

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

February 4, 2024
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

O God, in the folly of the cross you reveal the great distance between your wisdom and human understanding. Open our minds to the simplicity of the gospel, that, fervent in faith and tireless in love, we may become light and salt for the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude – WAIRUA TAPU

music by Swee Hong Lim; arr. by Karl Zinsmeister

(9:30) Organ and Orff instruments

(11:00) Kathy Hart, piano; Joyful Noise Choir, recorders

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Chip Pope

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

Call to Worship

(11:00) Hailey Thompson

adapted from Isaiah 40

One: God sits above the circle of the earth and stretches the heavens above it like a curtain.

All: Who is equal to the Holy One? Lift up your eyes and see the wonder of God's creations.

One: Let us all remember: the Lord is the everlasting God.

All: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength and soar as though they have the wings of eagles.

One: Let us worship, praise, and pray in the name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.

(11:00) A Minute for Boy Scout Troop 395

Lewis Jennings

*Hymn 610 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

(11:00) Ella Bray Sharp

One: Why are we called to confess our sin?

All: Because all people fall into sin and fall short of the kingdom of God.

One: Why do we pray our confession together?

All: Because we are a covenant people, bound together in faith and love.

One: Let us pray:

All: Most merciful God, we confess our sin through thought, word, and deed. We have left too many things undone. We have invested our energies in too many meaningless pursuits. Too often, we betray others and ourselves; we make the wrong decisions because we are afraid. Too often, we doubt the good things that you alone, God, can accomplish. Cleanse our sin and renew our lives. Renew our faith for service and celebration. In the name of Jesus, we lay our hopes at your feet. Forgive us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

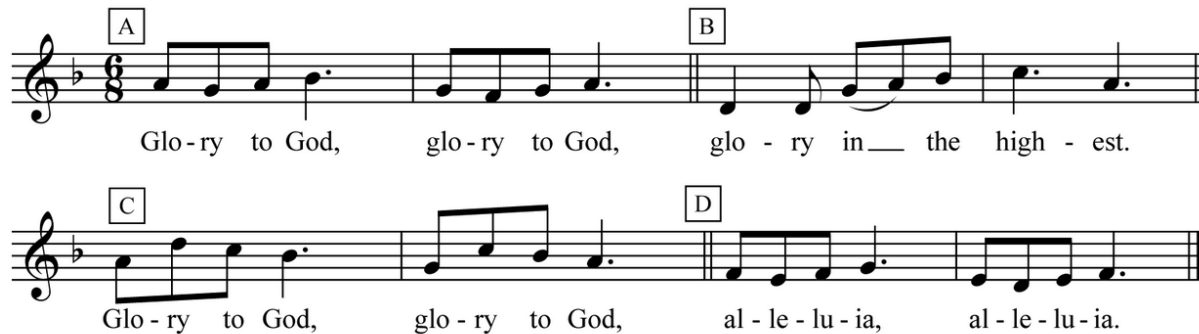
***Passing of the Peace**

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

All: And also with you.

***Response Hymn – (9:30) Hymn 583**

GLORIA (Taizé)



(11:00) *Encourage One Another*

Mark Burrows

Cherub Choir; Cindy Sharp, director

Encourage one another and build up each other.

Be the hands of friendship. Be the feet of action.

Be the heart of peace and hope, of kindness and care, and love we all share.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Welcoming New Members

(11:00) Believing and Belonging Class Joins

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 40:21-31, pew Bible p. 628

(11:00) John Thagard

(11:00) Anthem – *Goliath*

Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Joseph M. Martin

Carol Choir; Lee Baker, director; Jeff Siker, accompanist

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet tall. Goliath was a mighty man, he had a lot of gall.

He laughed at David and David's God, he made fun of old King Saul.

Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him fall.

Fee, fi, fo, fum, fee, fi, fo, fum

Goliath was a mighty man, he was a warrior bold. Goliath was a mighty man, his temper uncontrolled.

He laughed at David and David's God, he made fun of old King Saul.

Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him,

Yes, you should have seen him, O you should have seen him fall.

Now you've made me mad. You are just a lad. Birds and beasts will have a feast. Prepare to meet your God!

David stood up to Goliath, he didn't even have a sword.

All he had was five round rocks and the power of the Lord.

He put a rock in his old sling-shot and when that stone had flown.

It hit Goliath between the eyes and he let out a groan!

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet tall. Goliath was a mighty man, until he lost it all.

