.  
Draw my eyes constantly to You,

making simple faith my every breath.  
Great God of power and tireless love,  
in every situation,  
with every desire,  
with all my energies,  
be my God.

*Father, Your faithfulness  
overwhelms our  
brief and  
fragile memories.  
Your goodness  
overflows  
our limited minds and  
senses.  
You are constantly blessing us!  
Help us to constantly rejoice in You!*

**Hymn recording: [We Look Behind at All You've Done](#)**

# We Look Behind at All You've Done

TUNE: All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

♩ = 64

Unison

D D Bm  $\frac{G}{B}$  A<sup>sus</sup> A  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$  G  $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A}{E}$  D Bm  $\frac{G}{B}$

1. We look be - hind at all You've done. We trace the path on which we've  
 2. Thro' all the wan-d'rings of our lives, You dai - ly lead us in the  
 3. We look a - head, O Lord, and see A glimpse of all that is to

A<sup>sus</sup> A  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{DM7}{F\#}$  G<sup>add9</sup> G D Bm  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  D<sup>6</sup> E A  $\frac{D}{F\#}$  Em<sup>7</sup>

come. Ho - ly Fa - ther, You are mer - cy! Lord,  
 light. Lov - ing Fa - ther, You are faith - ful! Thro'  
 be. We ex - alt You! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

D  $\frac{A}{C\#}$  Bm<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{GM7}{B}$   $\frac{GM7}{B}$   $\frac{G}{B}$  A<sup>sus</sup> A  $\frac{A}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7sus}{G}$   $\frac{D}{F\#}$   $\frac{A7}{E}$  D  $\frac{G}{B}$   $\frac{D}{A}$  G

ev - 'ry - where we see Your hand, The pat - tern of Your lov - ing  
 all the sin we can - not hide, You claim us as Your ho - ly  
 might - y God, E - ter - nal Truth, All life is al - ways on - ly

WORDS: Ken Bible

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, 1623;  
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D<sub>F#</sub> A<sub>E</sub> D A<sub>C#</sub> G<sub>B</sub> B<sub>m</sub><sub>A</sub> G<sup>6</sup> A<sub>G</sub> D<sub>F#</sub> Em<sup>7</sup> D<sub>F#</sub> G<sup>6</sup> A<sup>7</sup> B<sub>m</sub> A<sub>C#</sub>

plan. Ho - ly Fa - ther, You are mer - cy! Ho - ly  
 bride. Lov - ing Fa - ther, You are faith - ful! Lov - ing  
 You! We ex - alt You! Al - le - lu - ia! We ex -

D<sup>6</sup> E A B<sub>m</sub> A<sub>C#</sub> B<sub>m</sub><sub>D</sub> Em<sup>7</sup> A<sub>C#</sub> F<sub>m</sub><sub>D#</sub> Em G<sup>M7</sup><sub>F#</sub> G<sup>6</sup> A A<sup>7</sup> D

Fa - ther, You are mer - cy! You are mer - cy!  
 Fa - ther, You are faith - ful! You are faith - ful!  
 alt You! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Revelation 3:20**

(NASB)

“Behold, I stand at the door and  
knock;  
if anyone hears My voice and  
opens the door,  
I will come in to him and  
will dine with him, and  
he with Me.”



## Seeking Me

You are the Giver.

I am always the taker,  
never satisfied.

You are love,  
pure and beautiful.

I am foolish pride.

You are the seeker.

I am the fugitive,  
running from You in blind fear.

You are forever seeking me.

All my existence,

from birth to death,  
through every joy,

every pressure,  
every failure,

no matter what I am pursuing,

You are pursuing me.

Through all the magnificence around me and  
through every whisper in my heart,

You are reaching out to me,  
eager to share all You are.

God Almighty,

consumed with love  
patient and  
tireless,

You are working to make me

free and  
strong,  
beautiful and  
complete  
in You.

Every day,

Father,  
Savior,  
Spirit,

You are seeking me.

Hymn recording: [Seeking Me](#)

# Seeking Me

Freely, don't rush ♩ = ca. 52

Jeremiah 7:13, 25; Revelation 3:20

Chords: F6, C, F6, C

Chords: G<sup>7</sup><sub>D</sub>, C, F6, G, C

1. He ris - es ear - ly seek - ing me, Bear - ing gifts.  
2. He comes and stands out - side my heart With a gift.

Chords: G<sup>7</sup><sub>D</sub>, C, F6, G

He bows and looks in - to my face And hopes that I might look to  
It deep - ly shad - ows all His face- What gift would glow with love and

Chords: C, A m, E<sub>m</sub> G

Him.  
pain?

