

# WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

April 30, 2023  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

### Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

### Preparation for Worship

*Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### Prelude – Hymns for the Congregation

### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Cate Church Norman

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

### Minute for Major Mission

(8:00 & 9:30) Cristin De Ronja; (11:00) Laura Brimberry

### Call to Worship (11:00) Cooper Chapman, Elizabeth Monroe, Felix Szymanowski, Harvey Creel, Kate Harris

*One: This is the day of the Lord.*

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad.**

*One: We gather to sing our songs and pray our prayers.*

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad.**

*One: Come, now is the time to worship.*

**All: Praise the Lord!**

### \*Hymn 250 – In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

(11:00) verse 1: Cherub Choir; verses 2-3: all

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and others in thought, word, and deed. We often fail your law. We often reduce the power of your grace. Help us to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. You ask us for our whole selves; but we give only the minimum. Forgive our sin and call us repeatedly back to you; in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*



**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

(9:30) Henry Winslow Fitzgerald, child of Catie and Dave Fitzgerald

**Old Testament Lesson** – Psalm 23, pew Bible p. 474

(11:00) Grady Mock

(11:00) **Anthem** – *Reach for What’s Next*

Katie Houts

WMPC Children’s and Youth Choirs

*There will be days when the sky is dark, the world feels cold, and needs a spark. There will be times when your soul is blue, your heart feels gray, your mind does, too. Rise up with those around you. We’re stronger when we go through hard things together. We’re not alone. Won’t you come with me? Be all we can be? Sharing joy and welcome, hope and courage, shining light that might encourage all God’s children to reach for what’s next.*

*We’re not alone as we walk this road, so meet the need, and share the load. There might be someone who needs a smile, or may need time to rest awhile. Look beyond our reflection. Can we make a connection? Don’t just look past, see the outcast, help them outlast the weight of the world. Rise up with those around you. We’re stronger when we go through hard things together. We can face hard things together. We can do hard things together!*

*Won’t you come with me? Be all we can be? Sharing joy and welcome, hope and courage, shining light that might encourage all God’s children to reach for what’s next, and take that next breath, and take that next step to reach for what’s next!*

**New Testament Lesson** – John 10:1-10, pew Bible p. 97

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(11:00) **A Time With Young Disciples**

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

**Sermon** – “*Jesus Christ as Shepherd of our Lives and Souls*”

Christopher Edmonston

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\***Hymn 240** – *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

(11:00) refrain and verse 1: Carol choir; refrain and verses 2-4: All

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

Genevieve Brooks

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering**

## Offertory

(8:00) *Prelude to Little Spring* from *Pleiades Dances VI*

Takashi Yoshimatsu (b. 1953)

(9:30) *The Chorister Prayer*

Philip WJ Stopford (b. 1977)

WMPC Adult Choir

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing, we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, And what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(11:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Carol, Joyful Noise, and Youth Choirs

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

## \*Offertory Response Hymn

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is a simple, rhythmic melody.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA); (11:00) Savannah Coll

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.**

**The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history.**

**It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God - the just and loving rule over all.**

**It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.**

**It forms our memory and our hope.**

**It tells us who we are and what we are to do.**

**To retell it is to declare what we believe.**

**Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement.**

**His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion.**

**His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.**

**His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness.**

**Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.**

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn 248 – *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class. Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join) or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206 for details, class dates and registration.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** and coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The Sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is May 7.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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**AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL:** 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

**(11:00) Commissioning of WMPC Children's and Youth Choirs**

*One: The words we sing shape and nurture us. Words that are sung build our faith:*

**All: "...in our doubt there is believing..."** (from Hymn 250)

*One: Words that are sung help us praise our Maker:*

**All: "... Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise."**  
(from anthem, *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

*One: Words that are sung direct us to love one another and build community in a world that is fractioned.*

**All: "... we're stronger when we go through hard things together..."**  
(from anthem, *Reach Toward What's Next*)

Let us pray:

**Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, help us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.  
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

**Postlude – Carillon**

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO**

**Smith Jordan and family**, on the death of his grandmother, Katharine Rhett Fox, April 20, Wilmington, NC.

**NEW PRESBYTERIANS**

**Milos Reign Lasso**, April 23, child of Melody and Forrest Lasso, St. Petersburg, FL, grandchild of Sarah Beth and Scott Lasso, great-grandchild of Betty Baldwin.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**Lynn and Bob Womble** on the birth of their grandchild, George Womble Wells, April 16, child of Margaret and John Wells, Nashville, TN.

**Terry and William Preston** on the birth of their grandchild, Ava Carter Preston, April 21, child of Lily and Harrison Preston, Holly Springs, NC.

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**The flowers in the chancel today** are the wedding flowers of Alden Berkley Maier and Robert Nelson Maitland II, whose marriage was celebrated April 28, 2023.

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## BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 28 WE WILL HAVE NEW WORSHIP TIMES

After being approved by Session on March 26, our worship times beginning Sunday, May 28 will change. This is a permanent change and not a summer worship schedule. There is no Sunday school during the summer months, but beginning on Sunday, September 10 we will resume with 9:30 a.m. Sunday school.

**9:30 a.m. Sanctuary**  
**10:45 a.m. OnPoint - Main Hall**  
**11:00 a.m. Sanctuary**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY | APRIL 30

*Psalm 23; John 10:1-10*

### MONDAY | MAY 1

*Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### TUESDAY | MAY 2

*Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21*

#### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

#### Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. | The Hub

#### Outreach Knitting Group

9:30 a.m. - noon | W400

### WEDNESDAY | MAY 3

*Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28*

#### Clothing Closet

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | K100

#### Shepherd's Table

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Offsite

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

#### Baptism & Belonging

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

#### Wednesday Together Dinner

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for fellowship and a spaghetti supper. Registration not required.

### THURSDAY | MAY 4

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15*

#### Keenagers

10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Geneva Hall

### FRIDAY | MAY 5

*Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16*

### SATURDAY | MAY 6

*Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59*

#### Servant Saturday

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A great service opportunity for all ages.

## SAVE THE DATES

#### The Talk with Dr. Sonny Kelly

Sunday | May 7 | Main Hall | 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. | [Registration required](#)

In person only. Recommended for adults and children 10 and older. The Talk is a dynamic one-man performance that draws on the difficult conversations that we must have with our children as we prepare them to survive and thrive in a polarized America. Childcare available with registration.

#### Parents of Littles

Sunday | May 7 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Parents of Littles brings together those in our church family who are in the thick of raising young children (preschool and under). Childcare is provided. Dinner will be provided by City BBQ for \$7 per adult and \$5 per child. Register by noon, Thursday, May 4.

#### Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

Monday | May 8 | Main Hall | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend the Women's Fellowship Luncheon.

[Register by noon, May 5.](#)

#### Sounds on Oberlin Concert Series: Nicole Keller

Sunday | May 21 | Sanctuary | 3:00 p.m.

Concert organist Nicole Keller will play a program featuring works of American composers or works inspired by American music. All Sounds on Oberlin concerts are free;

[donations appreciated.](#)

#### AARP Safe Driving Class

Thursday | May 25 | C200 | 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.



**Shortcuts!** Find out what's happening around White Memorial during the week. Register for events. Request a prayer. You can do all this and more in one convenient place. Simply scan this QR code with your smart phone.

REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER](https://whitememorial.org/register)

# WMPC INSOUT Reach

LOVE.  
SERVE.  
REPEAT

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 & 17

Clothing Closet  
1st floor Witherspoon Building  
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Paula Williams  
Rw78243@mindspring.com

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Shepherd's Table  
121 W. Morgan Street  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Jan Stewart  
thestewarts2614@gmail.com

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

Servant Saturday  
Pickard Hall  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Becky Olmsted  
beckyolmsted@hotmail.com

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

Habitat Site Construction  
4400 Old Poole Road  
(park along Dedication Drive)  
8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Eric Miller  
eric\_miller@ncsu.edu  
Ages 16+ welcome

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

Note in the Pocket  
4730 Hargrove Rd.  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Ruth Landers  
ruth@landers.me

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

NAMI Walk  
Perimeter Park  
3015 Carrington Mill Blvd.  
Morrisville, NC  
9 a.m.  
Ruth Landers  
ruth@landers.me



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# MAY

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Dress for Success  
1812 Tillery Place, Suite 105  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Ruth Landers  
ruth@landers.me

## SUNDAY, MAY 28

Oak City Cares  
1430 S. Wilmington St.  
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Sara Joyner  
sej404@gmail.com

## Volunteer any day!

### A Place at the Table

300 W. Hargett Street  
Contact [volunteer@tablraleigh.org](mailto:volunteer@tablraleigh.org)

### Meals on Wheels

Sign up: <https://www.wakemow.org/volunteer>  
Delivery every morning.  
Contact Brandy Oliveira (volunteer coordinator)  
984-683-9769

### The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

1924 Capitol Blvd.  
Contact Kristye Brackett  
[Kristyebackett@gmail.com](mailto:Kristyebackett@gmail.com)  
Register at: <https://foodbankcenc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

### Wake Relief

616 Tucker Street  
Weekday and weekend volunteer opportunities available.  
For more information: [wakerelief.org](http://wakerelief.org).  
Contact Laura Rogers, [brcactus@aol.com](mailto:brcactus@aol.com) or 919-605-3125.

May Collection: Diapers for Diaper Train or funds to purchase them (donate online)

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)  
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."  
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

*Fine*

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

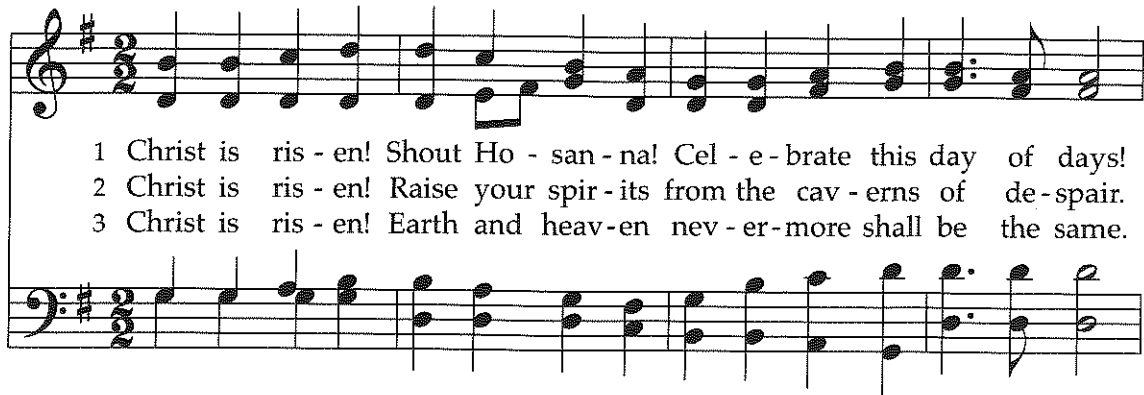
E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

