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# Keeping Your Eyes on Jesus

Youth Sunday – June 14, 2026

Ushers: Cole Sanders, Bryce Dunn, Dan Sear, Ayden Chambers

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Alex Newhall

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **We come, ready to keep our eyes on Jesus!**

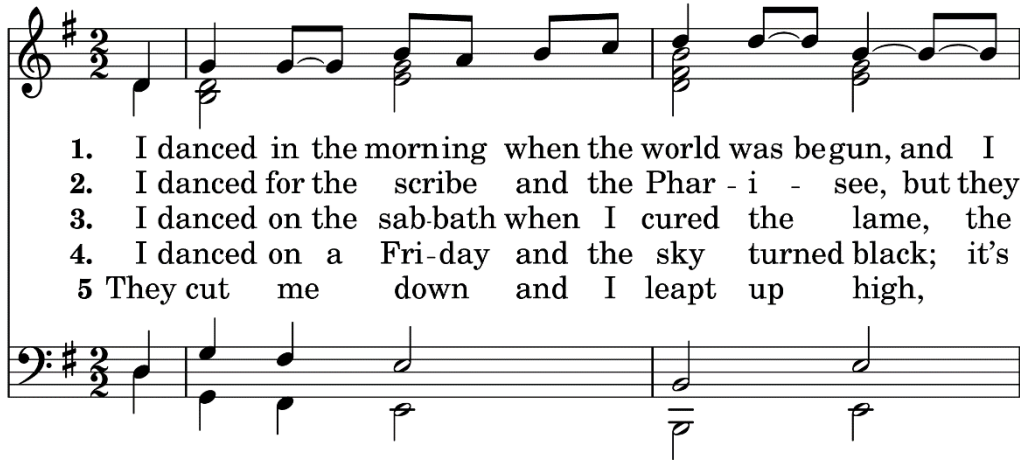
**Leader:** The world is full of distraction and temptation. But we know where our focus should be!

**People:** **Those who came before us have shown us how. The world and future generations are counting on us. Let's serve God with perseverance, faith and joy!**

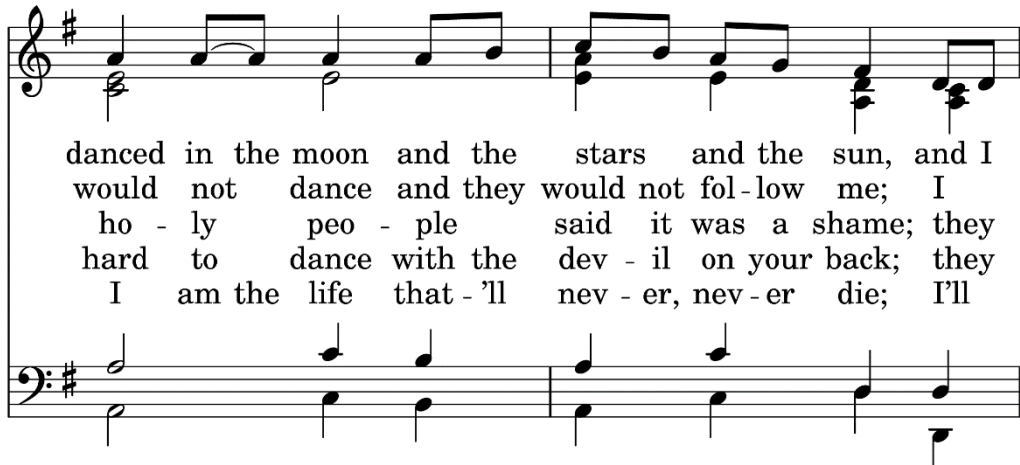
## Hymn

## Lord of the Dance

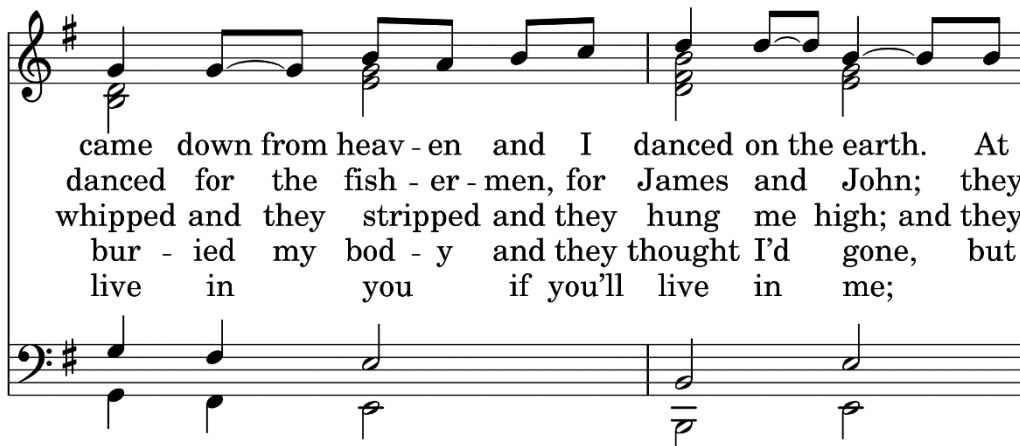
(verses 1, 4, and 5)