He longs to lift me in His  
Look there, and see it in His

WORDS and MUSIC: Ken Bible

SEEKING ME  
Irregular

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love, To let me look in - to His eyes, In - to His heart.  
 eyes: It is His death; it is His life- It is Him - self.

F E<sup>7</sup> A m A m G A m F<sup>#</sup>

He ris - es ear - ly, seek - ing me- Seek - ing me.  
 He ris - es ear - ly, seek - ing me- Seek - ing

G<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> D C F<sup>6</sup> G sus G 1 C

me. God of love, You're seek - ing me.

2 A m A m G F<sup>6</sup> G C C

## Psalm 136

(NIV)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

His love endures forever.

and brought Israel out from among them

His love endures forever.

with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever.

to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

His love endures forever.

and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

His love endures forever.

to him who led his people through the wilderness;

His love endures forever.

to him who struck down great kings,

His love endures forever.

and killed mighty kings—

His love endures forever.  
Sihon king of the Amorites  
His love endures forever.  
and Og king of Bashan—  
His love endures forever.  
and gave their land as an inheritance,  
His love endures forever.  
an inheritance to his servant Israel.  
His love endures forever.

He remembered us in our low estate  
His love endures forever.  
and freed us from our enemies.  
His love endures forever.  
He gives food to every creature.  
His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.  
His love endures forever.

## His Love Endures Forever

Psalm 136 recounts  
God's mighty deeds on behalf of His people.  
After each line, His people respond:  
*His love endures forever.*

Try this group prayer activity based on that Psalm.

Use it with your spouse,  
your family,  
your Sunday School class,  
your Bible study group, or  
your church choir.

Give each person, as many as want to,  
the chance to pray a short prayer of thanksgiving to God.

Thank Him for  
a recent blessing,  
an answer to prayer,  
His daily goodness, or  
some special deliverance.

Each word of thanks can be for  
that individual,  
their family,  
your whole group,  
your church,  
your nation.

Recall a blessing  
from the past or  
in the present or  
one you that by faith you know is coming in the future.

Then after each individual prayer, have everyone pray in unison,  
*Thank You, God!*  
*Your love endures forever!*

Our God is a mighty God  
whose blessings span  
all of time and  
beyond.

Thank Him together!  
Have the leader start.

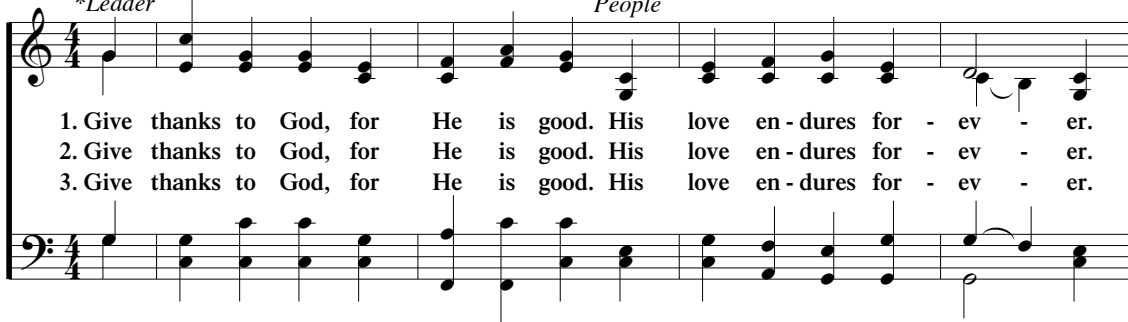
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# Give Thanks to God

A Responsive Hymn Based on Psalm 136  
A Cappella or Accompanied; Unison or in Parts

