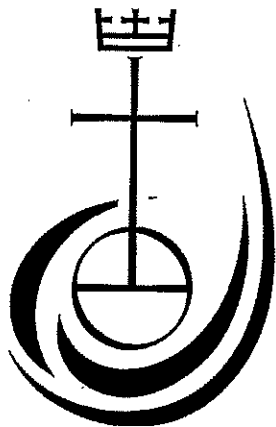


Columbia United Church Of Christ

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



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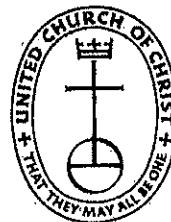
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

- No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
- No matter where you are on your faith journey;
- No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
- No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
- No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
- No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
- You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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May 1, 2022

10:30 Worship

"May Day"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"...You have turned my mourning into dancing;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy!"
-Psalm 30:11*

Easter Affirmation

Pastor Rick

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Ukrainian National Anthem"

Chapel Ringers
Catherine McMichael

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Danielle Dreier

*Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 30)

Judi Privitt

Sing Praise to God!

Give thanks to God's Holy Name!

God's favor is with us all of our lives.

Weeping may linger for the night;

But God brings joy with the morning.

In our prosperity, we often turn our backs on God;
Not remembering all our strength comes from God.
But soon we remember; God is the source of all our joy.

God has turned our mourning into dancing;

God has clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise God.

We will give thanks to God forever!

Come, let us worship God!

*Gathering Hymn

"Called to Gather as God's People"

(insert)

*Opening Prayer

Judi Privitt

**God of love and service; we hear the words of Christ Jesus,
expressing your love and sharing with us the ways to live eternally.**

Your command is simple: "Feed My Lambs."

Your command is challenging: "Tend My Sheep."

Your command is fearful: "Feed My Sheep."

Often we feel that we are not up to the task of shepherding. We call Jesus "The Great Shepherd" to deflect some of the responsibility away from us. But we know that your call to us is essential to your Kingdom building here on earth. Forgive us for the times we neglect to be your servant leaders, the times we neglect to Feed Your Sheep. Empower and equip us to always lead, always follow, always serve. In Jesus name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Blessing

Pastor Rick

Jesus appeared many times after the Resurrection, offering grace to disciples who denied him, who deserted him, who did not live into his message of peace. That forgiveness is ours, as well; for all our sins of commission and omission. Through our repentance and God's grace we are forgiven, beloved and blessed. Praise be to God!

*Prayer Response "Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja!
Hallelujah! Halle-lu-ja!

*Sharing God's Gift of Peace

Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!

And also with you!

Children's Time

Pastor Rick

Response:

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
(Sung as children return to their seats)

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus;

No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)

No turning back, no turning back.

Sacrament of Baptism

*Today we are celebrating the Baptism of August Williams,
son of Yvonne Piersee*

Welcome and Proclamation

Questions for the Parents

*Congregational Assent

Baptism & Blessing; Baptismal Prayer

Hymn: "Borning Cry" #351

Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-17 Judi Privitt
Jesus appears to the disciples at a breakfast beach barbecue, helping them catch fish and grill them. After their fill of fish, Jesus asks Peter three times if Peter loves him. Peter gets a bit exasperated by the third time. Why did Jesus ask Peter three times? (page #884)

Anthem "Listen to the Lambs " Celebration Singers
R. Nathaniel Dett

Sermon: "Feed My Sheep" Pastor Rick

Invitation to Communion

Throughout his ministry, Jesus was one who reached across human borders and boundaries, seeing in everyone a common heritage as a child of God. In like manner, all are welcome to partake in communion today, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, coming to Christ's table to partake in altar communion.

Communion Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer; Invocation

Blessing the Children "In the Bulb there is a Flower" #433

In the Sacrament of Communion, we most clearly see Jesus in our midst. Our desire to share this presence prompts us to celebrate with our children, granting them a special blessing. During the hymn, our children are invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive a special blessing from Pastor Rick.

