

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 1, 2026 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. So guide us, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem A Simple Song

L. Bernstein/S. Schwartz

Sing God a simple song—*lauda, laude*.
Make it up as you go along—*lauda, laude*.
Sing like you like to sing; God loves all simple things,
for God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song to praise him, to bless him,
to bless the Lord;
I will sing his praises while I live, all of my days.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord;
blessed is the one who praises him—*lauda, lauda, laude*—
and walks in his ways.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my eyes to the Lord, singing *lauda, laude*.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand,
and the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night.
Blessed is the one who loves the Lord—*lauda, lauda, laude*—
and walks in his ways.

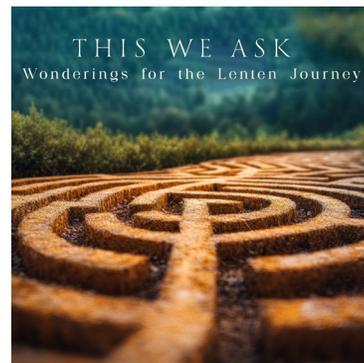
Lauda, lauda, laude.
Lauda, lauda-di-da-di-de—
all of my days.

*Call to Worship

God calls us forward,
God calls us forward,
even when we do not know the way.
even when we do not know the way.
God calls us to trust,
God calls us to trust,
even when we do not understand.
even when we do not understand.
God calls us beloved,
God calls us beloved,
even before we believe it.
even before we believe it.

*Hymn 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

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* Asterisks invite us
to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for
everyone to say or sing.

This serene song originates as part of the opening of Leonard Bernstein's MASS, created for the 1971 Kennedy Center opening in Washington D.C. Its sense of wonder and incorporation of psalm-language draws us into gathering.

During this Lent, our liturgies for Gathering are taken from a resource called Child of Blessing—a project of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) that invites children and youth into worship leadership in word and presence. It is a project that offers liturgical resources and practices for congregations of all sizes, inviting consistent and creative ways for children and youth to be nurtured and formed as worship leaders. WMPC's participation will help to bless other congregations—in the words of the Child of Blessing introduction, it is a way "...[to] share a common commitment to being a place of welcome and refuge for people of every age."

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

God does not require perfect understanding.
God meets us in our questions and gives us love.



choir
What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

all:
what won-drous love is this, O my soul.

Held in the hands of grace,
let us pray:

Great God of grace and glory, we come to you with so many questions. Far too often we lose patience and we fail to wait for your answers. Inventing answers of our own, we fall into sin and we fall short of your righteousness. The Bible tells us that you did not send Jesus to condemn us but instead to forgive us. Through his life and death and resurrection, we pray for your mercy during our Lenten journey. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Silent prayers

Lift up your eyes, not to shame or fear,
but to the One who keeps you,
who guards your going out and your coming in.
In Jesus Christ, we are reborn of water and the Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcoming New Members (11:00)

Sacrament of Baptism

Young children are invited to come forward for the baptism. Following time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

Harper Thomas Blackman and Hayden Anthony Blackman, children of Elizabeth and Cameron Blackman (9:30)

Georgia Walker Barbosa, child of Kelly and Ramon Barbosa (11:00)

Theodore William Freeman, child of Madison and Sam Freeman (11:00)

Jessica Christine Barnett (11:00)

1 You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been bap - tized.
 2 We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

anthem by Olaf Christiansen

O light everlasting! O love never failing!
 Illuminate our darkness and draw us to thee!
 May we from your Spirit receive inspiration,
 that all of creation your wisdom may see—
 and help us, your children, your temple to be.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4

pew Bible p. 9

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
 The LORD will not let your foot be moved
 nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
 the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
 The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Hymn 845 To the Hills I Lift My Eyes *cantor in Korean, then all in English*

New Testament Reading John 3:1-17

pew Bible p. 88

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Q and A

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 209 My Song is Love Unknown *stanzas 1 and 2 – all* *stanza 3 – choir* *stanzas 4 and 5 – all*

LOVE UNKNOWN

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Austin Vernon

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.

This plaintive hymn is an affirmation. Its highest notes come in reference not to hills but to confidence in God’s help. We hear it in Korean, then sing it in English.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures here below.
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from Philippians 2

God has called us to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves. God has called us to look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. We desire to share in the same mind that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave in human likeness. Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

“So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit,” Jesus tells Nicodemus. This hymn muses on that phrase; Shirley Murray’s text gives metaphor and image for ways we perceive the Spirit’s re-birthing power. Perhaps the text is Emily Dickinson-like, telling theology “slant.”

