

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 22, 2026 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair with the hope of resurrection and faith through Christ, our Lord. Help us dance with the Spirit, the breath of life, who calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into the Kingdom of God, both a present reality and the grounding of our future hope. Amen.

Prelude On Eagle's Wings

arr. Michael Ryan

*Call to Worship

We come with longing,
We come with longing,
out of the depths,
out of the depths,
yearning to believe,
yearning to believe,
into God's presence,
into God's presence,
toward life made new.
toward life made new.

*Hymn 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*choir singing stanza 1 in Spanish and Korean (bottom of hymnal page)
then all singing stanzas 1 – 5 in English*

AZMON

*Confession and Pardon

God draws near to us,
even when all feels lost.

Tom Harris

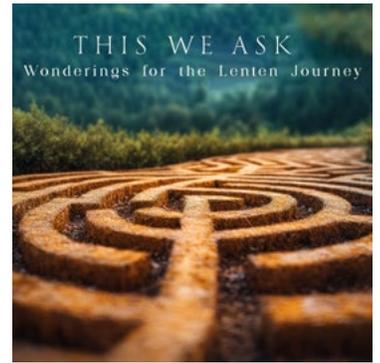
choir

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

all:

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

Trusting that Jesus is the resurrection and the life,
let us pray with honesty and hope:



* Asterisks invite us
to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for
everyone to say or sing.

The Prelude and Offering today
are played by the Handbell Choir,
directed by Mitchell Eithun.

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.

Charles Wesley's famous hymn was
written in response to his conversion,
and it is a hymn of different kinds
of new life. Its summoning of "a
thousand tongues" invites other
languages than our own.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

God of mercy, in your infinite wisdom and love,
you became flesh and blood in Jesus Christ our Lord.
In his name, we confess our sins while believing in your gift of mercy.
Help us to seek you when trouble is near.
Help us to call upon your name when we feel lost in depths of despair.
Remove the fear from our hearts and replace it with love.
Help us to feel your hope, be assured of the gift of repentance,
and remember your gift of grace. This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Silent prayers

Beloved of God,
God meets in grief, fear, and sorrow,
and calls us out of the tomb.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and unbound by love.
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

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.

Mary Grace Nicole Cates, child of Lindsey and Justin Cates (9:30)
Holden Bobby Gene Kemple, child of Mallory Kemple (9:30)
William Oliver Cargill, child of Becky and Kevill Cargill (11:00)
Thomas Blayne Easterling, child of Taylor and Andrew Easterling (11:00)



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



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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading Romans 8:6-11

pew Bible p. 147

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you.
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice!

Martin Luther wrote the words and tune for this remarkable hymn on Psalm 130. Here, the first phrase and then the final stanza frame our reading of the psalm.

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

My soul is waiting for you, Lord, as one who longs for morning;

no watcher waits with greater hope than I for your returning.

I hope as Israel in the Lord,

who sends redemption through the Word.

Praise God for grace and mercy!

Reading John 11:1-44 (abridged)

pew Bible p. 98

Mitchell Eithun

Sermon This We Ask: Depths, Spirit, and Life

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

Jeb Jeutter

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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.

When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord.

They that believe in me, though they were dead, yet shall they live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

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.

In 1770, William Billings and Perez Morton wrote this austere evocation of Jesus' disturbed and anguished spirit at Lazarus' tomb. Jesus' words to Martha follow in an excerpt from John Rutter's *Requiem*.

Offering

O Mary, O Martha, O Mary, ring them bells.
I hear archangels a-rocking Jerusalem.
I hear archangels a-ringing them bells.
Church getting higher! Rocking Jerusalem, ringing them bells.
New Jerusalem! Rocking Jerusalem, ringing them bells.

Negro spiritual

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Susan Geschke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Congregational Meeting (following 11:00 service)

*Benediction

J.E. Rankin/W. Tomer

all singing:

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with God's sheep securely fold 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.

This great American folk-hymn promises God's strong presence. In the second and fifth stanzas, we hear Jesus speaking.



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

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org or Lindsay Dew at ldew@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 sixth episode of our
seven-episode Lenten podcast, "*This We
Ask: Wonderings for the Journey*," comes
out Monday morning. In this episode,
Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for
Faith Formation and Worship Ministries
and Eric Wall, Director of Music wrestle
with the questions raised by both parade
and passion: What kind of Messiah are we
welcoming—and where do we stand when
truth is costly? You can find the Lenten
podcast series on our website, Spotify or
Apple.

MIDWEEK LUNCH & WORSHIP

**Thursday March 26 |
Lunch 12:00 | Worship 12:30 p.m.
Main Hall**

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

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 on the website.](#)

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Sunday March 29

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. OnPoint | Main Hall

Wholeness & Healing Service

Wednesday April 1

6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Thursday April 2

7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Good Friday

Friday April 3

7:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Easter

Sunday April 5

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. OnPoint | Main Hall

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, March 22

Psalm 95; John 4:1-42

- **Annual Congregational Meeting**
12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Monday, March 23

Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24

- **Hello Yellow Art Program**
12:45 p.m. | K306
- **Bridge with Friends**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Tai Chi**
5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **All Are Welcome**
7:00 p.m. | Chapel

Tuesday, March 24

Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37

- **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
- **Cancer Companions**
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Wednesday, March 25

Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41

- **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
- **Allocations Agency Panel Discussion**
6:00 p.m. | Geneva 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, Senior Pastor of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis can join us. She will lead us in exploring our theme: *Beloved on the Earth: Being, Belonging, Becoming*. Registration is now open! 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!