Institution; Fraction; Distribution

You will be invited to come forward via the center aisle and receive Communion from the Communion Stewards.

Communion Music

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry " Chapel Ringers
Martha Lynn Thompson

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Rick

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table. Thank you for the Bread of Life, that sustains us all and for the cup of blessing, promising New Life and Resurrection. As Peter and the other disciples saw the Resurrected Christ in their midst around a meal of bread and fish, we see the Resurrected Christ in this memory meal. We thank you for opening our eyes, and pray that we may always be able to see you working in us and through us. We pray that this meal may inspire us to follow your command and Feed Your Sheep.

*The LORD's Prayer *(sung by the congregation, led by Brandon Brown)*

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.

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Pastor Rick

Feeding God's Sheep

"Blanket Sunday"

Mark Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041 and follow the prompts

You can also give online by visiting our website:

www.columbiaucc.com

Offertory

"Sonata "

Amy Crousore

Johann Wilhelmina Hässler

*Prayer of Dedication

Judi Privitt

God of gentle guidance, you shepherd us through the rough places in life, and your challenge us to be shepherds as well. Take these gifts that we offer today; may they be used to Feed Your Sheep. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!

Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!

With God our Creator, Children all are we!

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

"All Creatures of Our God and King "

Amy Crousore

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Acolyte: Danielle Dreier
Ushers:
Greeters: Anne Heine
Technology Booth: Brent Marcks & Lorry Dreier
Hospitality: Brent Marcks
Council Stewards: Lorry Dreier & Brent Marcks



NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Pat Forward
Acolyte:
Ushers: Melba Shaffer
Greeters: Audrey Lasley
Technology Booth: Matt Lucas & John Graves
Hospitality: Jo Ellen Grace
Council Stewards: Linda Neale & Sue Ann Schaefer

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NURSERY CARE... is available for children in kindergarten and younger in room #201 in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

LODO STAFF APPRECIATION

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week; and we will be showing our appreciation of our LODO Teachers all week! How about leaving a note or gift for the LODO teachers this week to tell them how much you appreciate all they do? We will also be sharing appreciation gifts with Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary this week.

BLACK HISTORY TOUR OF ST. LOUIS 5/7

On May 7, we will meet at church about 8:45, planning to leave by 9 am. We are renting a large van for anyone who wants to ride together. We will have a guide to show us around important Black History sites in St. Louis and explain the significance. We will stop for lunch at a Black-owned restaurant during our tour. The tour takes around 3 hours, plus lunch, so we plan to return to Columbia around 5 pm. RSVP required; talk to Tricia Price or check the Friday email!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND POT LUCK

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is May 15, and we will have a Pot Luck meal to share prior to the meeting! Bring your dish to share before worship, and stick around after for our meal and meeting! There are a few issues to discuss and vote on at the meeting. Plan to attend!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	5/1	<i>Baptism of August Williams</i>	
		Men's Fellowship	7:30am
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am
		Music & Worship Ministry Team	12:00pm
Mon	5/2	Staff Meeting	10:30am
		Nurture & Education Ministry Team	6:30pm
Tue	5/3	Quilters	10:00am
		Membership & Care Ministry Team	6:30pm
Wed	5/4	Confirmation	6:00pm
		Chancel Ringers Rehearsal	6:00pm
		Celebration Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thu	5/5	Inclusion & Affirmation Ministry Team	6:30pm
Fri	5/6	LODO Picnic	
Sat	5/7	<i>Black History Tour</i>	
Sun	5/8	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
		Sunday School	9:00am
		Fellowship Time	10:00am
		Worship (in person and livestream)	10:30am

