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Ministers - All Members of First Church
The Reverend Adam E. Eckhart, Senior Pastor
The Reverend M. Ashley Grant, Associate Pastor
Kelsey DeCarlo, Minister of Faith Formation
Yeheun "Yennie" Kwon, Minister of Music
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Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM Worship

*for all that are able, please stand

NCH = New Century Hymnal (black-covered)
PH = Pilgrim Hymnal (red-covered)

PRELUDE — Blessed Is He — by G.A.Macfarren
Yennie Kwon, Minister of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Adam Eckhart, Senior Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: When we love God dearly,
People: God's love makes us strong.
Leader: We hear about saints and know people who are saintly.
People: There's no reason we can't be saintly, too!
All: Let us worship God who leads us in paths of saintliness!

*OPENING HYMN — I Sing a Song of the Saints of God — NCH 295

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Patty Weller
God, as we celebrate the saints in heaven, we admit that there are times we fail to honor you and your creation in our daily lives. We forget the guidance of saints whose faith and guidance can sustain us. Forgive us and renew our faith in you and in the people you sent to be examples, so that we may be examples to each other. We pray this in the name of Jesus, whom you sent to be the example and the source of your love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:
World without end! Amen, Amen!

BIBLE PRESENTATION — Kelsey DeCarlo, Faith Formation Minister

*GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS

GRATITUDE MOMENT — Stephanie DeLuca

OFFERING OUR GIFTS
Invitation
Offertory — O Thou, Whose All Redeeming Might — arr. David Blackwell; Adult Choir
*Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.
*Prayer of Dedication
We dedicate these offerings and our ministries to continue the legacy of saints past and to offer a legacy for saints to come. We look to the forerunner of our faith, Jesus, as the one who binds all saints in dedication to justice and peace, and pray for our community and nation in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 34:1-3

SERMON — ***Oriented by the Saints*** — Rev. Adam E. Eckhart

COMMUNION HYMN — Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1 & 4) — PH 272

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Lord's Prayer
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread — Thy Perfect Love — by John Rutter, Chamber Singers
Sharing of the Cup — For All the Saints — arr. John A. Behnke, Meetinghouse Ringers
Prayer of Thanksgiving

ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS — Revs. Adam and Ashley, Patty W., Cindy Wolfe Boynton

*CLOSING HYMN — For All the Saints — PH 306

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — For All The Saints — arr Mark Hayes

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 295

Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
faith-ful their whole lives through,
who brave-ly la-bored, lived, and died
for the God they loved and knew.
And one was doc-tor, and one was a queen,
and an-oth-er a shep-herd in pas-tures green:
they were saints of God, if you know what I mean.
God, help me to be one, too.

2. They loved their God and they lived that love.
It was lov-ing that made them strong.
They did what was right, for Je-sus' sake,
lived just-ly their whole lives long.
And one was a proph-et, and one was a priest,
and an-oth-er was slain by a fierce wild beast:
there is no earth-ly rea-son, none in the least,
why I should-n't be one, too.

3. They lived not on-ly in a-ges past,
there are hun-dreds of thou-sands still.
The world is filled with liv-ing saints
who choose to do God's will.
You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea,
in a church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea:
for the saints are folk like you and like me,
and I mean to be one, too.