*Hymn 292 As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

*Benediction

J. E. Rankin/W. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again;
 loving counsels guide, uphold you,
 with a shepherd’s care enfold you:
 God be with you till we meet again.
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
 till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

*Chiming of the Trinity

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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.



WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We're so glad you are
worshipping with us today.

Visiting?

Deacons are in the Narthex
to offer a friendly greeting,
answer questions, and provide
directions.

Looking to Become a Member?

New members are received
after attending the *Believing &
Belonging @WMPC* class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join or
contact Lindsay Dew at
ext. 270 for class dates,
registration, and details.

Things to Know Restrooms

Hallway to Jane Bell Gathering
Space (Pulpit side) and first floor
of the Luther Building.

Childcare

Available for children
up to 4 years old.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages.

Refreshments & Coffee

The Connector and Main Hall.

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system
available in the Sanctuary.

AED/Narcan Locations

WMPC campus has five AED/
Narcan locations around
campus: Narthex- Sanctuary,
Main Hall-Edinburgh,
Lobby-Ross, Lobby-Calvin,
3rd floor-Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at
whitememorial.org.
Facebook & YouTube

Bulletins

Recycled after services as part
of our care for God's creation.



Jays & CONCERNS

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Betty Baldwin on the death of her brother and Sarah Beth Lasso and family on the death of her uncle, Dan Stuart Thompson, February 18, Hickory, NC

MARRIAGES

Margaret Alexander Smerko and John Murray Sharp, February 21

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized,
call the Pastoral Care line 919-834-3425, ext. 210 or email Caroline Parker
at cparker@whitememorial.org so our pastoral staff can reach out.

If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours,
call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

BEYOND SUNDAY: LENTEN PODCAST SERIES

In this season of Lent, we invite you to
journey with us. The third episode of our
seven-episode Lenten podcast, "*This We
Ask: Wonderings for the Journey*," comes
out Monday morning. In this episode,
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for
Pastoral Care, and Lee Hunter, Pastoral
Resident, explore the question that rises
from this encounter: What are we really
thirsting for? You can find the Lenten
podcast series on our website, Spotify or
Apple.

MIDWEEK LUNCH & WORSHIP

Thursdays | February 26 - March 26
Lunch 12:00 | Worship 12:30 p.m. |
Main Hall

We hope you'll join us for our midweek
Lunch & Worship. Lunch at 12:00 p.m
followed by a short worship service at 12:30
p.m. Lunch is \$8 per person; no registration
required.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have our Annual Congregational
Meeting on **Sunday, March 22, 2026,**
after the 11:00 a.m. worship service
in the Sanctuary. The purposes of the meeting
are the election of new church officers, the
approval of pastors' terms of call, and the
presentation of the 2025 Annual Report.
Zoom registration will be available.

EASTER BAGS FOR STEPUP, LOAVES & FISHES, MAYVIEW AND IGLESIA SANTUARIO

We will be donating Easter bags for the
children of StepUp, Loaves & Fishes,
Mayview and Iglesia Santuario. Please
come to the Ross building to pick up an
empty bag. Each bag will have a tag as to
the gender and age of the child it will go to.
Please fill the bag with goodies and return
to the Ross Lobby by March 20.

COMBINED WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**A Technicolor Promise - Children's Choirs
Sunday March 15 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. |
Main Hall**

**No 10:45 a.m. service | No Children's
Sunday School**

On Sunday, March 15, we will have
combined worship at 9:30 and 11:00 in
the Main Hall. As part of worship, our
children's choirs will present a short
musical *A Technicolor Promise*. It's a service
you won't want to miss!

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC Sunday, March 1

Genesis 12:1-4; John 3:1-17

Monday, March 2

Psalms 128; Numbers 21:4-9

- **Bridge with Friends**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Tai Chi**
5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Tuesday, March 3

Psalms 128; Isaiah 65:17-25

- **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study**
7:00 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Women's Breakfast/Circle**
7:00 a.m. | The Connector
- **Gentle Yoga**
8:30 a.m. | C200
- **Mahjong**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Cancer Companions**
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Wednesday, March 4

Psalms 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32

- **Chair Yoga**
10:00 a.m. | C200
- **Lectio Divina**
11:00 a.m. | Virtual
- **Yin Yoga**
11:15 a.m. | C200
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Wednesday Together Dinner**
5:00 p.m. | Main Hall

2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

May 1-2, 2026 | Same speaker and theme! | WMPC Campus

It might not be Wrightsville Beach, but we're going to have a great time of fellowship and learning right here on our campus. We're delighted that Rev. Gracie Payne, Associate Pastor for Engagement at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis can join us. She will lead us in exploring our theme: *Beloved on the Earth: Being, Belonging, Becoming*. Registration details are coming soon! And if you weren't able to register before, this is your opportunity to join us for what promises to be a rich and encouraging weekend. We can't wait to gather together!

