**Hymns for Pentecost 24: Happy Tunes**

**VU #624, “Give to Us Laughter”**

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.

Laughter can banish so much of our strife.

Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.

Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy,

let us in laughing find Christian employ,

joining with stars and with bright northern lights,

laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Why do we worry that we will lose face?

Why act like king for the whole human race?

Often in family, and often with friend,

laughing at pride causes anguish to end.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,

laughter with tears brings most healing relief.

God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,

joys of your presence among us increase.

**MV #131, “You, Creator God, Have Searched Me”**

You, Creator God, have searched me

and you know my ways.

You perfectly understand me.

It’s my cause of praise.

I cannot escape your presence

in air, land or sea.

Your arms of love and protection

are always with me.

**You know me, O God, you have made me.**

**I am proud I’m the work of your hand.**

**In my waking and sleeping moments,**

**with my being I will praise your name.**

You created light and darkness

and you love them both.

You blessed the womb of my mother,

you brought me to birth.

In your image and your likeness

wonderfully made.

I will lift my voice to praise you,

you are God indeed.

**You know me, O God....**