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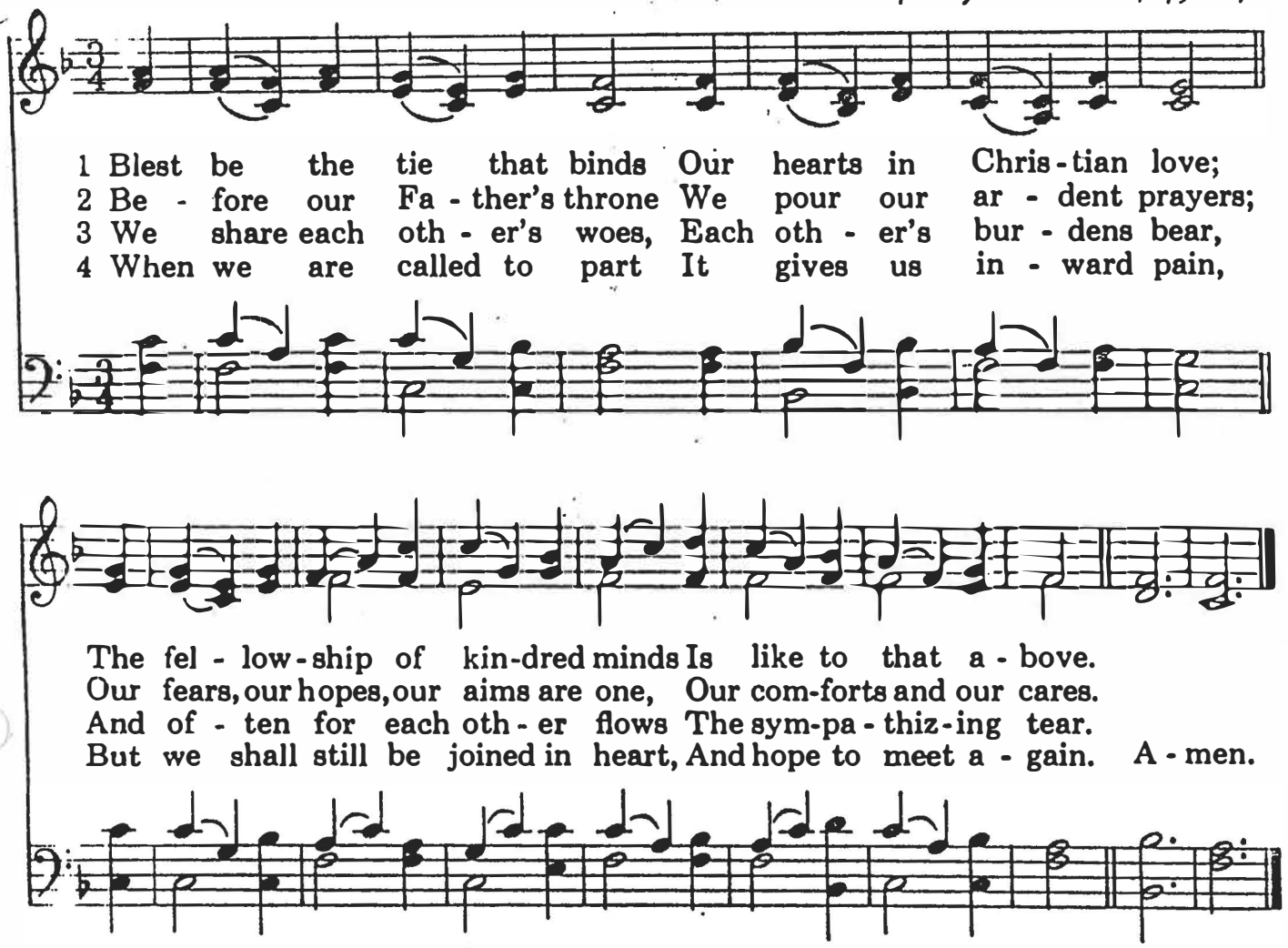
First Tune

John Fawcett, 1739/40-1817

DENNIS S.M.
Melody by J. G. Nägeli, 1768?-1836
Adapted by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



