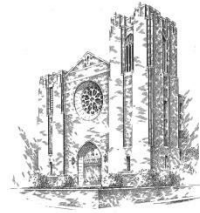


**First Reformed  
United Church of Christ**



**The Worship of God**

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 7, 2019  
11:00AM

Where People Discover...The Love of God...The Power to Love Others...The Ability to Love Ourselves

**Gathering**

(\*Please stand as you are able  
"BOLD" indicates congregational response

Prelude  
\*Chiming of the Hour  
Slowing Ourselves Down Elizabeth Horton  
Response in Song

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed;  
Clear the chaos and the clutter; clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter; be at peace, and simply be.**

Catching Our Breath  
Prayer for Clearing Out Brian McKerlie

Creator God, we push and push until we are exhausted.

**Let us make room for You.**

Release us from the illusion of the control of time and our fear of its passage.

**Let us find room for You.**

Help us clear out the incessant drive to always produce.

**Let us be room for You.**

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness. **Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace  
\*Opening Hymn "Hymn of Promise" Insert

**Centering**

*This part of the service invites us to center in on what God is saying to us this day.*

\*Invocation Elizabeth Horton  
Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:16-21 Brian McKerlie  
(Page #659 of Pew Bible)

Response in Song  
**Take time to be holy, speak off with the Lord;  
Abide in him always and feed on his Word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing, his blessing to seek.**

Young Disciples  
(All Children are invited to join in Kids' Club with Alice Gray)

Anthem "Jesus Is My Song of Grace" Joseph Martin  
*This is my story, this is my song.*

*From the heights of heaven's glory to the depths of earth's despair, came a love song in the darkness, came a song beyond compare. And from a humble stable God sang His lullaby; a song of peace, a song of joy, the music of the skies.*

*This shall be my alleluia. This shall be my highest praise. Let my every word and deed proclaim it. Let me sing it all my days.  
This shall be my benediction. This shall be my dying phrase. This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace.*

*From the golden streets of heaven to the shores of Galilee, came a love song for all people, the music of eternity.  
And from a wooden cross, God sang His song of grace, and filled the world with the sound of hope and everlasting praise.*

*This shall be my alleluia. This shall be my highest praise. Let my every word and deed proclaim it. Let me sing it all my days.  
This shall be my benediction. This shall be my dying phrase. This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace.  
This shall be my alleluia. Jesus is my song of grace! Song of grace!*

Scripture John 12:1-8 Elizabeth Horton  
(Page #980 of Pew Bible)

Sermon "Reconnecting to Refill"

\*Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" Insert

**Responding**

Timing Ourselves Out for Prayer Elizabeth Horton  
**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**

Invitation to Give of Ourselves Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

\*Offertory Response in Song

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Brian McKerlie

**Sending**

*We commit to take a bit of this serenity and peace out into the busy world.*

\*Call to Discipleship Brian McKerlie  
And I heard the voice of the Lord say, "Whom shall I send to bring peace into the world?"  
**Then I said, "Here am I, send me."**

\*Blessing for an Unhurried Life

\*Congregational Response in Song BEECH SPRING

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

\*Postlude

*You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.*

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

<b>LITURGIST:</b> Brian McKerlie	<b>PLATE ATTENDANT:</b> Dave Fulton	<b>GREETERS:</b> John and Susie Smith
<b>USHER CHAIRPERSON:</b> Jeff Hutchens	<b>SOUND TECHNICIAN:</b> Calvin Odom	<b>ACOLYTE:</b> Abbie Callicutt
<b>USHERS:</b> John Gray (Captain)	<b>YOUTH USHER:</b> Mary Lloyd Callicutt	<b>BIBLE STEWARD:</b> Annabell Callicutt
Linda Sink Frank Callicutt	Bonita Hooper Bill Robbins	<b>NURSERY:</b> Lynn Brown & Belinda Yates

❖ **A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom (through left door at the chancel.)**  
❖ **A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child**

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST REFORMED UCC**

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDASTAL**

**TODAY** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my Mother, Sandra S. Hutchens, and Grandparents, Joe John and Dorothy Smith; given by Jeff Hutchens and daughter Kalysa.

