We Know That God Is Speaking is an uplifting anthem of encouragement for communion or any time which notes the many ways God speaks to His followers. The linear nature of the melody gives a wonderful opportunity for fluid and expressive phrasing and subtle dynamic shaping of the text. Consider using a small ensemble for the *Poco meno mosso* section (mm. 48-70) to add even more textural contrast (and save rehearsal time with the entire choir). Note the alternate italicized text (mm. 43-47) which offers the general worship textual option.

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for S.A.T.B. voices and organ*

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