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Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:30 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Majesty*

by Hayford

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the season of Easter:

**P: the celebration of resurrection,**

L: the festival of hope,

**P: the promise of new beginnings,**

L: the dance of faith,

**P: the song of joy,**

L: the music of gladness,

**P: the hymn of love.**

L: Let us worship our life-giving God!

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 238** (black hymnal)

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us now confess to God.

**ALL:** If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. When we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver: God forgive. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: God forgive. In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed. Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus the Risen One. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 236 (black hymnal)

*Halleluja*

**ALL SING:** Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halleluja. Halleluja.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Tobias Wesley Rhinehart*

Parents: Tim & JJ Rhinehart

Siblings: Juliana, Katrina, Genevieve, & Eloise Rhinehart

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 325**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

*John 20: 19-31*

**HYMN NO. 433** (black hymnal)

*In the Bulb There is a Flower*

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Music of the Morning* by Choplin

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Worthy is the Lamb*

by Zschech

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 778 (black hymnal)

*Doxology*

**ALL SING: Praise God from who all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 249** (black hymnal)

*Peace I Leave With You, My Friends*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

by Hopson

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One vase of flowers is presented in memory of our mother, Elsie Snyder, by the family.

One vase of flowers is presented in memory of Neil Everhart by the family.

One vase of flowers is presented in honor of Tobias Rhinehart's baptism by the Rhinehart family.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Bryce Strine, who completed basic training for the Marines, by Don and Diane Strine.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Barbara Krier, Lynwood Schleeter; Barry & Nancy Schwartz

8 AM Sound Tech: Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Jesse & Nancy Smith; Elaine & Joey Bevivino

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

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# Now the Green Blade Rises

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John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.

Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.  
French noel, 15th century  
Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928

# Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!  
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
 4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.



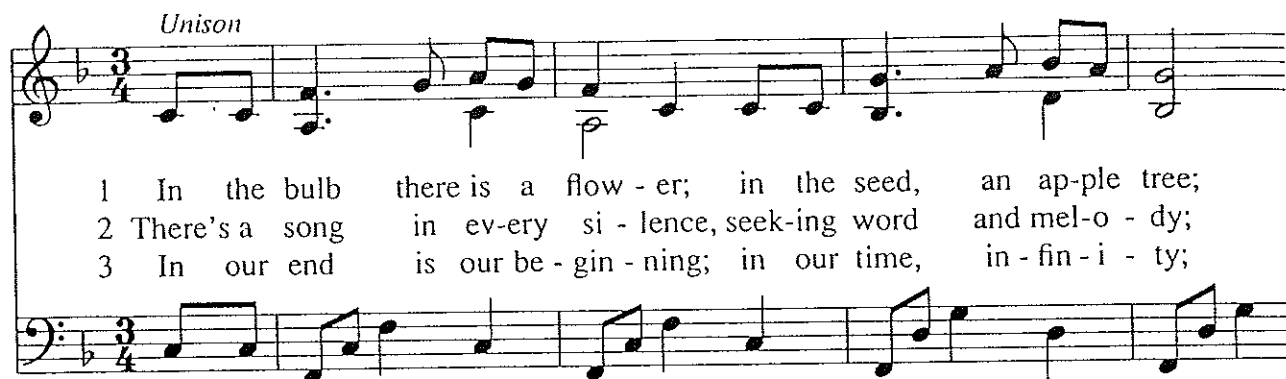
With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.



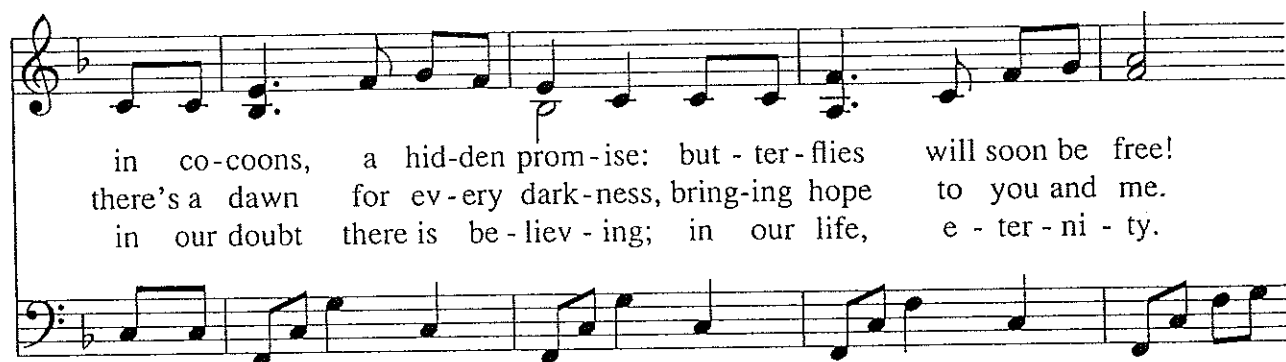
*Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.*