**HOLY WEEK – SUNDAY, APRIL 14 THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 21**



**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**9:45am Sunday School --- 11:00am Worship Service**

We begin Holy Week with a service that reflects the sharp contrasts of this week. We celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and wave our palms, cheering with the crowd in singing. "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Then we transition into the dramatic story of Jesus' passion, ending on a somber and sorrowful note.

**Community Palm Sunday Service on the Square**

After worship we will walk together to the Square at Center and Main Streets, joining our neighboring uptown churches for a brief community service. The choirs of the uptown churches will sing together on the steps of the Old Courthouse. Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly will give the meditation.

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Meal and Foot Washing at 6:00pm**

Join us in the Church Fellowship Hall for a light supper followed by Holy Communion, and a Foot Washing service. This will be family-friendly and accommodating to people who have physical limitations. If you have never participated in a Foot Washing service before, please come. All ages can participate. Wear shoes or sandals that are easy to remove. A handwashing station will also be available. During this time, we do as our Lord and Savior has described in John 13, "On the evening he was betrayed, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet."

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Sunday**

**BRING FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION CROSS**

**9:45am Easter Breakfast --- 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt**

All children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited!  
Middle and High Schoolers are needed to hide the eggs!

**11:00 Worship Service**

Join us as we celebrate in word and song the joy of the Resurrection and new life.

**OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

**SYMPATHY:**

We extend Sympathy to and share Christian Hope with Carolyn & Bill Robbins, Ellen & Jeremy Peterson, Molly and Brad Robertson and families upon the death of their loved one, Laura Williams.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews OR call the church office (336-248-2617).

**CHURCH MEMBERS:**

Valerie Price (Lexington Health Care), Lib Sink, Mary Berrier, Tammy Rhodes, Janelle Bunn, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Peggy Bates, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Marzell Crotts, Jo Hudson, Rita Tussey, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:**

Jacob Little (Cynthia Crowell Little's son), Noretta Leonard (Sylvia Walsler's sister-in-law), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), Colleen Story and Tom and Krista Lovell (Family of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Marcia Almquist & the family of Bob Almquist (Friends of June Grubb), Virginia Hill (Cathy Waitman's mother), Kiana Sinz (Friend of Patti Lovell), Paisley Diane Swicegood, her parents and grandparents (Friends of Jerry & Patti Lovell)

Names with an \* indicate newly added. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless the church office is notified.**

**Birthdays and  
Anniversaries**  
April 8 – 14

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**10<sup>th</sup>**  
Jeremy & Ellen Peterson  
**13<sup>th</sup>**  
Lee & Ellen Bouchard

**BIRTHDAYS**

**8<sup>th</sup>**  
John Potts  
**9<sup>th</sup>**  
Eulene Shepherd  
**11<sup>th</sup>**  
Clifton Murphy  
**12<sup>th</sup>**  
Kyle Winters

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 7**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

{Downstairs} Younger Children  
Older Children  
Teens

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study

**10:30AM FIRST SUNDAY SOCIAL {FH}**

Dave & Glenyce Fulton

**11:00AM WORSHIP**

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Kids Club

**CONSISTORY MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**Monday, April 8**

**10:00AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

**11:00AM** Staff Meeting

**6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

**Tuesday, April 9**

**10:00AM** Collaborative Ministry Meeting {Parlor}

**6:00PM** Men's Brotherhood and Women's Life Fellowship Dinner  
{Separate meetings follow dinner}

**Wednesday, April 10**

**12:00PM** Community Lenten Service {First UMC}

**7:00PM** Choir {Chapel Annex}

**Thursday, April 11**

**5:30PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}

**7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

**Saturday, April 13**

Touching Davidson County With Love

**Sunday, April 14**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

{Downstairs} Younger Children  
Older Children  
Teens

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study

**11:00AM WORSHIP {PALM/PASSION SUNDAY}**

Children's Church  
**FOLLOWING WORSHIP...COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY SERVICE ON THE SQUARE**

