

**April 8, 2018 8:30 & 10:45**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Our gospel reading for today affords a look at the role doubt plays in the life of faith. Apathy, not doubt, is the opposite of faith. Doubt is an opportunity to dive deeper into our faith and to find our faith strengthened through the struggle.

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME …**

**Gathering Music**

**Hymnal 620**  *One bread, one body* (John B. Foley)

**Worship & Song 3119** *Take, O take me as I am* (John Bell)

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;**

**Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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**Greeting**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Announcements**

**Introit** 10:45Karl Erickson

Alleluia! Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death 2 Timothy 1:10

and brought life and immortality through the Gospel. Alleluia!

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

**People: “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,**

**and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

**… TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD …**

**Hymnal 307** (*standing*) **Christ is risen** *W Zlobie Lezy*

**Prayer of Confession** (*people’s responses sung to #581 in the blue hymnal*) *Beach Spring*

Pastor: Gracious and loving God, hear our confession:

**People: We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need.**

Pastor: Open our eyes, O God, and remove from us the desire to judge.

**People: And our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed.**

Pastor: Our selfishness endangers others and puts greater burdens on the poor.

**People: We have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored.**

Pastor: Open our hearts, open our eyes.

**People:   Come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!**

**Assurance** **of Pardon** (*people’s response sung to the last phrase of #581*)

Pastor: Our God's grace, as deep as oceans, now surpasses all our needs.

**People: Christ our priest who shared our human pain:**

**Christ our true priest intercedes.**

**Silent Prayer**

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**… TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH …**

**The Sign of Peace** *Please pass the peace to your neighbors as a sign of reconciliation and love.*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
 People: And also with you.

Gathering Song *Where children belong*

This, this is where children belong, James Ritchie

welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:

This is where children belong.

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**Message for Young Disciples** Rev. Kimberly Greway

All children are invited. Please sing as children come forward. After the children’s message at the 10:45 service, children ages 3 - 3rd grade may attend **Kids Praise** in the Welcome Center. Children will be escorted to and from Kids Praise by teachers. They will return to the Sanctuary near the end of the service

**… TO HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED …**

Scripture Reading 8:30 Liz DiPietro 10:45 Bob Mallery

A Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures Psalm 133

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass 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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A Lesson from the New Testament Acts 4:32-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**.

**… TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES …**

**Offertory Duet** 8:30He Lives  *Ackley*

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;

I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,

And just the time I need him, he’s always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing

eternal hallelujas to Jesus Christ the King!

The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;

None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

**Offertory Anthem** 10:45 With All I Am Taylor Davis

Though I may master all things known, though I may forfeit all I own John Thornburg

And do not live, I search in vain to find the God who knows my name.

Love does not hide or run away, it does not threaten or delay.

Alive in hope, it braves our schemes, it bears our pain, believes our dreams.

With all I am, in all I do, I pledge my faith, I honor you.

I give you, Lord, my solemn vow; my life, my love, I offer now.

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**Hymnal 94** (*standing*) **Doxology**  *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia**  James Chepponis

(*sing “Alleluia” six times after the choir and again after the solo verse*)