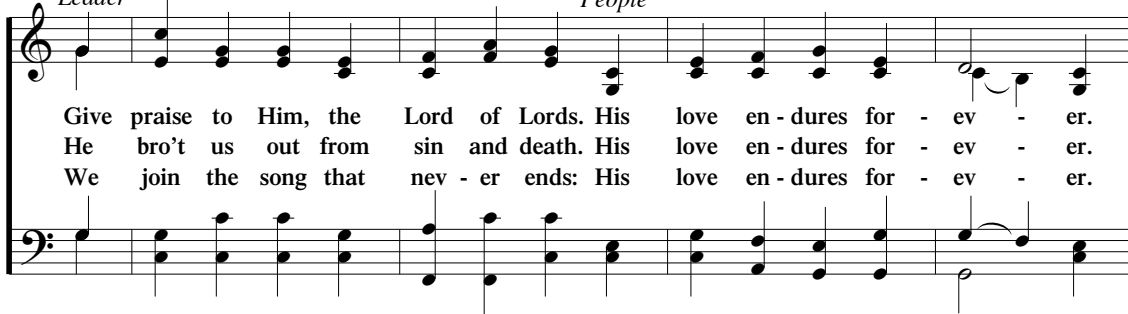
♩ = ca. 108

*\*Leader* C F C *People* C  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G sus G<sup>7</sup> C



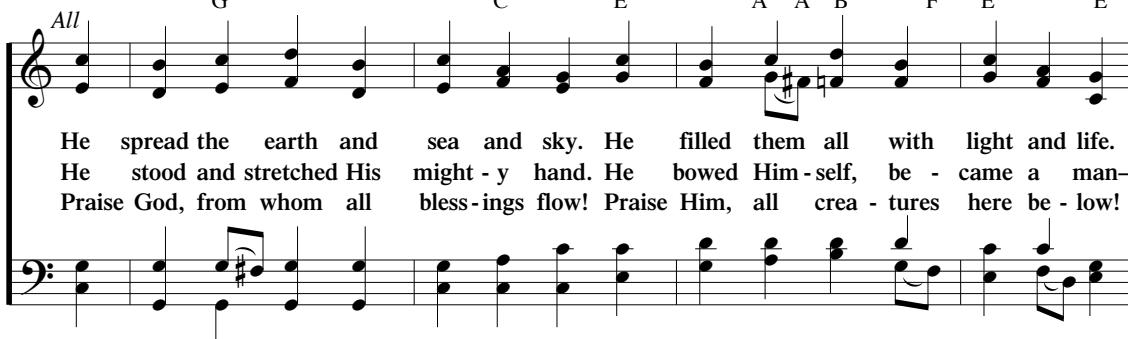
1. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love en - dures for - ev - er.  
2. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love en - dures for - ev - er.  
3. Give thanks to God, for He is good. His love en - dures for - ev - er.

*Leader* C F C *People* C  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G sus G<sup>7</sup> C



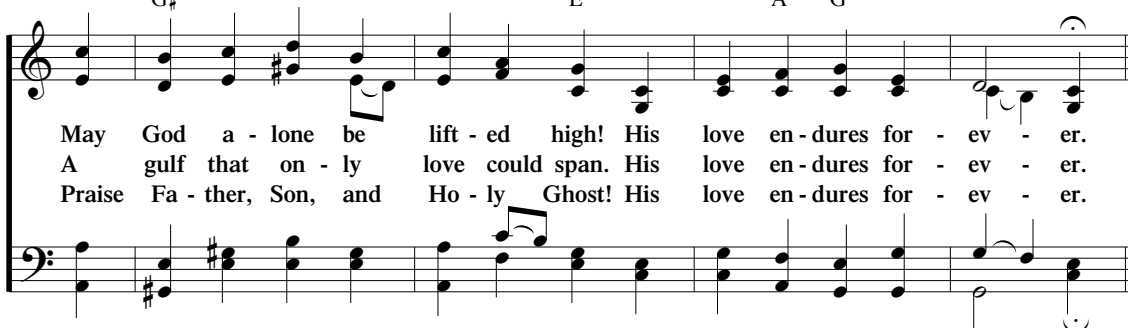
Give praise to Him, the Lord of Lords. His love en - dures for - ev - er.  
He bro't us out from sin and death. His love en - dures for - ev - er.  
We join the song that nev - er ends: His love en - dures for - ev - er.

*All* C G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G<sup>7</sup> G C  $\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{C}{E}$  G<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{D^7_{sus}}{A}$   $\frac{D^7}{A}$   $\frac{G^7}{B}$  G<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{G^7}{F}$   $\frac{C}{E}$  FDm<sup>7</sup>  $\frac{C}{E}$



He spread the earth and sea and sky. He filled them all with light and life.  
He stood and stretched His might - y hand. He bowed Him - self, be - came a man -  
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow! Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low!