1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I  
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they  
 3. I danced on the sab-bath when I cured the lame, the  
 4. I danced on a Fri-day and the sky turned black; it's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 would not dance and they would not fol-low me; I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they  
 I am the life that -'ll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; they  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me;

Beth-le - hem I had my birth.  
came to me and the dance went on.  
left me there on a cross to die. Dance, then, where  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all where -

ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Opening Prayer

Ethan Miller

**Hey God! Thank you for bringing us all together to worship today. Thank you for being loving, forgiving, and present in our lives. We pray for healing, for kindness, and for peace. We will treat others as you treat us,**

**and how we would like to be treated. You are our God yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

And all God's people said: **Amen!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Reverend Dave

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Young Disciples Chatting with Colin Daly!**

**Scripture Lesson**

Hebrews 12:1-3

Jacob Gorneau

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

**Message**

*Keeping Your Eyes on Jesus*

Michael Newhall

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory**

Change My Heart, O God

arr. Douglas Wagner

**Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Offertory Prayer**

Gus Donahue

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

Alex Newhall, Samantha Gilbert, Kayla Hackett, Maddy Dunn

Hymn

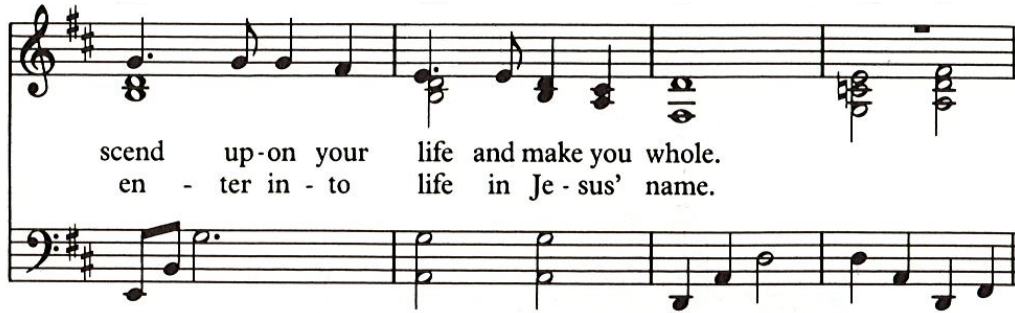
Spirit Song

1. O let the Son of God en - fold you with his  
 (2. O come and) sing this song with glad - ness as your

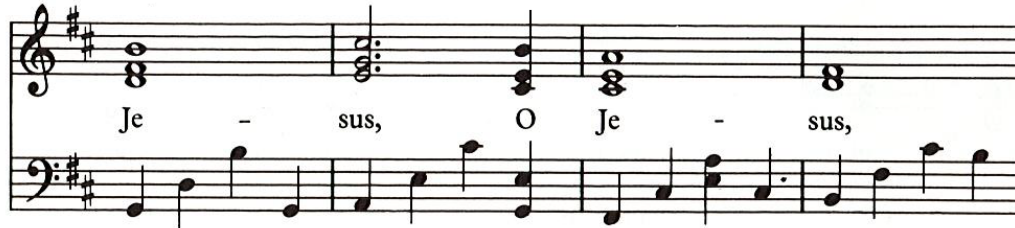
Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and  
 hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that  
 ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -  
 sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll



scend up-on your life and make you whole.  
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.



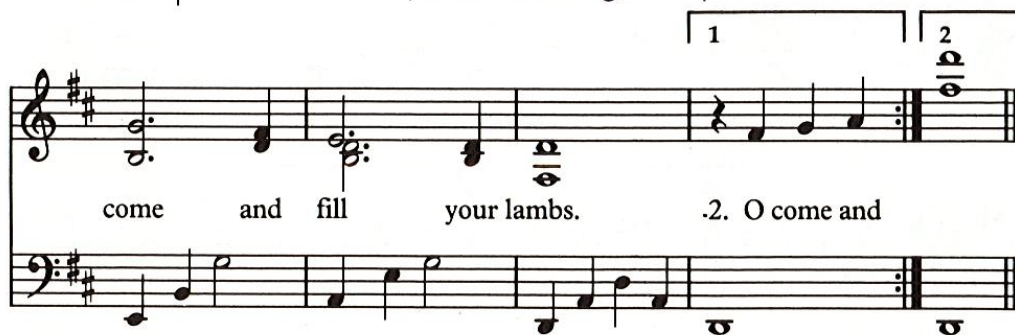
Je - sus, O Je - sus,



come and fill your lambs.



Je - sus, O Je - sus,



come and fill your lambs. .2. O come and

**Benediction  
Postlude**

“Darwall” Healey Willan