



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Music Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

God of grace, you cause the sun to rise and chase away the shadows of death. Each day you promise resurrection, that we may be born again to new life and overcome all that would hurt or destroy. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be alive again with the power and peace of Jesus Christ, working for justice, speaking with gentleness, and living as one community, created for service and sacrifice in your holy love. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Prelude Karg-Elert, arr. Burkhardt
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Choral Introit, Hymn 103 "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" O-So-So, arr. Bankson
Stanzas 1-3, Choir; Stanza 4, All

* Call to Worship Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
People: **For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

* Hymn 378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" MERLE'S TUNE, arr. Burkhardt
Stanza 1 - All; Stanzas 2 and 3 - Sanctuary Choir; Stanza 4 - All

* Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for letting our differences divide us. We have prioritized old wounds over reconciliation. We have been apathetic toward injustice. We have failed to walk in our neighbor's shoes, imagining that our experiences are the only ones that matter.

Grant us, O Lord, new eyes to see your face, new ears to hear your voice, and new hearts to show your love.

Give us courage to make sacrifices for the common good, so that your church may embody your goodness and grace, and we would be one in Christ. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581 GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem "Trust in the Lord" from *Wise Guys* Cox/Lindh

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination
Epistle Lesson, *1 Corinthians 12:12-13* p. 933

Anthem *How Very Good and Pleasant* Scott

Gospel Lesson, *John 17:20-24* p. 880
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "One Body"

Responding to **God's Word**

* Hymn 315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NEW DIMENSIONS, arr. Bankson
Stanza 1 - All; Stanza 2 - High voices, refrain - All; Stanza 3 - Low voices, refrain - All; Stanza 4 and refrain - Choir; Stanza 5 - All

* Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.

Offering

Offertory *They'll Know We Are Christians* arr. Larson
Offertory, Hymn 759 TODOS LOS COLORAS, arr. Tucker
"O God, We Bear the Imprint"
Stanzas 1-2, choir; Stanza 3, All

* Doxology Hymn 606 OLD HUNDRETH
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.

* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 108 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, arr. Caldwell/Ivory
"Of the Father's Love Begotten" - *Hope for Resolution*
Beginning, Choirs only; near the end of the piece, please stand as invited and sing stanza 1 two times.

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 750 GOODNESS IS STRONGER
"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"
First time - Choirs; Second time - All

* Postlude *Highland Cathedral* arr. Callahan
**All who are able may stand*

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*; Leigh Stuckey, *liturgist*; Amelia Hughes, *scripture reader*

The Sanctuary Choir, Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Junior and Senior Chorister Choirs
Kristen Blumer, Bob Dellert, Rosemary Hughes, *soloists*

Todd Monsell, *organ/piano*; Martha Gower, Lynne Robinson, *piano*

Ben Bloodworth, *bass guitar*; Judy McKenney, *guitar*

Hunter Smith, *saxophone*; Rosemary Hughes, *flute*

Andrew Knauer, Matt McDaniel, *percussion*; Mark Britt, Arthur Haecker, *trombone*

Erica Tyneer-Grodrian, *horn*; Craig King, Gary Malvern, *trumpet*

Jacob Barker, *head usher*

Creighton Likes, Marian Carpenter, Walker Miller, Ingrid Erwin, Roger Gower, *greeters*

Anna Clark Cameron, *acolyte*

WORSHIP NOTES

Katie Knauer has served WPC as a Chorister Choir director for the past ten years. Music Sunday, May 5, marks her last day in this role. We will thank her for her leadership at the reception following the service on May 5. Katie will continue offering her gifts to WPC as a Sanctuary Choir section leader and as Music Assistant.

CONFESSION OF BELHAR

This confession comes to us from the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa in the early 1980s as a theological response to apartheid. It was added to the Book of Confessions of the PC(USA) at the 222nd General Assembly in 2016.

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through 4K. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment for children. The Nursery is located on the mezzanine level. The entrance is at Westminster Drive, at the columbarium or near the Westminster Weekday School offices. The Family Lounge, located down the stairs from the front office and straight down the hallway on the right, is available for any child caregiver and includes worship livestream, comfortable seating, and a changing table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship bags in the Atrium for children. The worship bags are designed to include reusable items that engage children in open ended play during worship. While children attend worship with their families, they can participate in worship and play to make meaning in faith. Please return the zipper bag and its contents each Sunday.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate

BIRTH

The birth of a daughter, *Hanna Wilson Haag*, to Andrew & Katie Haag on Friday, April 19, 2024.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, *Amelia Muller and Chris Frye* were united in marriage in Birmingham, AL.