A<sup>m</sup>  $\frac{E^7}{G\#}$  E<sup>+</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>m</sup> F  $\frac{C}{E}$  C C  $\frac{E}{A}$   $\frac{C}{G}$  G sus G<sup>7</sup> C



May God a - lone be lift - ed high! His love en - dures for - ev - er.  
A gulf that on - ly love could span. His love en - dures for - ev - er.  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! His love en - dures for - ev - er.

\* "Leader" may be sung by soloist, choir, or half the congregation.

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BALDWIN  
8.7.8.7.8.8.8.7.

## Deuteronomy 8:2-6

(NASB)

You shall remember  
    all the way which the Lord your God has led you  
    in the wilderness  
    these forty years,  
that He might humble you,  
    testing you,  
    to know what was in your heart,  
    whether you would keep His commandments or not.  
He humbled you and  
    let you be hungry, and  
    fed you with manna which you did not know,  
        nor did your fathers know,  
that He might make you understand that  
    man does not live by bread alone,  
but man lives by everything that proceeds  
    out of the mouth of the Lord.  
Your clothing did not wear out on you,  
    nor did your foot swell these forty years.  
Thus you are to know in your heart that  
    the Lord your God was disciplining you  
    just as a man disciplines his son.  
Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God,  
    to walk in His ways and  
    to fear Him.



## Our Single-minded Father

Father, this morning You helped my heart to grasp  
what my mind had dimly known:

Everything You have allowed me to go through in my life,  
everything I am going through even now,  
is to build my relationship with You:  
all the years of frustration,  
all the loneliness,  
all the financial struggles,  
all the endless waiting,  
all those disappointments.

You have isolated me to Yourself.  
You have hemmed me in.  
*You have enclosed me behind and before,  
And laid Your hand upon me (Psalm 139:5, NASB).*

By my circumstances and  
by Your Spirit within me  
You have turned me  
repeatedly,  
persistently  
toward You.  
You have made Yourself  
my only comfort,  
my only hope,  
my only unchanging Rock of truth,  
my only refuge.

Father, the unfailing faithfulness of  
Your eternal love swamps  
my tiny attention span,  
my childish self-centeredness,  
my meager, stumbling faith.

I am a child learning to walk.  
Like any eager parent, You  
call me,  
lift me,  
point me,  
hold my hands, and  
draw me toward Yourself.

Sometimes we wonder whether  
faith is entirely  
a gift of Your sovereign choice, or

whether it is our doing.  
But You are like one building a campfire.  
You work to create a tiny spark,  
then patiently blow it into flame by Your mighty but gentle breath.  
I have to respond,  
but all the doing is Yours, my loving Father.

Continue to patiently, persistently draw me.  
And when I am tempted to  
despair or  
complain,  
help me to  
remember and  
look to You again.  
You are my Father, and I am  
gladly,  
proudly,  
humbly  
Your child.

*God's greatest blessings often come  
disguised as difficulties.  
These difficulties are opportunities to  
trust Him in a new way, and thus to  
know Him in a new way.*

**Hymn recording: [The Father's Gifts](#)**

# The Father's Gifts

*Psalms 23; 25:10; Romans 8:28*

♩=112

B $\flat$  E $\flat$ <sub>B $\flat$</sub>  B $\flat$  B $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> F C $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> B $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> E $\flat$ M7<sub>G</sub> E $\flat$ 6 E $\flat$ <sub>G</sub> F7<sub>A</sub> F6<sub>A</sub>

1. Fa - ther, Fa - ther, day by day You give me all I  
2. Shep - herd, Shep - herd, I am weak, So gent - ly lead Your

B $\flat$ add9 B $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ <sub>B $\flat$</sub>  B $\flat$  D $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> F7 F9 D $\flat$ <sub>F</sub>

need: Bless - ings, bur - dens, work and rest, Dis -  
lamb. Joy or sor - row, loss or gain, I