He laughed at David and David's God. He made fun of old King Saul. He wasn't really great at all.

You should have seen him, Yes, you should have seen him, You should have seen him fall!

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

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

New Testament Lesson – 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, read from the New Living Translation

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

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 834 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

PRECIOUS LORD

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**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

(11:00) Baker Carr

Offertory – *As The Wind Song*

arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

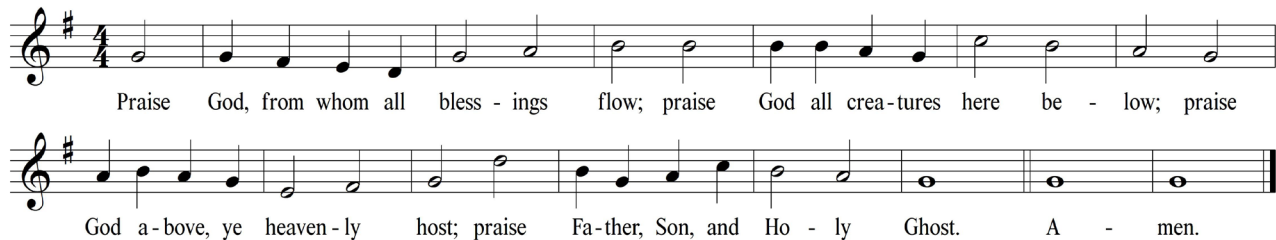
(9:30) Adult and Handbell Choirs
(11:00) Joyful Noise and Handbell Choirs

*As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known, where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul’s most deep desire, so it is with the spirit of God.*

*As the rainbow after rain, as the hope born again, so it is with the spirit of God,
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the spirit of God.
Making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the spirit of God.*

*Offertory Response – *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH



*Affirmation of Faith

(11:00) Reid Wilson
from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn 821 – *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*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 – *Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25*

Leon Boëllmann (1862-97)

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
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.
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is February 4.
- **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 three 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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Bill Durland and family, on the death of his father,
William Frederick Durland, Sr., January 14, Monroe, NC

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Carolanne "Battle" Stilley, January 25, child of Sterling and John Stilley,
grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 4

Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Installation of Anne Galliher

10:45 a.m. | Main Hall | Reception to follow in Pickard Hall
We invite you to join us for the Installation of Anne Galliher as Associate Pastor for Small Groups & Young Adults for White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 5

Psalms 102:12-28; 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37; Acts 14:1-7

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

Philippians Bible Study

6:30 p.m. | Main Hall + Livestream

Join Christopher Edmonston as we read through Philippians together over four Monday nights this winter.

Stephen Ministry: How to Talk to Someone about Substance Use and Mental Health

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. | C200

You are invited to hear Beth Pfitzenmaier, Director of Clinical Training at SouthLight, share insights into talking with someone about substance use and mental health.

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 6

2 Kings 8:1-6; Acts 15:36-41

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

Women of all ages are invited. Hosted by Circle M.

Outreach Knitting Group

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | R400

Dress for Success

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Offsite | 1812 Tillery Place

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7

Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12

Shepherd's Table

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | 121 West Morgan St.

Pickleball at WMPC!

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

Wednesday Together Dinner

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

Join us for our monthly spaghetti supper! [Register by 11:00 p.m. Sunday, February 4.](#)

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8

Psalms 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

This week, we will celebrate Mardi Gras! Questions? Contact [Mariel Lee](#).

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9

1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10

1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44

Habitat for Humanity

8:15 a.m. | Offsite | 20 Kelley Meadows Drive, Knightdale, NC

Everyone ages 16+ is welcome at this site construction! Sign up at vhub.at/whitememorial. Lunch will be provided. To learn more, contact Eric Miller at eric_miller@ncsu.edu.

SAVE THE DATES

Youth Sunday

Sunday | February 11 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Cancer Companions

Tuesday | February 13 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

For more information, contact Parish Associate [Jim Ferry](#) or [Amanda Kidd](#).

Artist in Residence: Steve Prince

We hope you'll join us for this very exciting and inspiring event as Art Evangelist Steve Prince works with our congregation and community friends to create a Communal Quilt and an Urban Garden Drawing. These events are appropriate for attendees ages sixth grade and up.

Friday | February 16 | 5:30-8:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall | Free

Prince will deliver a message inspired by his work while sharing the philosophical foundation of his art practice stemming from his upbringing in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Saturday | February 17 | Pickard Hall

Choose one of three times to join a 2.5 hour workshop (all workshops are the same). Must register. Cost is \$10 per participant. Additional donations are welcome to help defray cost of materials and the clinician's honorarium.