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday April 12 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | C200

Children in Kindergarten-3rd grade are invited to watch *Trolls* from 5 - 7 p.m. in C200. Registration required. Bring your sleeping bag or blanket and join us for movie night in Calvin 200! Pizza is \$6.00 a person.

CLUB 4/5

Sunday April 12 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | C100

Spring into Something Awesome!

4th & 5th graders are invited to join on April 12 at 5:00 p.m. and Spring into Something Awesome! Join us in Calvin 100! Dinner is \$7.00 a person.

GOD'S PROMISE OF PRESENCE IN ANXIOUS TIMES

Spiritual and Psychological Practices for Stress, Fear, and Uncertainty

Saturday April 18 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | WMPC

God's Promise of Presence in Anxious Times is a gentle, integrative workshop that brings together spiritual wisdom and psychological insight to support faithful living amid stress, fear, and uncertainty. Participants will explore practical tools for noticing and responding to anxiety, grounded in God's enduring promise to be with us in all seasons. Through reflection, guided practices, and shared conversation, the workshop offers ways to cultivate grace, compassion, and hope.

Join us for this free morning event on **Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. All are welcome, and please invite a friend! Judy Yates Siker, PhD, Ordained PC(USA) Minister, and Elizabeth P. Sparrow, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, created this event through a series of conversations about the overlaps between religion and mental health. This gathering is sponsored by White Memorial Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. [Register here!](#)

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

Friday April 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Main Hall

The OnPoint Band and Youth Choir are pleased to support StepUp Ministry through this Concert for a Cause. While admission is free, donations are strongly encouraged to support their mission. Founded in 1988 by members of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, StepUp Ministry is a non-profit organization that helps hundreds of individuals each year in Wake County transform their lives through employment and life skills training.

The concert will take place in Main Hall in the Edinburgh Building at White Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 1704 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh, NC 27608. [Click here to register.](#)

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.

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF

Sundays March 29 - May 3 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | R400

Grief touches us all at some point in our lives. No one ever has to feel alone during this difficult time. Whether you have suffered the recent loss of a loved one or are struggling with a loss in the past, you are invited to come together for a series of five sessions to help you along your journey of grief.

Each session explores different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new way of being while honoring a very significant relationship in your life. Each session builds upon the other, so attendance is encouraged at each session.

This class is led by Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter. Healing through Grief will meet on Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. from March 29 – May 3 in R400. [Click to register!](#)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Monday March 23 | 7:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel

All Are Welcome is a faith-based small group that offers worship, fellowship, and emotional and spiritual support for LGBTQ+ adults. You're invited to participate in the group as we create a safe space of welcome and engagement. We meet on the 4th Monday of every month. For more information, contact Kathy Hart at hartmusic1@gmail.com or Lee Hunter at lhunter@whitememorial.org.

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, March 26

Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13

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

Friday, March 27

Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19

- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Saturday, March 28

Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66

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 Hipskind, 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

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.

EASTER MEAL DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED ON GOOD FRIDAY

Friday April 3

On April 3, Good Friday, Raleigh Rescue Mission, in partnership with Meals on Wheels and Christ the King Presbyterian Church, will provide meals to those in need in Wake County. This community event currently needs volunteers to deliver meals. Your assigned pick up time and delivery route will be emailed a few days in advance of your shift.

Signup online at: m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F0E4FAEA829A0FF2-61951259-2026

OBERLIN ROAD DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

Saturday April 4

Our March drive-through pantry distributed 85+ food bags to neighbors in need—thank you! This effort depends on donations from our five partner churches. White Memorial is collecting proteins and healthy snacks. Please place items in the red Outreach bin or order for direct shipment via our Amazon Wishlist. Most needed: peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, beans.

If you'd like to volunteer your time, we'd love to have you join us at St. John's Baptist Church on **Saturday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. - noon** to help distribute food bags.

SERVANT SATURDAY

April 25 | 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Join us for a morning of service and fellowship—all ages welcome! Projects include packing Backpack Buddies bags, assembling hygiene kits, Habitat for Humanity raffles, Raleigh Rescue Mission notes, and more.

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).

Children + Youth

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS

Attention White Memorial high school seniors and returning college students! If you would like to apply for one of the college scholarships offered by White Memorial Presbyterian Church Foundation, [please complete the College Scholarship Application Form](#). The online applications must be **completed by Friday, April 24, 2026**. If you have questions, please email Lindsay at Scholarships@whitememorial.org.

IT IS WELL WHEN WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH!

The youth staff isn'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.

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.

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.