D $\flat$ <sub>F</sub> F7 E $\flat$ <sub>G</sub> C $\flat$ <sub>A</sub> F7<sub>A</sub> B $\flat$ 9sus B $\flat$ 9sus<sub>F</sub> B $\flat$  B $\flat$ 7 B $\flat$ 13 F $\flat$ 6<sub>C</sub>

grace and dig - ni - ty, Qui - et, peace - ful  
kiss Your lov - ing hand. Fa - ther, kind and

B $\flat$ <sub>D</sub> B $\flat$ sus<sub>C</sub> B $\flat$  G $\flat$ <sub>B $\flat$</sub>  B $\flat$ 7<sub>D</sub> B $\flat$ 6<sub>D</sub> B $\flat$ <sub>D</sub> E $\flat$  E $\flat$ <sub>D $\flat$</sub>

streams wise, And the moun - tains steep,  
Good in all You do,

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Jacques Offenbach and Ken Bible

BARCAROLLE  
7.6.7.6.5.5.5.5.

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C7 C13 C7/D C/E C<sup>sus</sup>/D C Am/C C7/E C6/E C/E

Pas - tures broad and green light And the shad - ows me  
Take a - way the green light If You'll walk me

1 F F7 D.C. 2 F F7 *Slower* *p* B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$

deep. through. Fa - ther God, You

B $\flat$ /F F C $\flat$ /F B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$ M7 *rit.* E $\flat$ 6 E $\flat$  F7 F6 B $\flat$

on - ly give What draws me close to You.

## **Scriptures on God's Promise to Noah**

(NASB)

### **Genesis 8:21-22**

The Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.

"While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
And cold and heat,  
And summer and winter,  
And day and night  
Shall not cease."

### **Genesis 8-16**

Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations; I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

## Children: God's Living Promise

Why does our loving God continue to send  
helpless infants into  
this horrific world?

They arrive totally dependent,  
entering every conceivable circumstance,  
including the most  
cruel and  
inhumane.

There they are too often  
neglected and  
brutally victimized  
by the darkest human evil.

Why does God continue to send us children?

Remember God's promise to Noah.  
Faced with the relentless evil of the human race,  
God gave us a new start through Noah and his family.  
Then He promised all life on earth that  
no matter how awful evil became,  
death would not win.  
Life would win.  
Then He gave the rainbow as  
His beautiful reminder of that promise.

Children are God's living rainbow.  
They are His gift of  
life, of  
future, of  
hope.  
They are His  
beautiful,  
tender,  
tangible assurance that,  
in the face of all that evil can do,  
LIFE WILL WIN.

Hymn recording: [Snowflakes](#)

# Snowflakes

Genesis 8:21-22; Psalm 127:3-5; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 21:1-6

$\text{♩} = 104$  Unison

1. Love - ly snow - flakes all a - round, Chil - dren from the Fa - ther;  
2. Love - ly snow - flakes all a - round, Fall - ing in the dark - ness;

Each a pic - ture of His love; Each is like no oth - er.  
Look and see them com - ing still. What a liv - ing prom - ise!

All to - geth - er, what a gift! What a ten - der bless - ing!  
God will nev - er turn a - way From the prom - ise giv - en.

One by one He kiss - es earth, All His love ex - press - ing.  
Earth will glow in love - ly white, All a ho - ly heav - en.

WORDS & MUSIC: Ken Bible

SNOWFLAKES  
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## Through Eyes of Love

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,  
always offering prayer with joy  
in my every prayer for you all. (Philippians 1:3-4, NASB)*

On social media, I'm often struck by how  
people absolutely glow when they talk about those they love,  
especially their families:

children,  
grandchildren,  
spouses, and  
parents.

What's more, these family members also glow  
when described by those who love them.

Through indifferent eyes, they would appear  
ordinary and  
deeply flawed.

But through eyes of love,  
these human creatures glow with  
uniqueness,  
beauty, and  
potential.

They are genuinely special!  
Love gives us a glimpse into the  
lovely and  
intriguing creations  
they were designed to be.

God sees each of us through such  
eyes of love.

And He calls us,  
challenges us, and  
implores us  
to see each other as He sees us, through  
His loving eyes and  
His loving heart.

Hymn recording: [Lord, You Are Love](#)



# Lord, You Are Love

TUNE: I Must Tell Jesus (ORWIGSBURG)

2 Corinthians 5:14a; Ephesians 3:14-19; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-21

♩ = 126

Unison  
N.C.