SOUNDS ON OBERLIN CONCERT

"Invocations and Epiphanies" with Eric Wall and Karl Zinsmeister

Sunday March 8 | 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

"Invocations and Epiphanies" offers organ music by a range of composers based on psalms, liturgical movements, Biblical scenes, and imaginative moods. Karl Zinsmeister and Eric Wall are, respectively, past and current Directors of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in the Jane Bell Gathering Space. Admission is free, with donations to support future concerts warmly welcomed.

ART AS A MEDITATIVE PRACTICE

Thursdays | March 5, 12, 19 | 1:10 - 2:30 p.m. | K200

Join us this Lenten season for one or all three workshops and discover how art can deepen your faith. These sessions focus on the meditative process—not the finished product—so no artistic skills are needed. It's a relaxed, judgment-free space.

Through neurographic art meditation, we'll practice slowing down, releasing perfectionism, easing anxiety, and renewing our minds in light of Scripture. All materials are provided. These free workshops are sponsored by the Liturgical Arts Guild—come to one or all!

Workshop #1 March 5: Neurographic Art techniques. You will use art materials to calm your mind and allow the word of God to grow in you.

Workshop #2 March 12: You will make your own finger labyrinth to take with you or give away.

Workshop #3 March 19: You will draw free flowing organic shapes using your breath to guide you.

[Registration is required.](#)

2ND ANNUAL LADIES' CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

Sunday March 15 | 4:00 p.m. | St. David's School

We invite you to join us for 2nd-annual Charity Basketball Game on March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at St. David's varsity gym. The WMPC Ladies' Basketball Team will play against Christ Church and Hayes Barton Methodist. [Tickets on sale now!](#) Be sure to get yours early – this event sold out last year! Proceeds for the event will go to Raleigh Rescue Mission.

PICK UP A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY!

We are cleaning out the attic of the Luther building and will be holding a “free will rummage sale” for you to be able to pick up some treasures! Come to **S102 on March 2 - 6th from 8:45 am - 9:30 am or 12:00 - 1pm** to browse what is available. Items are available first come, first serve and in “as is” condition. Please consider donating to the Life and Safety updates to the Luther building if you wish. We will not hold items for any reason.

CHANCEL GLORIFICATION GUILD - EASTER MEMORIALS

Contributions to support flowers and chancel displays in memory or honor of loved ones, friends, or church members are welcome year-round. We are currently seeking donations for Lent and Easter flowers and greenery. Any additional funds will support seasonal flowers and decorations in the Sanctuary, Main Hall, and overflow spaces throughout the year. Gifts of any amount are appreciated (suggested minimum: \$35). Those memorialized or honored will be listed in the Easter bulletin insert on April 5.

Please submit the form found online and around campus with the name(s) being recognized and the donor’s name. To be included in the bulletin, forms must be received by noon on Friday, March 27. Mail contributions to the church office (Attn: Lisa Crumpler), call 919-834-3425 ext. 225 with questions or complete the form online.

Congregational Care + Health

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | C300

A newly formed pet loss support group has begun meeting on the WMPC campus. The Triangle Pet Loss Support Group meets **each Thursday at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in C300**. Anyone who has lost a companion animal is welcome to come to the group. Any questions about the group can be directed to its facilitator, Rev. Jonathan Sherrod at cjonathansherrod@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVER’S COFFEE

Wednesday March 11 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. | The Hub

Our special guest will be Elaine Whitford, Executive Director of The Center for Volunteer Caregiving. Using trained volunteers from the community, The Center supports older adults and adults with disabilities with non-medical services provided at no charge. Their services are designed to bring practical help and meaningful connection to those who need it most—and to offer relief to the family members who care for them.

Services include:

- Respite breaks for caregivers
- Friendly visits
- Escorted roundtrip rides to medical appointments and the grocery store

If you are caring for a loved one—or know someone who is—this is a wonderful opportunity to learn about local resources that can provide support, encouragement, and a much-needed break.

Join us for coffee, conversation, and connection. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Martha Grove Hipkind, mghipkind@whitememorial.org.