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Dorothy B. Leland

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Ronald Eugene Barber

Clarence Wendell Corey

Victoria Grace White DeLorenzo

Marcia Cobain

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Andrea Lattanzi Lotreck

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Joyce Jepson

Ann Donohue

Carl Steffens

David K. Blair

Barbara G. Lewis

Alexis Connolly

Victor Miller

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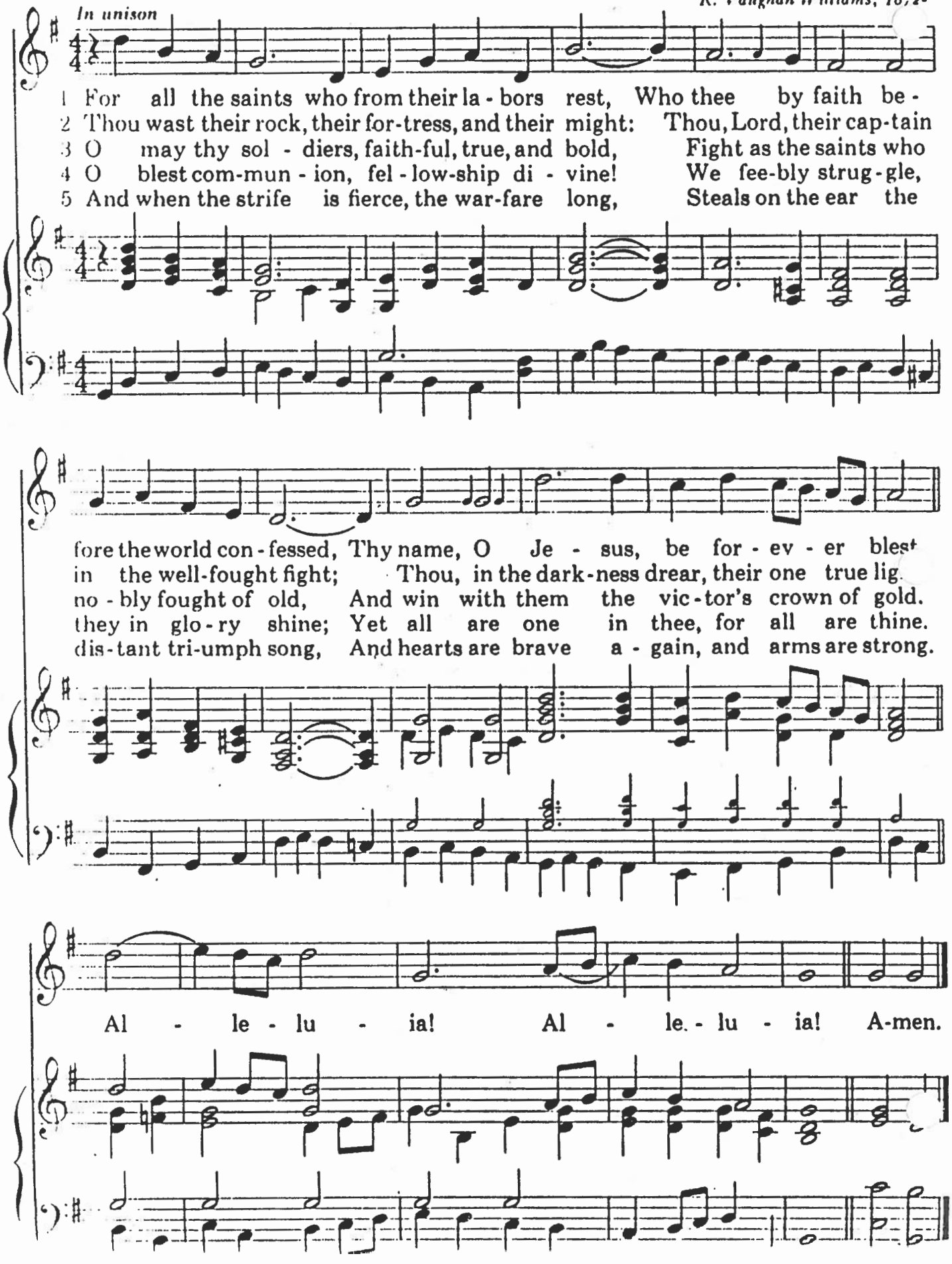
First Tune

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-

In unison



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