D<sup>b</sup>add9 D<sup>b</sup>add9 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7sus D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>o</sup>7 B<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup>

1. Lord, You are love, and we are Your chil - dren,  
2. Lord, You are love, and we are Your bod - y,  
3. Lord, You are love and pa-tience and kind - ness,

G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>add9 F D<sup>b</sup>add9 D<sup>b</sup> F A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup>7sus A<sup>b</sup>7sus E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

Called to Your fam - 'ly, drawn to Your heart.  
Shar - ing Your life, ex - tend - ing Your hand.  
Glad to for - give, so eag - er to bless.

G<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>add9 D<sup>b</sup>add9 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7sus D<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> F7 B<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup>

One with Your Son, our goal is Your glo - ry.  
Help us to reach with ten - der com - pas - sion,  
You give Your all in joy - ful a - ban - don.

WORDS: Ken Bible  
MUSIC: Elisha A. Hoffman; arr. by Ken Bible

ORWIGSBURG  
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Alt. Tunes: GLORIOUS FREEDOM, RONDINELLA, SUNLIGHT

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 $D\flat$

We live to prove how lov - ing You are!  
 Read - y to give what love may de - mand.  
 Help us, O Lord, to do noth - ing less!

REFRAIN

$G\flat$   $D\flat$   $E\flat m 7$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $A\flat 7 sus$   $D\flat$   $G\flat$   $D\flat$   $E\flat m 7$   $G\flat$   
*Parts*  $F$

Fa - ther Cre - a - tor, Shep - herd and Sav - ior,

$G\flat$   $D\flat add 9$   $D\flat add 9$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $B\flat m 7$   $E\flat m 7$   $B\flat m$   $A\flat 7 sus$   $A\flat 7 sus$   $A\flat$   $A\flat$   
 $G\flat$

Ev - er with - in You guide and re - new.

$D\flat$   $D\flat add 9$   $D\flat$   $D\flat add 9$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $A\flat 7 sus$   $D\flat$   $F 7$   $B\flat m$   $B\flat m$   
 $F$   $F$   $A\flat$   $A\flat$

Help us to fol - low, trust - ing Your Spir - it,

$G\flat$   $D\flat$   $G\flat$   $D\flat$   $B\flat m$   $B\flat m 7$   $G\flat$   $G\flat m 7$   $A\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   $D\flat$   
 $A\flat$   $A\flat$

Spend - ing our days com - plete - ly in You.

## **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

(NASB)

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written,

“He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor,  
His righteousness [c]endures forever.”

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

## The Gift of Giving

Look all around.  
See an abundance of  
    good gifts  
    big and small,  
given to us by God  
    to enjoy and  
    to share with others.

As we use each one  
    gratefully and  
    generously,  
we are drawn  
    closer to God and  
    closer to each other.  
Each gift then blesses us  
    far beyond the value of the gift itself.  
Each one enriches our fellowship  
    with God and  
    with other people.

In this way,  
our Father is joyfully giving us  
    the gift of  
    giving.  
And this is only one expression of  
    His overflowing love and  
    all-embracing goodness.  
Isn't He wonderful?

Hymn recording: [Isn't He Good?](#)

# Isn't He Good?

*Psalms 136:1*

♩ = ca. 52

Chord progression:  $\frac{F}{G}$   $\frac{FM7}{G}$   $G^9$   $C$   $\frac{G^{sus}}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $C$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $C$   $FM7$   $F$   $Dm7$

Is - n't He good? Is - n't He faith - ful?

Chord progression:  $Dm7$   $Dm9$   $\frac{G^7}{B}$   $\frac{G^7_{sus}}{A}$   $G^7$   $\frac{F}{G}$   $G^7$   $G^9$   $C$   $FM7$

Is - n't He mer - ci - ful in ev - 'ry need?

Chord progression:  $\frac{F}{G}$   $\frac{FM7}{G}$   $G^9$   $C$   $\frac{C^{sus}}{D}$   $\frac{C}{E}$   $C$   $F^{11\#}$   $\frac{F}{A}$   $C$

Is - n't He true? Is - n't He won - der - ful?

Chord progression:  $F^{11\#}$   $F$   $\frac{FM7}{A}$   $C$   $F$   $\frac{FM7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{G}$   $G^7$   $C$   $\frac{F}{C}$   $C$

Thro' ev - 'ry sea - son is - n't He good?

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