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH - MAY 5 & 26

Children's church will not gather this morning, May 5, since children are participating in worship leadership. Children's church will also not gather on May 26 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Children are encouraged to join their families in worship!

SERMON SERIES: THEN AND NOW

During the Easter season, our sermon series will explore the question, "What does the early church have to teach us?" We will look at how the early church is described in the New Testament, and explore how those descriptions are related to being God's church in the 21st century. Our topic this Sunday is unity.

SPRING BBQ LUNCHEON

On Sunday, May 19, everyone is invited to enjoy good food and fellowship at the spring all-church luncheon. Henry's BBQ and sides will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following 10a worship. \$13/adult; \$9/child; \$45/family max. Reserve your place online.



Texts for vocal solos and choral music may be found online by scanning this QR code.

**SAVE THE DATE
8TH GRADE BIBLE STUDY**

All 8th graders are invited to join us for a 4-week Relationships Bible Study on Wednesdays in May (8,15,22) from 3:45-4:45p. You may sign up by contacting Wendy in the church office (wendy@wpc-online.org).

2024 CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce the 2024 Lowcountry Civil Rights Pilgrimage, from October 11-14. Continuing our tradition of educational experiences that enrich our faith and challenge our present discipleship, we will travel to Charleston to learn more about the Gullah-Geechee community of South Carolina, visit Mother Emmanuel AMC, worship with a historically Black PCUSA congregation organized during Reconstruction, and visit the newly opened International African American Museum in Charleston. Watch the Harbinger and eNews for details and to sign up. Email Leigh Stuckey with questions.

**A PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND
CELTIC SPIRITUALITY
AND OUR SCOTTISH ROOTS
MARCH 12-23, 2025**

Join Westminster members and families on our inaugural international pilgrimage! The 12-day journey provides a deep dive into the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church as well as its contemporary expression in the Church of Scotland. Highlights include Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Isle of Iona with its evocative abbey, and key sites related to the life and ministry of John Knox in St. Andrews and Edinburgh. Travelers of all ages are welcome. The trip is designed to partially overlap with Greenville County Schools Spring Break. Spots are limited and can be reserved at the Progressive Pilgrimage portal [https://progressivepilgrimage.com/westminster/]. The estimated cost is \$597/person with a single supplement of \$950. Round trip airfare, entry fees, transportation-in-country, daily breakfasts, five lunches, seven dinners, and all tips are included. Contact Leigh Stuckey for more information.

THORNWELL SUPPLY DRIVE:

Westminster is a proud supporter of Thornwell. Join our supply drive to support Thornwell's Foster Care Program, which works to provide children in need with safe homes to support trauma recovery and healing while their families cope with crisis. For a list of needed items, visit https://qrco.de/betsMV or scan the QR code. You can drop off items at WPC throughout the month of May.



SUPPLY DRIVE

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Join the WPC Young Adults this Sunday, May 5, following the 10a worship service and reception for food and fellowship at Tacozzini (1818 Augusta St.). Questions? Contact Elizabeth Timmons at leizabethtimmons@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Are you a worker bee with a gift for welcoming others? Join WPC's Hospitality Team! Volunteers receive regular invitations to help with receptions (including donuts!), meals, and other church-wide events. To sign up, contact Wendy Bagley at wendy@wpc-online.org.

THE SESSION

The Class of 2025

<i>Jacob Barker</i>	<i>Nikki Grumbine</i>
<i>Marian Carpenter</i>	<i>Bill Holt</i>
<i>Lindsey Donlan</i>	<i>Ginny Reed</i>
<i>Carroll Farmer</i>	<i>Jordan Smith</i>
<i>Zach Freeman</i>	<i>Tom Vanderbloemen</i>
<i>Susan Grier</i>	<i>Parks Workman</i>

The Class of 2026

<i>Ben Bloodworth</i>	<i>Walker Miller</i>
<i>Emily Cole</i>	<i>Stan Pendergrass</i>
<i>Ingrid Erwin</i>	<i>Betsy Raines</i>
<i>Roger Gower</i>	<i>Jeff Reynolds</i>
<i>Amy Hawkins</i>	<i>Susan Robbins</i>
<i>Anne Howson</i>	<i>Zach Weaver</i>
<i>George McLarty</i>	

The Class of 2027

<i>Ben Dillard</i>	<i>Creighton Likes</i>
<i>Will Edwards</i>	<i>Carrie Marguet</i>
<i>Kathryn Freedman</i>	<i>Trey Morrow</i>
<i>Mary Gentry</i>	<i>Mandy Pruitt</i>
<i>Claire Gilliland</i>	<i>Elizabeth Timmons</i>
<i>George Howell</i>	<i>Sam White, Jr</i>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 5-12, 2024

Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:40a Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service -
Church Music Sunday
11:00 Reception in Atrium
11:30 Young Adult Fellowship
5:15p Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 6

7:00p Carolina Bronze
Handbell Ensemble
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 7

12:00p Al-Anon Meeting
Administrative Committee
Meeting
3:45 8th Grade Bible Study
6:30 Book Club Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

9:00a Circle 6 Meeting
10:15 Weekday Chapel
7:00p Summer Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

10:00a Thursday Bible Study
Hiking Group to Montreat
12:00p Finance Committee Meeting
8:00 Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 12

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30a Witness & Service Committee
Meeting
9:40 Sunday Session Meeting
10:00 Worship Service - Confirmation
Sunday
11:00 Reception in Atrium
5:15p Youth Choir Rehearsal



LIFE@WPC

Wondering if weather will postpone an event? Need a reminder to sign up for a church-wide meal? Text "wpcgreenville" to (864)232-2424 to get up-to-date information about our life together! We promise we won't bombard you. Text today or follow the QR code.

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open minds open hearts

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From the Pews, Marlon Hurst

“How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live in unity” wrote the psalmist (Psalm 133:1). Likewise, both Jesus and (especially) the Apostle Paul encouraged unity among the earliest Christians. Even with such an emphasis upon unity in our scripture, here we are in 2024 – citizens of a politically and culturally divided country, often separated from our own friends and family members while politicians, pundits and the press stoke the fires of that division, often to their own profit.

Today’s Music Sunday is offered as one small effort to push back against the forces that divide us as we engage with hymn and anthem texts from around the globe that call us to a renewed sense of unity and purpose as God’s children. These texts provide us with an opportunity to widen our focus, learning from those who faced divisions in their own time and place, being inspired by their faithfulness to God’s call for unity.

The introit, *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* was written in 1988 for the opening worship service of an international conference on the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula.¹ The opening hymn, “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom” draws upon the imagery of “The Peaceable Kingdom” from the book of Isaiah and encourages us to follow in the way of Christ as we participate in God’s kingdom through the Word and Sacraments that bind us to one another. The children sing words from Proverbs inviting us to not rely only on our own understanding but to trust in the Lord with all our hearts. The choral anthem *How Very Good and Pleasant* weaves together scripture from the Old and New Testaments encouraging us to love one another deeply from the heart. “In the Midst of New Dimensions” was written for a regional conference of the United Methodist Church on the theme of diversity.² *We Are One in the Spirit* was composed for youth in Chicago during the Civil Rights era of the 1960s and became a staple song of the period.³

The service concludes with three pieces written in response to Apartheid: “O God, We Bear the Imprint” was penned in New Zealand, prompted by a 1981 visit from South Africa’s ruby team – an event that prompted protests throughout the country.⁴ *Hope for Resolution* combines a European chant melody with a South African freedom song – and was dedicated to de Klerk and Mandela. And the words to the Benediction Response were penned by Bishop Desmond Tutu.

A final word: Singing together is an act of embodied unity. Therefore, you will be invited to sing often during this service. Some of the music will be familiar; some, perhaps, less so. Regardless, you are encouraged to lift your voices as one. May the unity we experience today in this place carry us back into our divided world strengthened and inspired to be a force for unity amid those divisions.

¹ Daw Jr., Carl P. *Glory to God: A Companion* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press), 103.
² Ibid., 317.
³ Ibid., 303.
⁴ Ibid., 724.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WPC BOOK CLUB

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HIKING GROUP

On Thursday, May 9, we will hike our final hike of 2023-2024 in Montreat. Polly & Joey Fievet will host/lead two hikes that will originate at their home in Montreat (529 Greybeard Trail). We will meet there at 10a and you will need to bring your lunch to have between the two hikes. Questions? Contact Polly at pollyfievet@gmail.com.

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Open Hearts

Our Pillars:
Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Our Goals:
Connect
Serve
Grow

MAY/JUNE

WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

On Sunday, May 5, we will move to our summer schedule, with one worship service at 10a. Not only does this afford us the opportunity to worship together as one congregation during the summer, but it also gives us time for connection and fellowship following worship. Below is our schedule for the month of May and the first Sunday in June. Taking time to build relationships and make new friends is so important for our life together. We hope you will be able to take part in as many of these gatherings as possible!