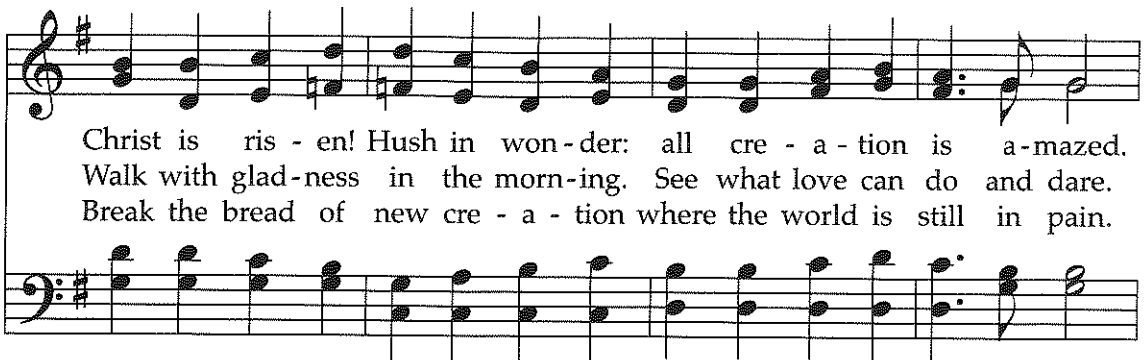
This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.



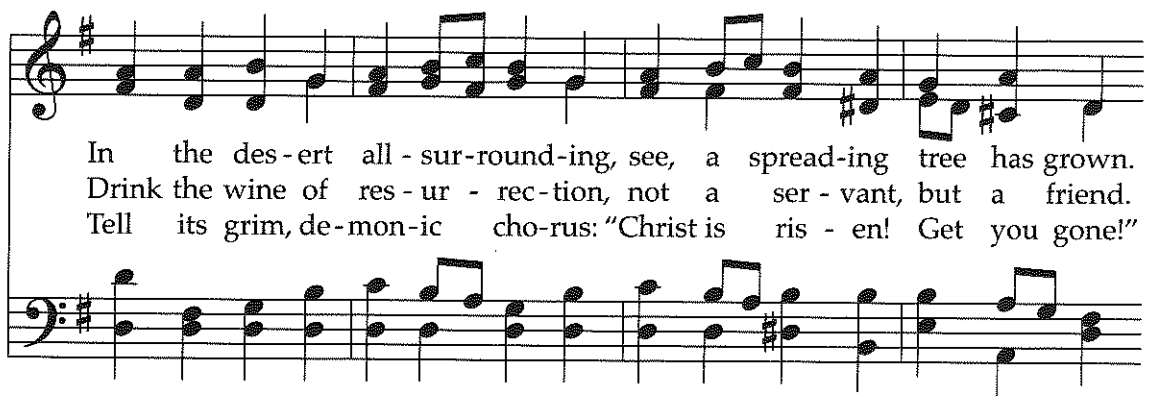
## Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



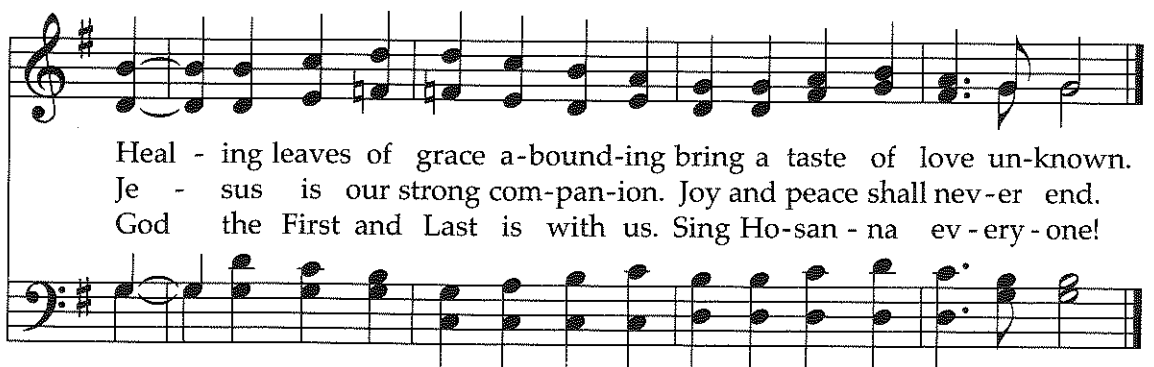
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."