Scripture Reading Rev. Kimberly Greway

A Lesson from the Gospel John 20:19-31

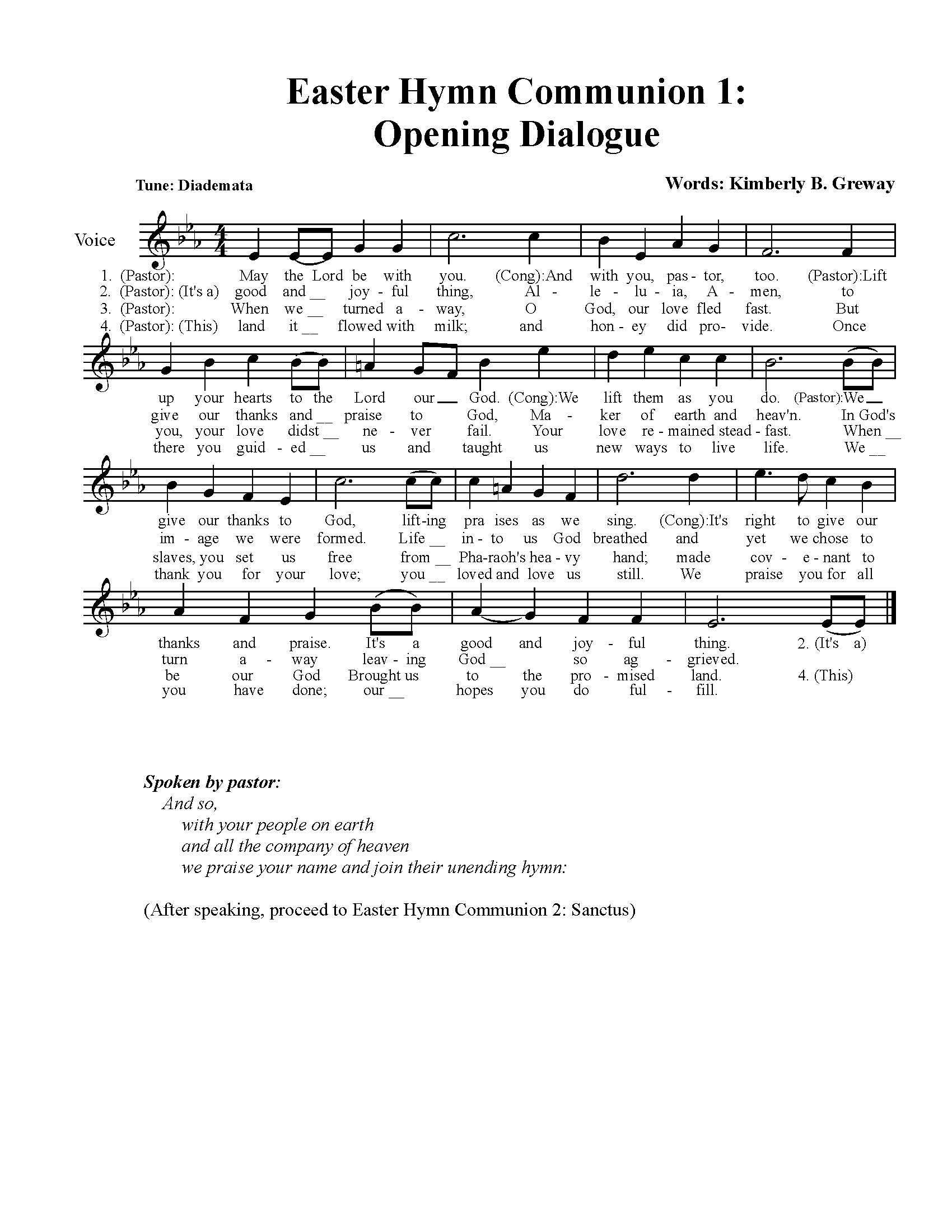
**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia** (*sing six times with the choir*) James Chepponis

**Sermon**  “My Lord and my God!” Rev. Kimberly Greway

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Easter Hymn Communion Service

