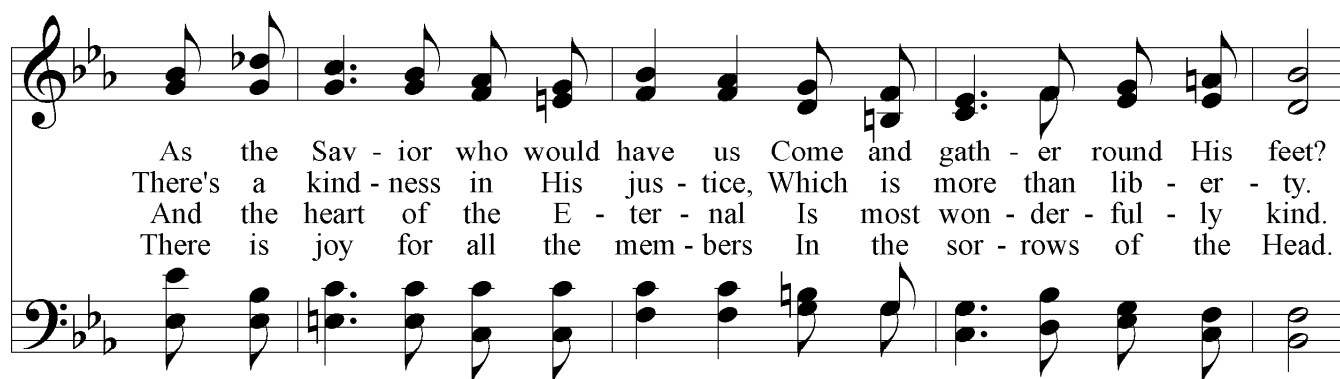


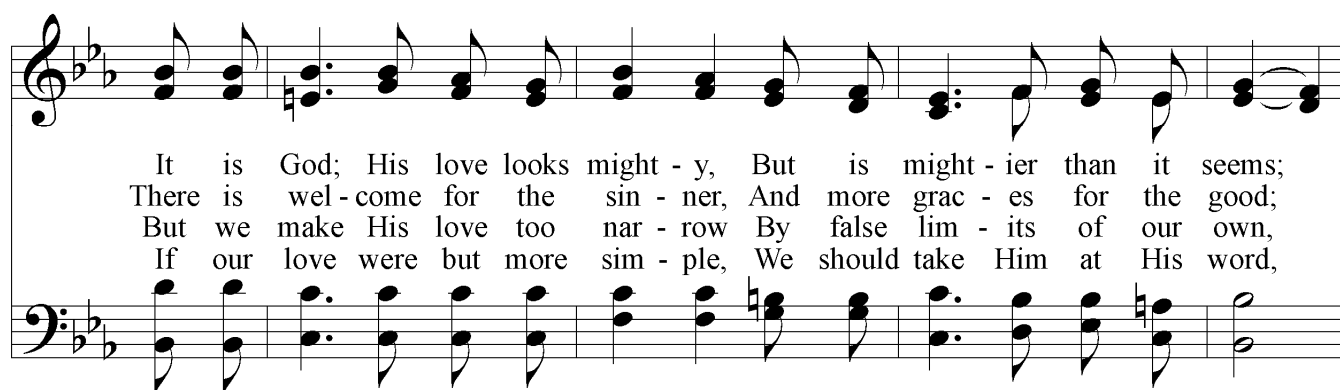
Was There Ever Kindest Shepherd?



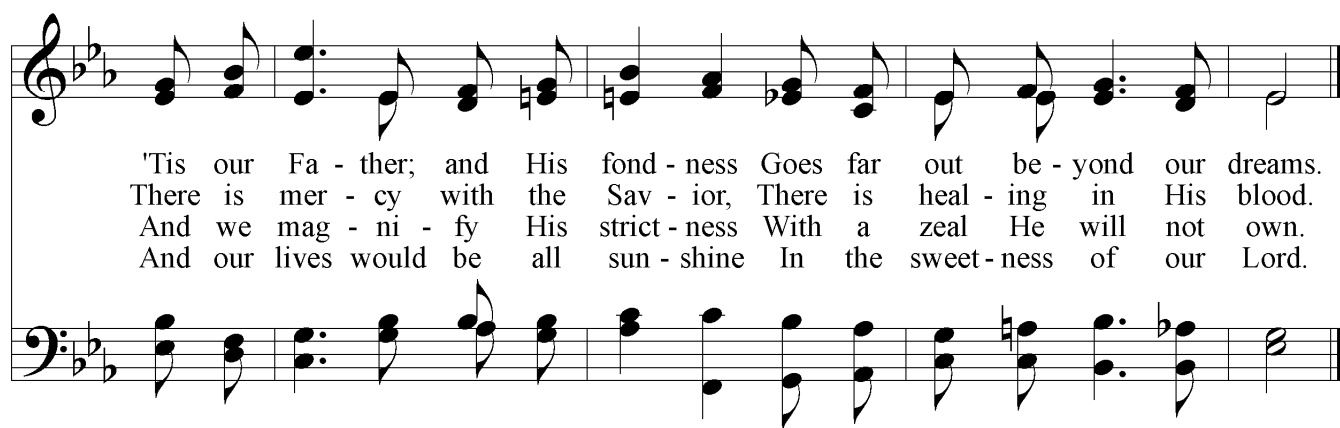
1. Was there ev - er kind - est shep - herd Half so gen - tle, half so sweet
2. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
3. For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sure of man's mind,
4. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;



As the Sav - ior who would have us Come and gath - er round His feet?
There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.



It is God; His love looks might - y, But is might - ier than it seems;
There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;
But we make His love too nar - row By false lim - its of our own,
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take Him at His word,



'Tis our Fa - ther; and His fond - ness Goes far out be - yond our dreams.
There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in His blood.
And we mag - ni - fy His strict - ness With a zeal He will not own.
And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet - ness of our Lord.