A Snapshot of What’s Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, March 5

Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Midweek Lunch + Worship**
12:00 p.m. | Main Hall
- **Liturgical Arts Guild Workshop**
1:10 p.m. | K200
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Pet Loss Support Group**
7:00 p.m. | C300

Friday, March 6

Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21

Saturday, March 7

Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35

For more information about any of these events, please visit our website whitememorial.org or call the church office 919-834-3424.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Cynthia Baggett, Director of Weekday School
Genevieve Brooks, Director of Family Ministry
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Claire Cox-Woodlief, Executive Director
Brock Downward, Director of Music Emeritus
Jennifer Eastman, Director of Young Children’s Ministry
Jim Ferry, Parish Associate
Anne Galliher, Associate Pastor for
Congregational Engagement
Kelly Gold, Director of Children’s and Youth Music
Tom Harris, Parish Associate
Martha Grove Hipkind, Health Ministry Coordinator
Kathy Howell, Communications Director
Lee Hunter, Pastoral Resident
Bailey Morton, Director of Youth Ministry
Eric Nanz, Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts
Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for
Faith Formation and Worship Ministries
Art Ross, Pastor Emeritus
Judy Yates Siker, Parish Associate
Lynn Springfield, Director of Elementary Ministry
Colisha C. Stanford, StepUp Director
Martha Stevenson, Educator Emerita
Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Outreach and
Community Engagement
Eric Wall, Director of Music



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Outreach

NOTE IN THE POCKET FOR STEPUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday March 3 | 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Volunteers are invited to join us as White Memorial hosts a pop-up event with Note in the Pocket for StepUp families in Pickard Hall. We will begin by setting up and stocking clothing. Volunteers will be given a brief training before helping StepUp families “shop” the donated clothing. Volunteer: whitememorial.org/events.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - WALL BUILD

Saturday March 21 | 8:15 - 11:00 a.m. | Offsite

White Memorial will partner with Habitat for Humanity of Wake for a Wall Build on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to about 10:30/11:00 a.m. at the construction warehouse on Jones Sausage Road. Using templates, we'll build all the exterior and interior walls of a home—no experience needed! Hammers and nails are provided, and it's great fellowship for all ages (16+; high school service hours available).

We're partnering with St. Ambrose Episcopal Church of Raleigh, with space for 30 participants. Please register early—any unfilled reserved spots will open to the public on March 7.

[Click here to register.](#)

We hope to see you at the wall build! Contact Eric Miller at esm@ncsu.edu and 919.523.7735 for more information.

COMMUNITY AGENCY CHILDREN AND YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Loaves & Fishes • Note in the Pocket • SAFEchild • Wake Monarch

This gathering is open to the entire congregation and offers an opportunity to learn more about the important work our partner agencies are doing in our community. There will be time for questions and conversation after the panel discussions. Please join us for dinner before the discussions begin. Register for Wednesday Together Dinner at whitememorial.org/register.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Churchwide Collection

Each week when school is in session, our church provides food-insecure children at Oberlin Middle School and Lynn Road and Lacy Elementary Schools with healthy meals and snacks. Contact Jan Stewart, thestewarts2614@gmail.com. Amazon link is on website. If you'd prefer to shop you can pick up a shopping list on the Outreach room door (K100).



NEW! DRIVE THROUGH FOOD PANTRY FOR OUR COMMUNITY BEGINNING MARCH 7

First Saturday of Every Month | 10:00 a.m. - noon | St John's Baptist Church | 1615A Oberlin Road

After the closure of the food pantry at Wilson Temple UMC, the Outreach Committee at White Memorial has partnered with the Oberlin Road Churches (White Memorial, St. John's Baptist, Wilson Temple UMC, Fairmont UMC and Oberlin Baptist) to address food insecurity in our community. We are pleased to announce a new drive-thru food pantry that will open from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, starting on March 7th. We need your help, with donations of non-perishable food items and volunteers. Donations of proteins (such as peanut butter, canned tuna, beans) and healthy snacks (raisins, nutri-grain bars, fruit pouches) can be left in the red bins outside the outreach room.

Interested in volunteering? [Sign-up here.](#)

If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to volunteer, contact Lee Hunter at lhunter@whitememorial.org or Austin Vernon at avernon@whitememorial.org.

Children + Youth

BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 21

Breakfast: 9:00-9:45 a.m. | Main Hall

Cost is \$7.00 | [Register here](#)

Music & Story Time: 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Hunt: 10:00 a.m. | Tatton Hall

If you are coming to the Egg Hunt only, there is no need to register.

IT IS WELL WHEN WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH!

We aren't hosting a dinner this year. No tickets, no tables, just a simple invitation. If you believe in investing in the faith of the next generation, [would you consider making a gift?](#) Thank you.