text by Rev. Kimberly Greway



*Opening Dialogue Diademata*

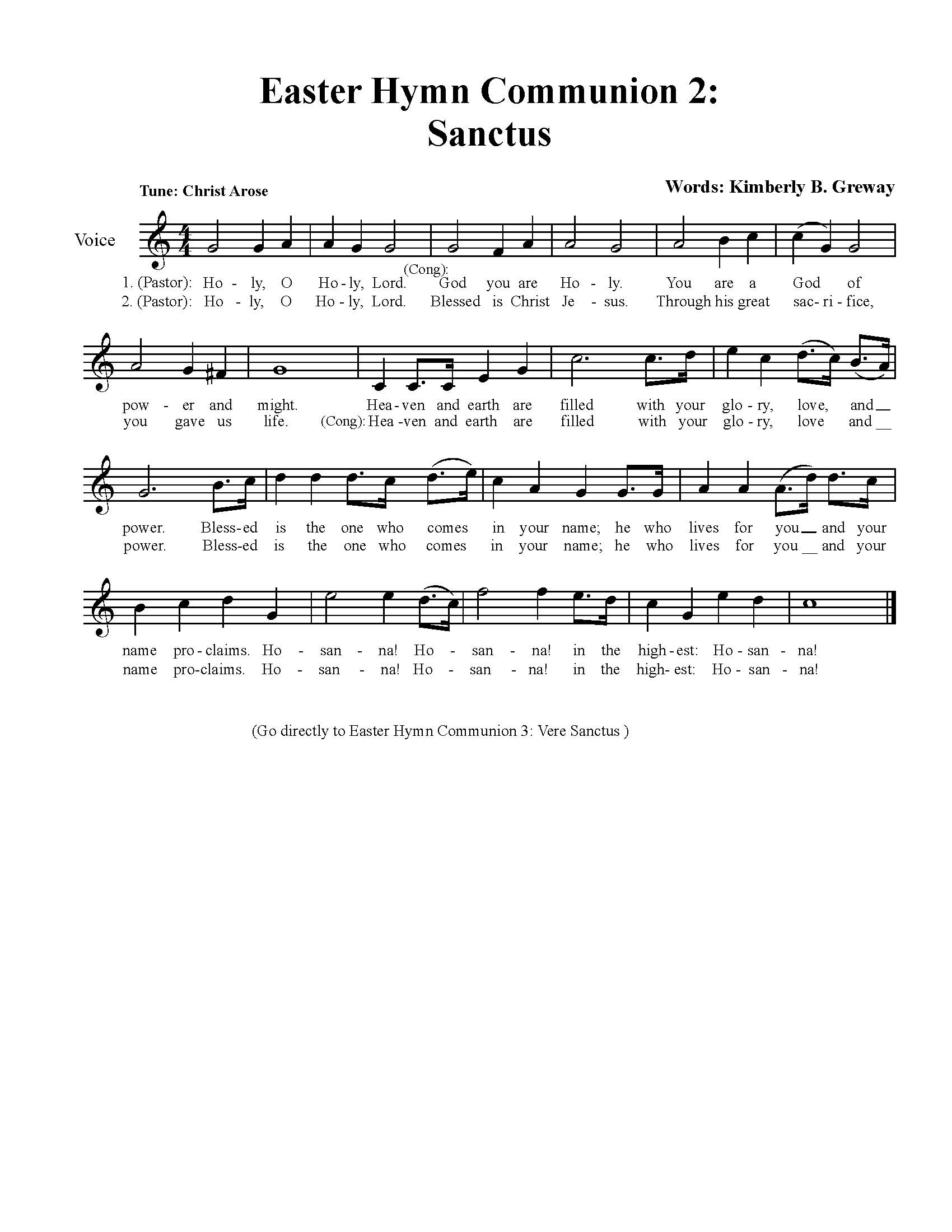
Pastor: And so,

with your people on earth,

and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*Sanctus Christ Arose*



*Vere Sanctus Truro*

Holy are you, and blessed is Christ: the one whom we call Jesus.   
His suffering and death and strife and resurrection brought eternal life.

Through him, the Christ, you gave us birth: delivered us from slavery  
and made with us a new covenant which founded for all time your holy church.

By your great mercy we are born a new creation in the Lord,  
by water and the Holy Spirit, a life which seems like everlasting morn.

*Anamnesis and Institution Ackley*

It was a normal Thursday when they were gathered there.

His followers were with him, thus showing that they cared.

He took the bread and blessed it, then quietly he said,

“Take eat, this is my body: I die in your stead.

I die, I die, I die for you today;

I ask you now to walk with me along this narrow way.

I die, I die, salvation to impart!

I die for you and many now. I’ll live within your heart.”

And when the meal was over, he took the rough-hewn cup.

He grasped it in his hands as he said, lifting it up:

“Take, drink, this is my blood which is given you this day;

