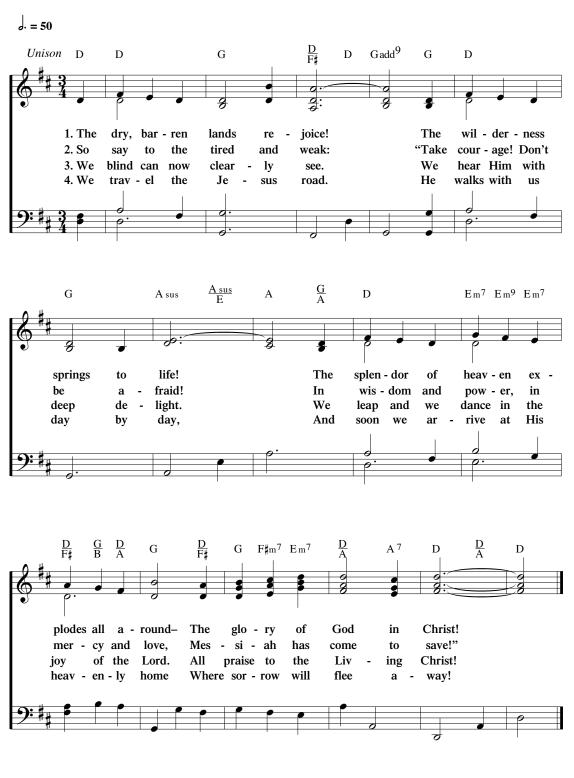
(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Isaiah 35



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LEAD-IN: Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come... He will save you..." Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened, And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped. Then those who limp will leap like a deer, And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy. (Isaiah 35:4-6, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Isaiah 35

Read Isaiah 35 and picture it in your mind:

- The dry, barren places now explode with life, color, and beauty. (vv.1-2)
- The weak and fearful are encouraged with astounding news: God comes to save us! (vv.3-4)
- The blind, deaf, crippled, and mute are miraculously healed and burst with joy, just like the desert. (vv.5-7)
- A Highway is now open through these wilderness places. It is a Highway of Holiness:

pure and completely safe, reserved only for God's redeemed people. It leads to the place God's people will gather with joy and gladness, with sorrow gone forever.

Now picture Jesus and His earthly ministry:

- Dry, barren lives now explode with life, color, and beauty.
- The weak and fearful are encouraged: God is here to save them!
- The blind, deaf, crippled, and mute are miraculously healed and burst with joy.
- Jesus Himself is the way to the Father and to everlasting joy. (John 14:6)

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the wonderful promises of Isaiah 35:

beauty, fruitfulness, wholeness, abundant life, and eternal joy.

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