- May 5 *Church Music Sunday* with reception following the service
- May 12 *Confirmation Sunday* with reception following the service
- May 19 *WPC's Birthday & BBQ Lunch* - join us as Westminster celebrates 77 years with a BBQ lunch following worship
- May 26 One Worship Service with donuts following the service
- June 2 One Worship Service with donuts following the service and the annual Low Country Boil (5-7p) at Magnetic South Brewery

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the June 2 Harbinger - deadline for this info is **May 26**.

Name: _____

School graduating from: _____

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103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378

G C D Em Cmaj7 D

- 1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
- 2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
- 3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
- 4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,

G C D C Am7 D G

in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.
 when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"
 to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.

C Am D G Am Am7 D

when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:
 The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,

G C D C Am7 D G

a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
 we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
 sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
 to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -


chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously created text and tune, the author/composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

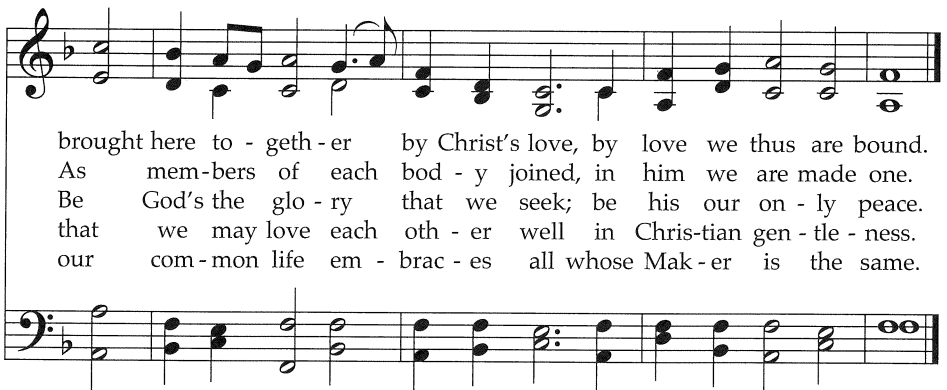


now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
 3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
 4 Let us for-give each oth-er's faults as we our own con - fess,
 5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 As mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
 our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

they reap sore dis - plea-sure, sure de - feat be - fore God's eyes.
 wrath is quick-ly kin - dled; blest are they who serve the Lord.

O God, We Bear the Imprint 759

1 O God, we bear the im-print of your face: the col - ors
 2 Where we are torn and pulled a - part by hate be - cause our
 3 O God, we share the im - age of the One whose flesh and

of our skin are your de - sign, and what we have of
 race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged un -
 blood are ours, what-ev - er skin; in Christ's hu - man - i -

beau - ty in our race as man or wom - an, you a -
 e - qual by the state and vic - tims made be - cause we
 ty we find our own, and in his fam - i - ly our

lone de - fine, who stretched a liv - ing fab - ric on our
 own our name, hu - man - i - ty re - duced to lit - tle
 prop - er kin: Christ is the broth - er we still cru - ci -

frame and gave to each a lan - guage and a name.
 worth, dis - hon - ored is your liv - ing face on earth.
 fy, his love the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

Rather than treating racism as a societal problem, this text considers the issue from a theological point of view. When we distance ourselves from other people merely because of the color of their skin, we fail to honor their God-likeness and to see Christ's image in them.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

(after stanza 6)



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil 750



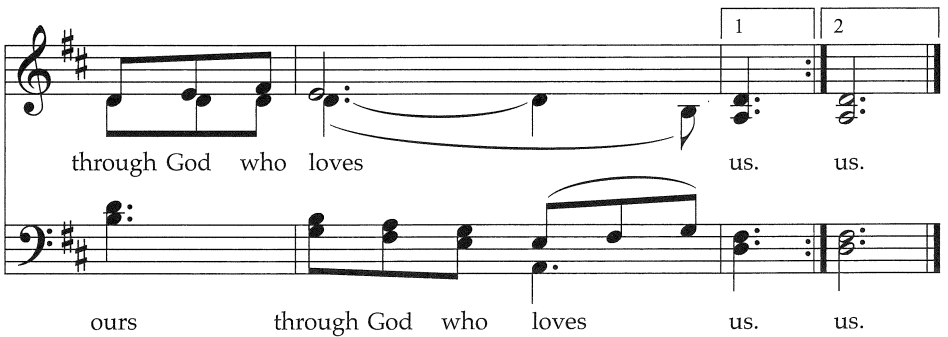
Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.



Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is



through God who loves us. us.
ours through God who loves us. us. us.

Recognizing that this text arose from the years of apartheid in South Africa adds depth and resonance to its already confident language. Yet these words can also be read as a summary of Christ's death and resurrection, the true basis of our hope that good will triumph over evil.