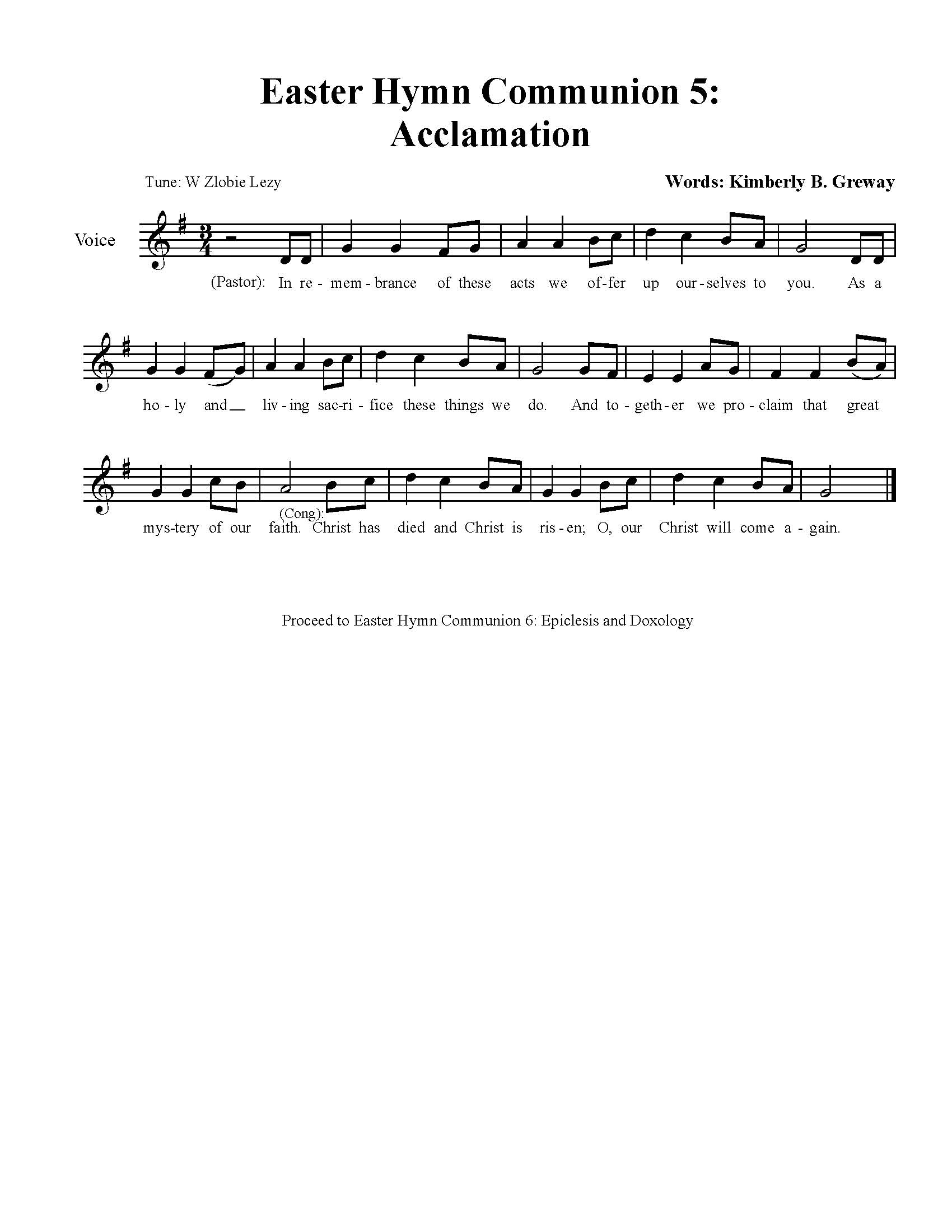
poured out for you and many so you can now say:

‘He dies, he dies, he dies for us this day.

A covenant that’s new he brings: forgives our sinful way.

He died, he died, salvation to impart! He died for us and many more.

He’ll live within our hearts.’”



*Memorial Acclamation W Zloby Lezy*

*Epicleseis and Doxology Near the Cross*

Pour your Spirit on these gifts that you have us given;

also grace us gathered here with your Spirit from heaven.

Make them be; make us be Christ’s own blood and body.

That we, Christ-redeemed, may him for the world embody.

By your Spirit make us one: one with one another;

one in mission to the world serving all together.

Make us see; make us be one in Christ’s own victory

till we can all feast with him always throughout history.

Through your blessed Son, the Christ, known as Jesus on earth;

