

Traditional Lyrics March 9, 2025

**O Word of God Incarnate UMH 598**

1. O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

2. The church from you, our Savior,  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the sacred vessel  
where gems of truth are stored;  
it is the heaven-drawn picture  
of Christ, the living Word.

3. The Scripture is a banner  
before God's host unfurled;  
it is a shining beacon  
above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging tide,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
to you, O Christ, will guide.

4. O make your church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
your true light as of old.  
O teach your wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see you face to face.

**Depths of Mercy UMH 355**

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be  
mercy still reserved for me?  
Can my God his wrath forbear,  
me, the chief of sinners, spare?

2. I have long withstood his grace,  
long provoked him to his face,  
would not hearken to his calls,  
grieved him by a thousand falls.

3. I my Master have denied,  
I afresh have crucified,  
oft profaned his hallowed name,  
put him to an open shame.

4. There for me the Savior stands,  
shows his wounds and spreads his hands.  
God is love! I know, I feel;  
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

5. Now incline me to repent,  
let me now my sins lament,  
now my foul revolt deplore,  
weep, believe, and sin no more.

### **How Shall They Hear the Word of God UMH 649**

1 How shall they hear the word of God  
unless the truth is told;  
how shall the sinful be set free,  
the sorrowful consoled?  
To all who speak the truth today  
impart your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

2 How shall they call to God for help  
unless they have believed;  
how shall the poor be given hope,  
the prisoners reprieved?  
To those who help the blind to see  
give light and love and charity.

3 How shall the gospel be proclaimed  
that sinners may repent;  
how shall the world find peace at last  
if heralds are not sent?  
So send us, Lord, for we rejoice  
to speak of Christ with life and voice.