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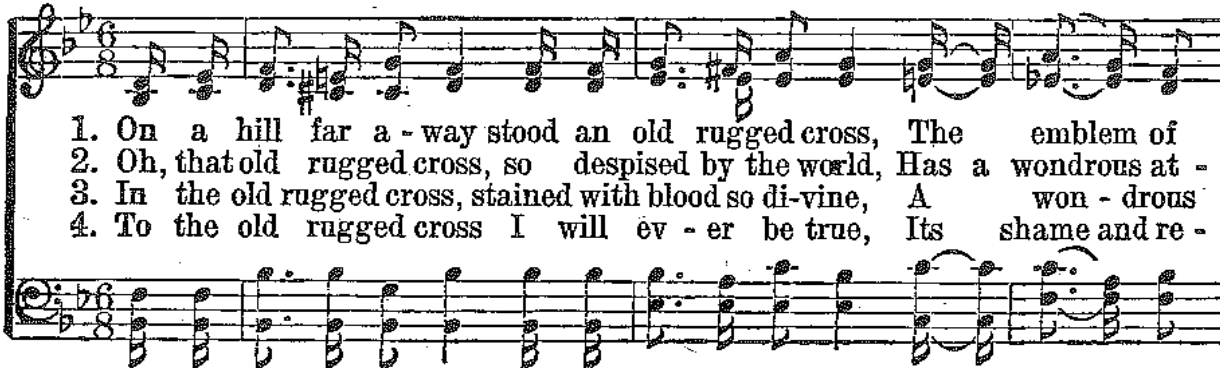
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# The Old Rugged Cross