Sunday | February 18

Both projects will be unveiled prior to worship services.

Lenten Contemplative Retreat – Journey into Forty Days

Thursday | February 22 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | WMPC Campus | [Registration required](#)

Join Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter and Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman as we journey into forty days of discipleship with one of Christ's most faithful disciples, Mary Magdalene. The cost to attend is \$15 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

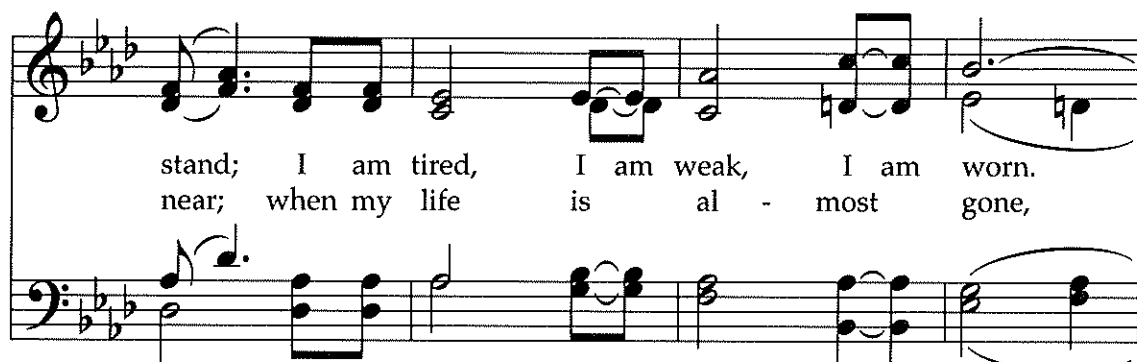
1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

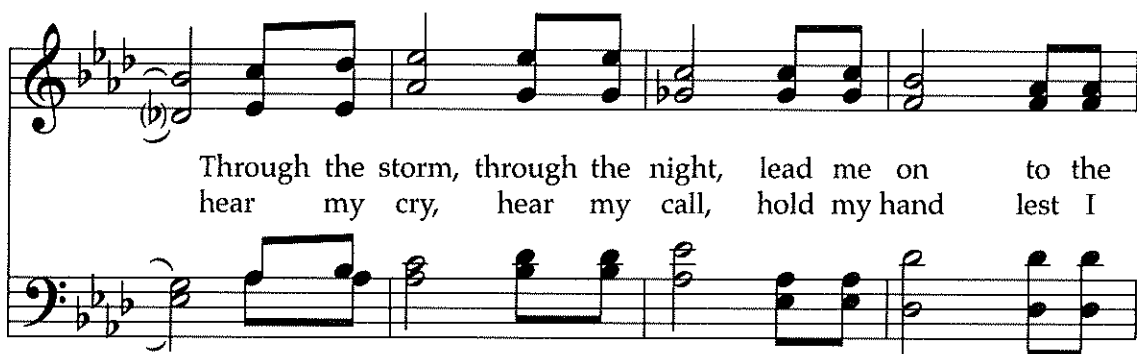
834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I



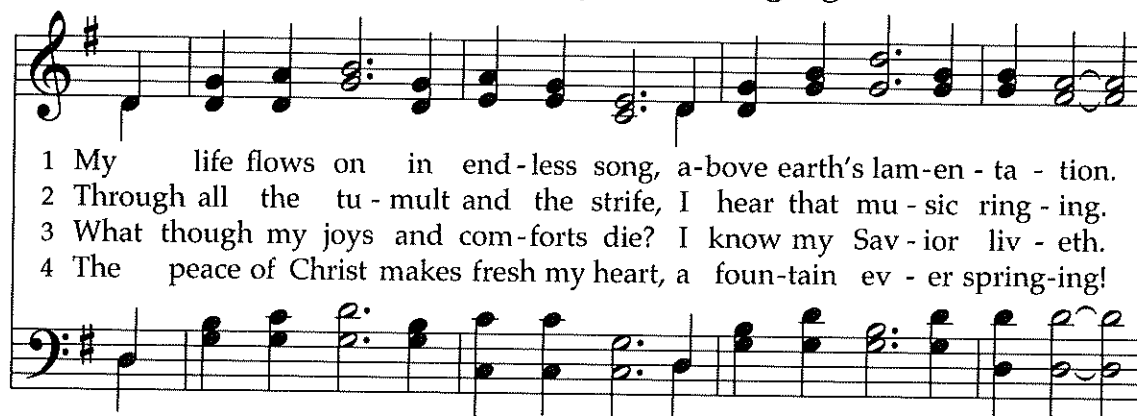
light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

