

Hymns for 15 October 2023

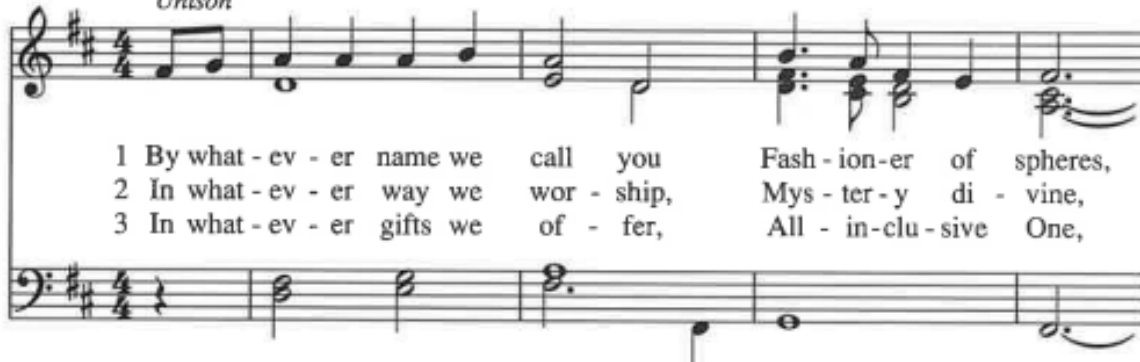
By Whatever Name We Call You

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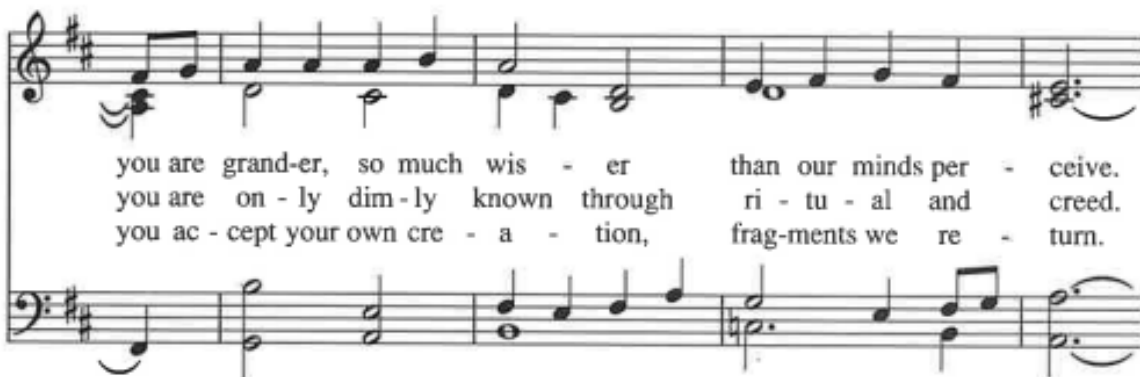
Dosia Carlson, 1990

1 Pet. 4:10; Job 11:7-9

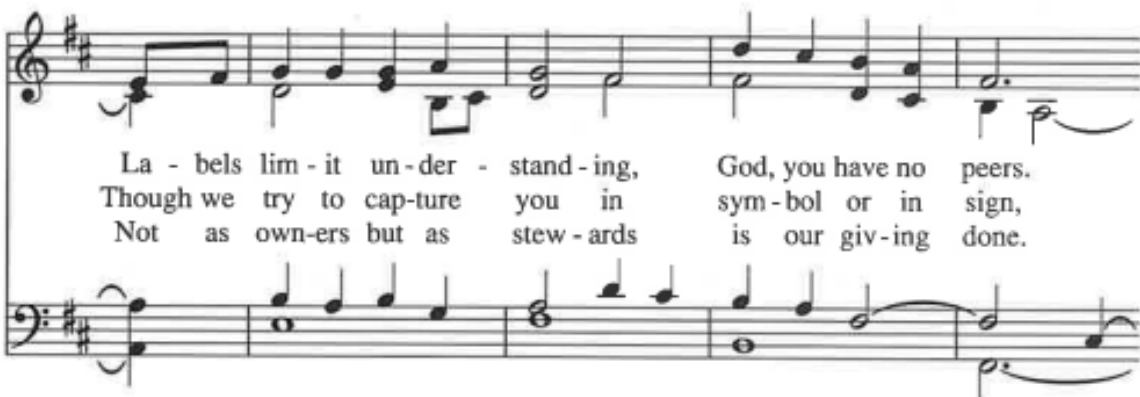
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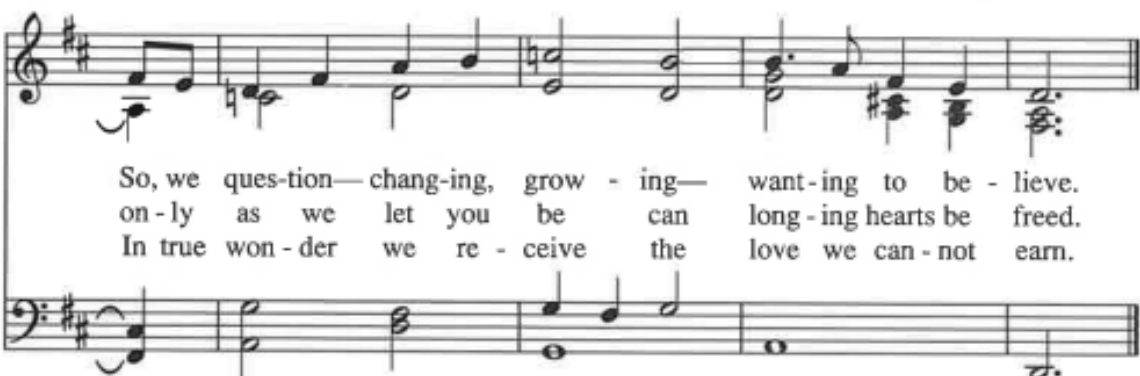
1 By what - ev - er name we call you Fash - ion - er of spheres,
2 In what - ev - er way we wor - ship, Mys - ter - y di - vine,
3 In what - ev - er gifts we of - fer, All - in - clu - sive One,



you are grand - er, so much wis - er than our minds per - ceive.
you are on - ly dim - ly known through ri - tu - al and creed.
you ac - cept your own cre - a - tion, frag - ments we re - turn.



La - bels lim - it un - der - stand - ing, God, you have no peers.
Though we try to cap - ture you in sym - bol or in sign,
Not as own - ers but as stew - ards is our giv - ing done.



So, we ques - tion — chang - ing, grow - ing — want - ing to be - lieve.
on - ly as we let you be can long - ing hearts be freed.
In true won - der we re - ceive the love we can - not earn.

O for a Closer Bond with God

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William Cowper, 1769; alt.

Ps. 119:105; Isa. 30:18-22

1 O for a clos - er bond with God,
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness we knew
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn,
4 The dear - est i - dols we have known,
5 So shall our bond be close with God,

a calm and heav - enly frame, A light to shine up -
when first our hearts were stirred? Where is the soul - re -
sweet mes - sen - ger of peace! For - give our sins and
as we our ways pur - sue; Help us to tear them
calm and se - rene our frame; So pur - er light shall

on the road that leads us to the Lamb!
fresh - ing view of Je - sus Christ, the Word?
help us learn in Christ to find re - lease.
from your throne, and wor - ship on - ly you.
mark the road that leads us to the Lamb!

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.