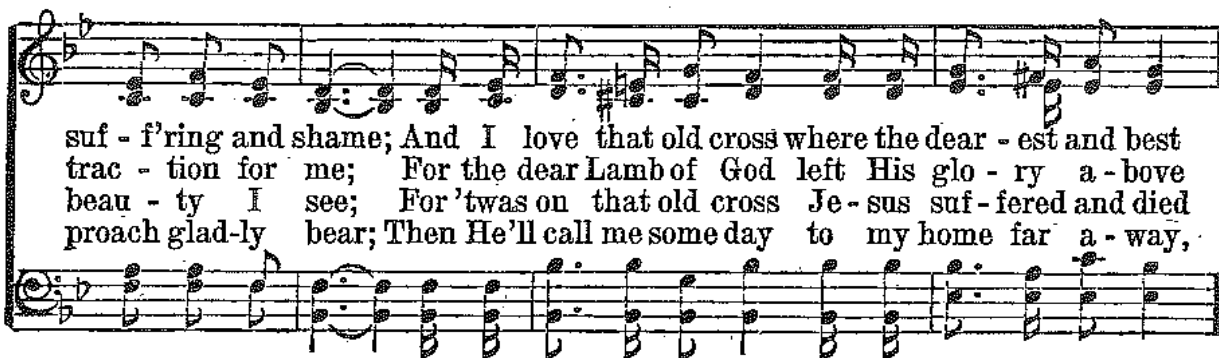
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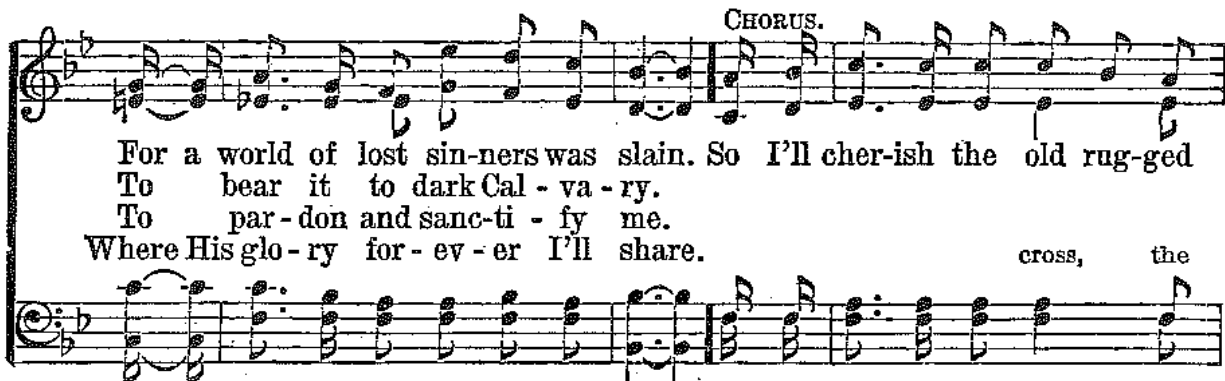
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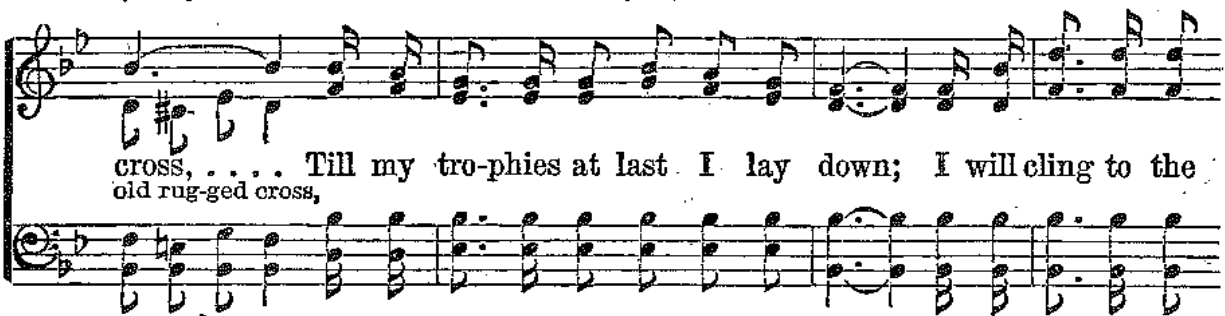
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of  
2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous at -  
3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won - drous  
4. To the old rugged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re -



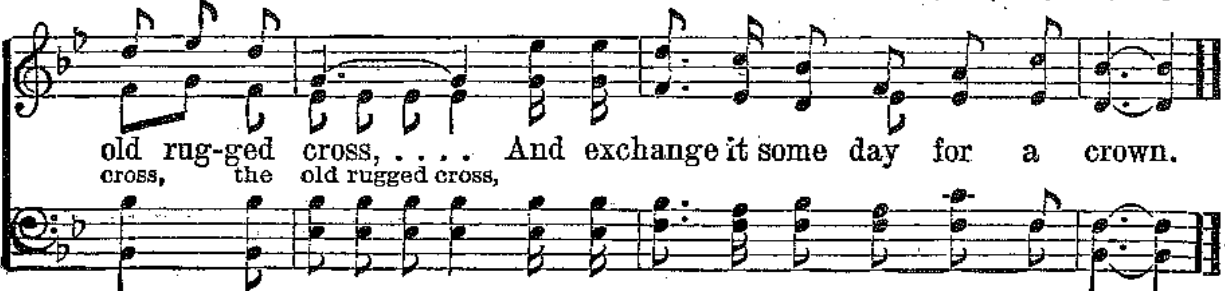
suf - f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove  
beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - ered and died  
proach glad - ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



CHORUS.  
For a world of lost sin - ners was slain. So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged  
To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. cross, the