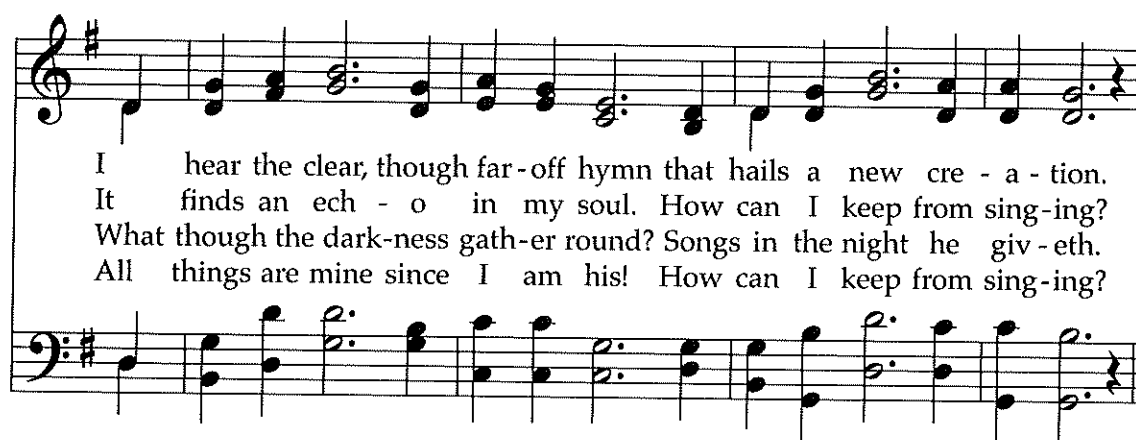
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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

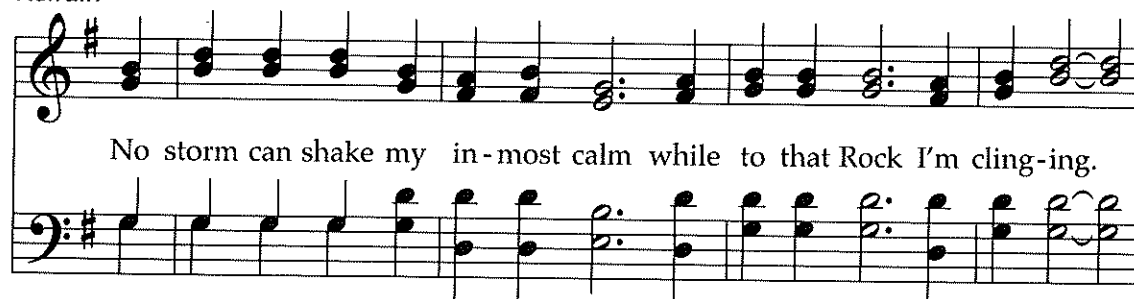


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

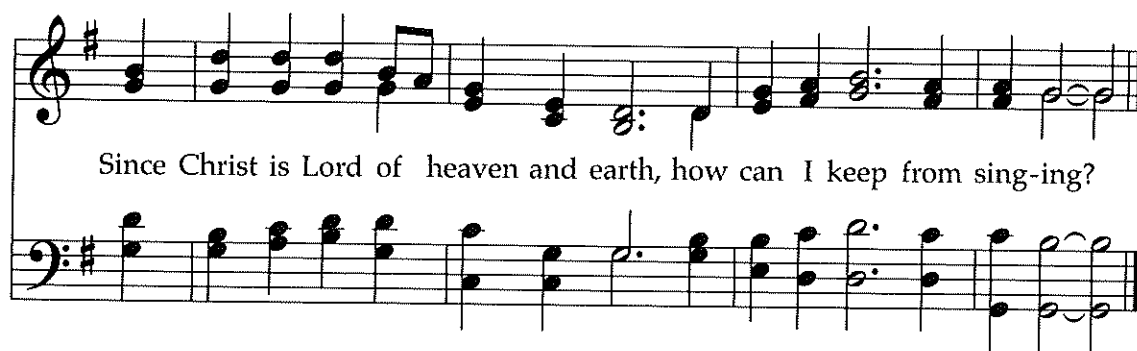


I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.