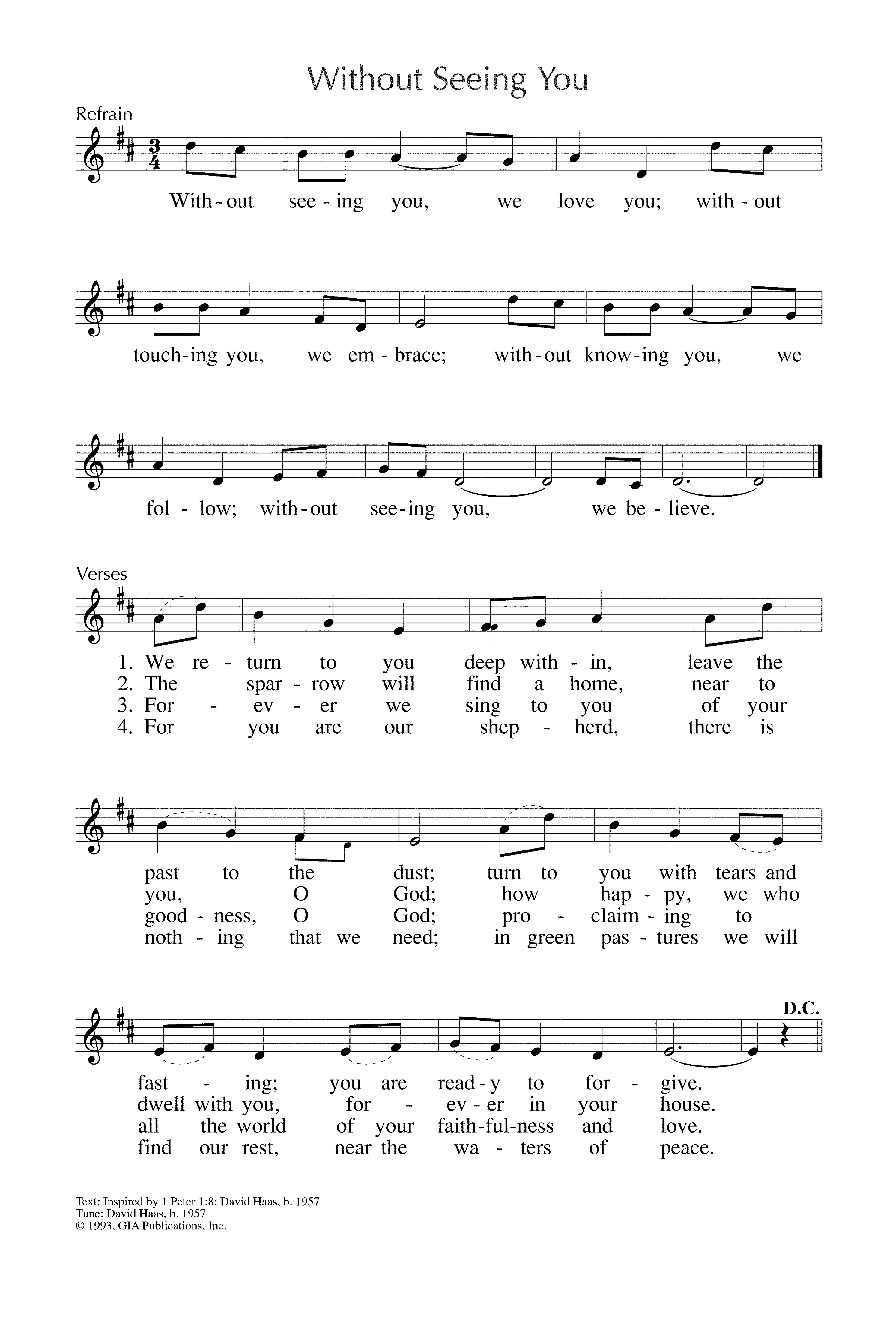
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church.

Honor, power, glory, might yours forever will be;

now and ever without end, God, our Lord Almighty.

**… TO GO REJOICING IN GOD’S NAME!**

**Closing Hymn Without seeing you**  *We Believe*



David Haas

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**Benediction**

**Today’s Services**

**Participating in the Service Today:** Rev. Kimberly Greway, formerly our Associate Pastor from 2006-2010, is the Director of Chaplaincy Services at the Allegheny County Jail and Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation of HOPE which serves inmates and ex-offenders in Allegheny County.  She wrote the words to this Easter Hymn Communion service based on the much-loved Christmas Carol Communion service.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given by Chuck and Brenda Vogel in loving memory of their parents, Walter and Margaretta Vogel and Maynard and Mabel Turner.

**The flowers on the altar**  are given by Roger and Gladys Arnold and family in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron A. Wian.

**Special music at 8:30** is provided by John Esaias and the Rev. Kimberly Greway.

**Special music at 10:45** is provided by the Chancel Choir with accompanist Mary Paine, who teaches piano in the area.

**Acolytes** Cary Young and Jacob Lowe

**Greeters 8:30** Judi Phelps **10:45**  Carolyn and George Bashore

**Worship options for children** We encourage children to participate in the **Children’s Sermon** at both services, and in **Kids Praise** during the 10:45 service. **Nursery services** are offered in Room 204 of the Education Building. Ask ushers or greeters and follow signs for direction.

**Honor or remember a loved one with a flower donation.** The flowers that grace the sanctuary each week are generously donated by our church family members. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a special person, event, or milestone in your personal life or in the life of the church. If you are interested in donating flowers on a particular Sunday, contact Lizzie Diller , 412-860-3614. The cost is $30 for the altar, narthex, or columbarium, and $60 for the chancel.