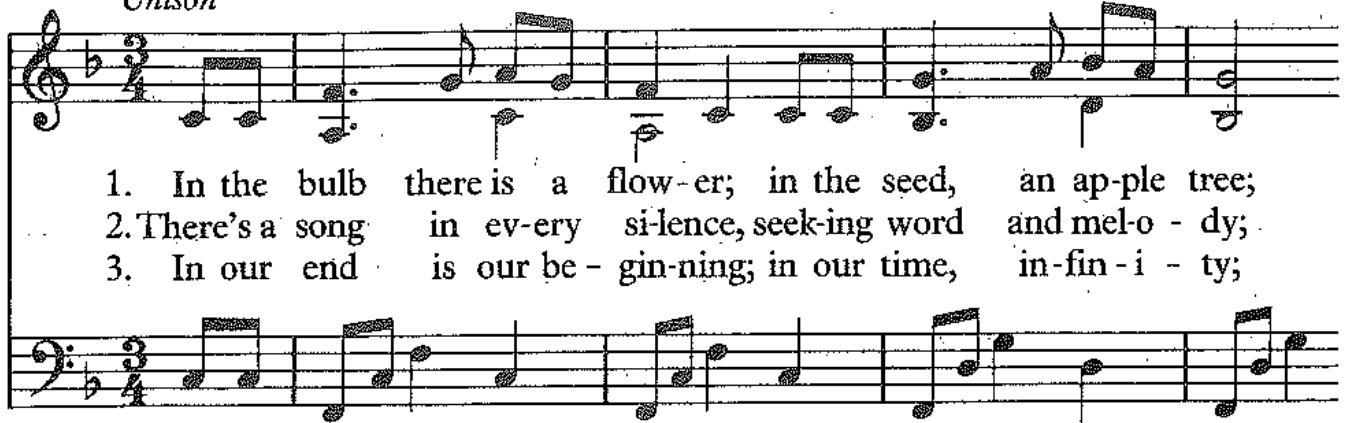
cross, . . . . Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the  
old rug - ged cross,



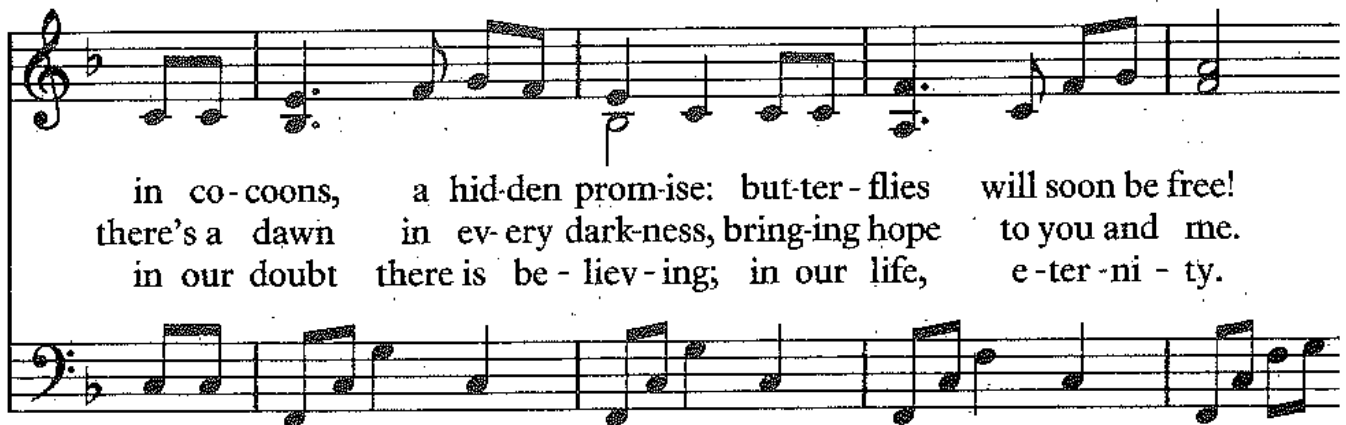
old rug - ged cross, . . . . And exchange it some day for a crown.  
cross, the old rugged cross,