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.  
 Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in  
 Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

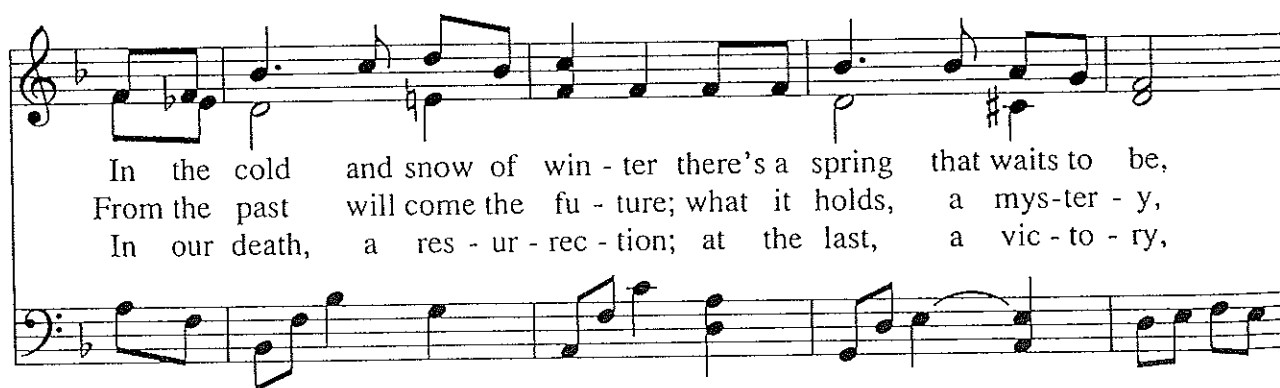
*Unison*



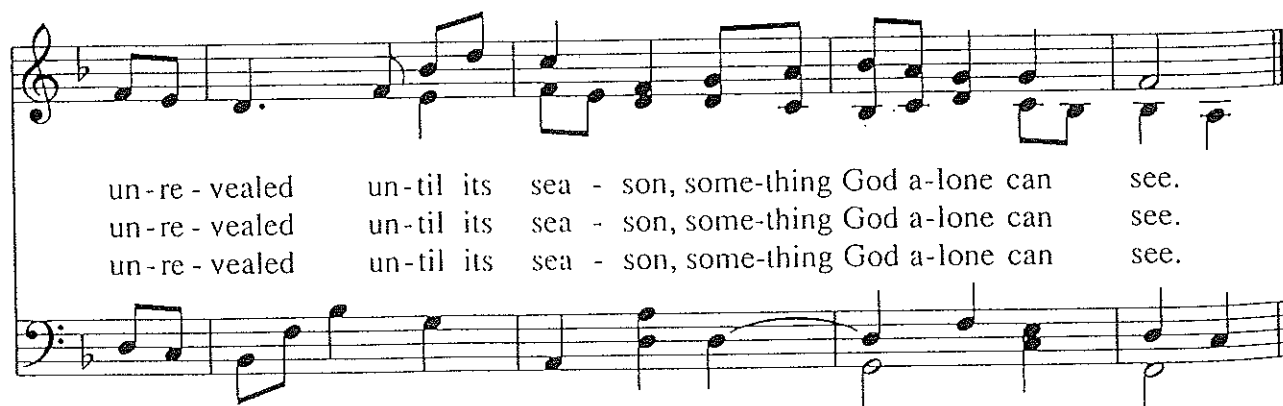
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



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



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



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

*Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.*

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

*Refrain*

D Em G D F#m

Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in

Em Gm D Em G D F#m

all you do. Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to

Bm Em G D

1-2 3

you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

D Em G D

1 To share God's love is why I came,  
2 Take my hand and be at peace;  
3 With this love now all will know

F#m Em/G Gm

to show God's kind - ness with - out end.  
the spir - it of our love I send. Continued next page.....  
that lone - li - ness is at an end.

Songwriter Ray Repp has composed and recorded numerous albums of liturgical songs since 1965, when he introduced guitar into worship with his "Mass for Young Americans."

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS Arr. with refrain  
Ray Repp, 1967  
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994



D Em G D

Go now, my friends, and do the same,  
 And with this love you will be free,  
 Re-joice, my friends, al - though I go,

F#m G A7 *to Refrain*

un-til I come a - gain.  
 un-til I come a - gain.  
 for I will come a - gain.