**Podcasts of Sunday Sermons**  Catch up on messages from MLUMC with a podcast of Pastor Tom’s and others’ Sunday sermons. Sermons can be found at http:// mlumc.buzzsprout.com or navigate to the site from the link on our webpage, [www.mlumc.org](http://www.mlumc.org). Sermons also will be posted to iTunes. Full recordings of the service are available upon request.

**Today’s Scriptures**

**Psalm 133**

1How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**Acts 4:32-35**

32Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**John 20:19-31**

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.25So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Keep in Prayer**

**Hospitalized**

Maxine Furedy, St. Clair

Stephen Hahn, St. Clair

**Convalescing in Care Facilities**

Leila Berkey, Asbury Heights

Ed Clarke, Asbury Place

John Katshir, Asbury Heights

Pat Seitz, Concordia

Fred Siersdorfer, Friendship Village

Carol Van Sickle, Marian Manor

**Convalescing at Home**

Jean Boyer, Mary Caldwell,

Carolyn Dagg, David Lewis,   
Susan Lichtenfels, Jinny Sheppard,   
Betty Trout

**In the Military**

Jason Boyer, SPC Natalie Brown

**Maj. Zachary Allen Finch, USMC**James Iantelli, 1st Lt. Jaskiewicz   
S. Sgt. Keith Kimmell, Adam Kmick

PFC Brendan Lamport   
Sgt. Matthew McConahan, Thomas Orda  
David Poncel, Sgt. Steven Reitz   
Capt. Scott B. Rushe, Pastor Rick Townes   
Maj. Azizi Wesmiller

Maj. Matthew C. Wesmiller   
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski

Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

Harry Daniel "Dan" VanSickle, age 81, of Upper St. Clair, formerly of Versailles, KY, Washington, PA and Bethel Park, PA, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2018. Dan was born October 27, 1936, in Friendsville, MD to Harry and Margaret VanSickle. He was the husband of Carol (Higinbotham) VanSickle, father of Lee Anne of Bethel Park and Lori (Dan) Barr of Upper St. Clair, grandfather of Daniel Barr of Upper St. Clair and Christopher (Chelsea) Barr of Bridgeville, great-grandfather of Kailee Barr, Declan Corba and Liam Barr, twin brother of Cloyde VanSickle of Hopwood, PA, brother of Irvin VanSickle of Northlake, IL and the late Marshall VanSickle and Barbara Benedek. Visitation Thursday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the David J. Henney Funeral Home, 6364 Library Road (RT 88), Library, where a funeral service was held Friday at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or PA Dept. of Military Affairs at donate.dmva.pa.gov.

Laura Lee “Lee” Cramer, aged 85-years old, passed away peacefully on Good Friday, March 30, 2018, in her home in DeBordieu Colony, Georgetown, South Carolina, surrounded by her family and adoring husband of 62 years. Born on July 28, 1932 in Columbus, Ohio, Lee was the daughter of Jennie Lynn and E.S. Wheeler. Lee leaves behind her beloved husband Wilson B. Cramer, married on September 22, 1956, four adult children (Peter W. Cramer, Stephen T. Cramer, Lynnea Cramer-Mallalieu, and Julie L. Cramer), six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

**CALENDAR – SUNDAY, APRIL 8 THRU SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

**SUNDAY 4/8**

8:30 am Worship Sanner Chapel

9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages/Coffee Café Various/Brookline Parlor

10:45 am Worship Sanctuary

Kids Praise Welcome Center

5 pm Youth Group Asbury Center

**MONDAY 4/9**

7 pm Chapel Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

7 pm Church Council Wesley Hall

**TUESDAY 4/10**

7 pm Boy Scout Troop #23 Wesley Hall

7 pm Boy Scout Board of Reviews Room 105

7 pm Cub Scout Planning Epworth Chapel

**WEDNESDAY 4/11**

7 pm Bear, Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts Various

**THURSDAY 4/12**

9:30 am UMW Board Meeting Room 105

11 am UMW Meeting Asbury Center

6:30 pm Promise Bells Rehearsal Bell Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

**FRIDAY 4/13**

1:30 pm Memoirs Group Wesley Hall

7 pm Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Epworth Chapel

**SATURDAY 4/14**

8 am It’s A Guy Thing Men’s Group Wesley Hall