# Hymn of Promise

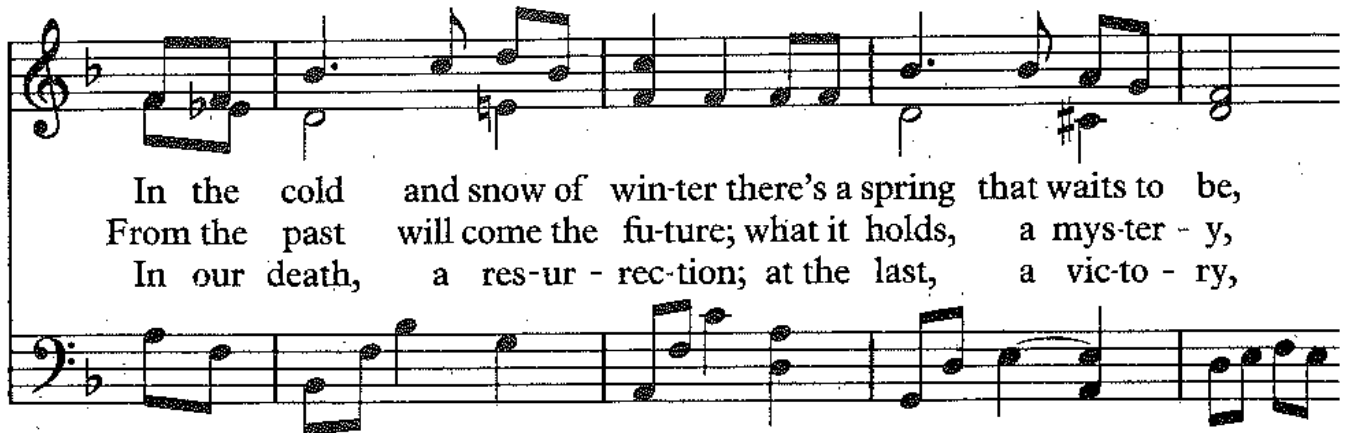
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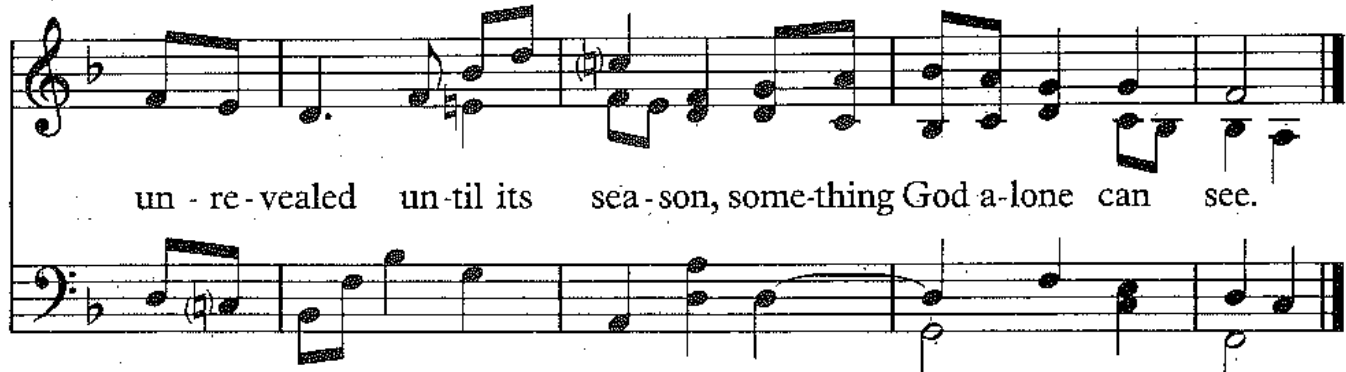
1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;  
3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in 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.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986  
MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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