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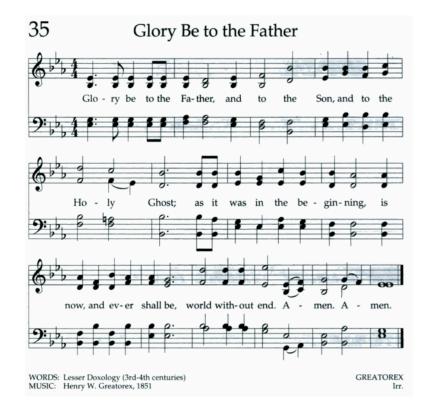




We are not the only Christians; we are Christians only.

-early Disciples slogan

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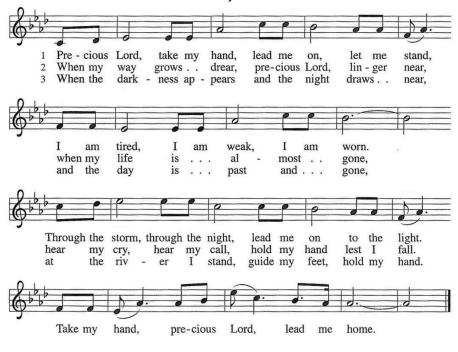




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PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND



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Welcoming a New Member

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Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus the Christ, we gladly welcome you into this community of faith, enfolding you with our love and committing ourselves to your care.

In the power of God's Spirit let us mutually encourage each other to trust God

and strengthen one another to serve others, that Christ's church may in all things stand faithful.

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355 A Disciples Affirmation

As members of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

We rejoice in God,

maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church, we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor

be to God forever. Amen.

-Preamble to the Design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)