410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and triplets (marked with a '3').

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1986
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986
Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
Irregular

845 To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

내가 산을 향하여

(Psalm 121)



To the hills I lift my eyes long - ing to know
 내 가 산 을 향 하 여 눈 을 드 니



where, O where will my help come from? Where, O where?
 나 의 도 움 이 어 디 서 오 는 - 가



My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
 나 의 도 움 이 천 지 를 지 으 - 신



God the Cre - a - tor will keep my life. God is my help.
 여 호 와 하 나 님 에 게 서 오 - 네

This paraphrase of Psalm 121:1-2 speaks to a recurring human condition, represented here by the song of a pilgrim gazing up at the hills around Jerusalem. When we find ourselves surrounded by overwhelming problems, where do we turn for help? The Korean tune name means "my help."

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

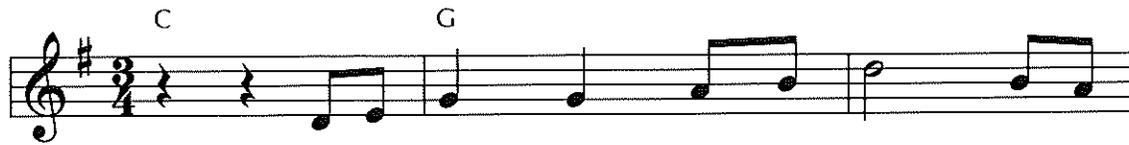
be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

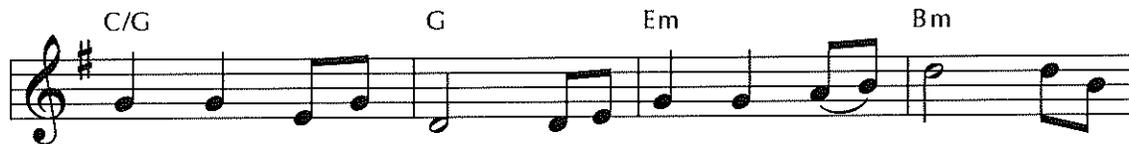
The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

As the Wind Song

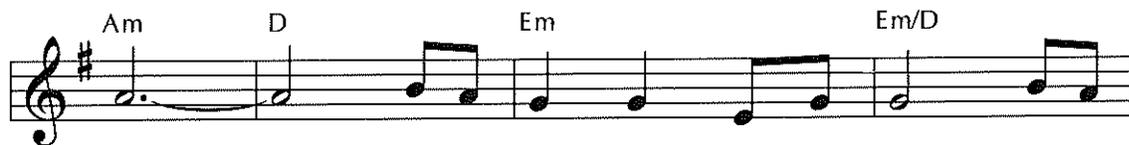
風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
 1 風之頌, 林中吹送, 輕風
 2 彩之虹, 雨後高懸, 生之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
 送, 心中振動, 上主的靈如風吹
 盼, 人間再現, 上主的靈如風吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
 God, as the green in the spring, as a
 送; 心溫暖, 奇異難明, 風浪
 送; 春天裡, 青山綠水, 線上



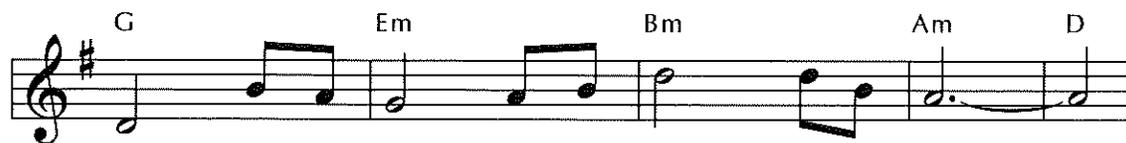
voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
 中, 靜聽主聲, 上主的靈如風吹
 繫, 飛揚風箏, 上主的靈如風吹



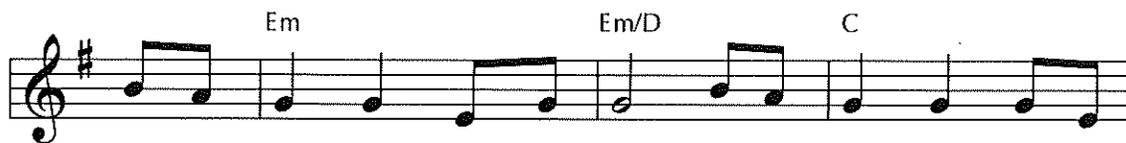
God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
 送; 眼不見, 心未明, 風來去何
 送; 大地萬象更新, 和平終實

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。