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Rev. Connie Tanis... health issues
Levi Markway... health issues (Tim & Jo Ellen Grace's son-in-law)
Clyde... living with cancer (Lydia Whitacre's friend)
Laura Whitacre... recovering from foot surgery
The People of Ukraine... standing up to Russian oppression
The People of Russia... manipulated by their leadership
The People of Afghanistan... trying to live in a decimated country
Refugees everywhere... mourning their losses, looking for relief
The students and staff of Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our partnership friend
Alexis... on heart transplant list (Elaine Trout's friend's granddaughter)
Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christine Mseke;
Gene Kelly... living with cancer (Jim & Connie Loveless's friend)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt,
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank, Helen Graves

Serving us in the military:

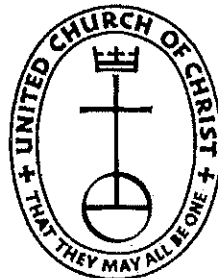
Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson, Dane Wilson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin)

UCC/DOC Global Ministries Missionary of the Week:

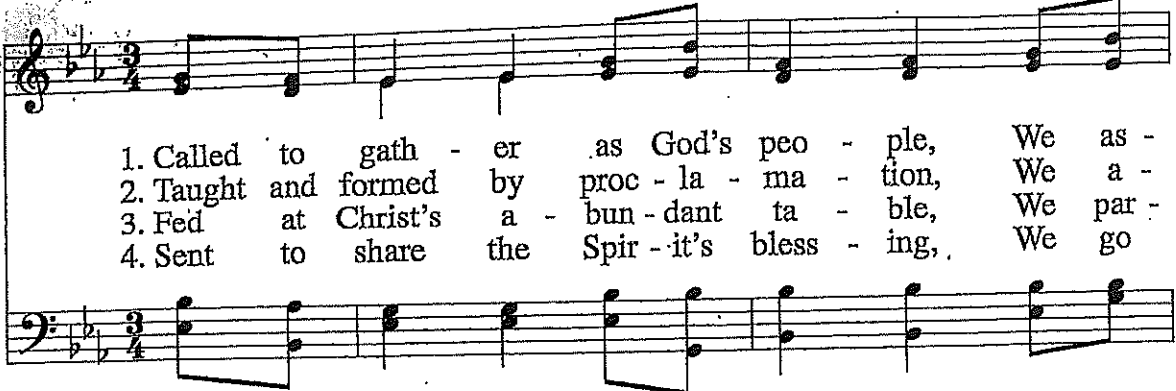
Eleazar Fernandez... serving in Philippines

2022 Confirmation Class:

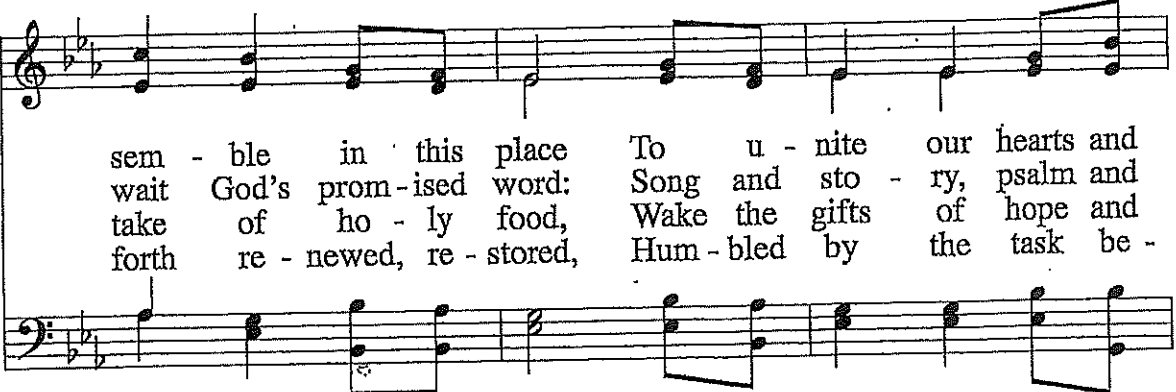
Danielle Dreier, Aidan Pierson, Trevor Pierson; Lawson Flood-Loerber



5 Called to Gather as God's People.



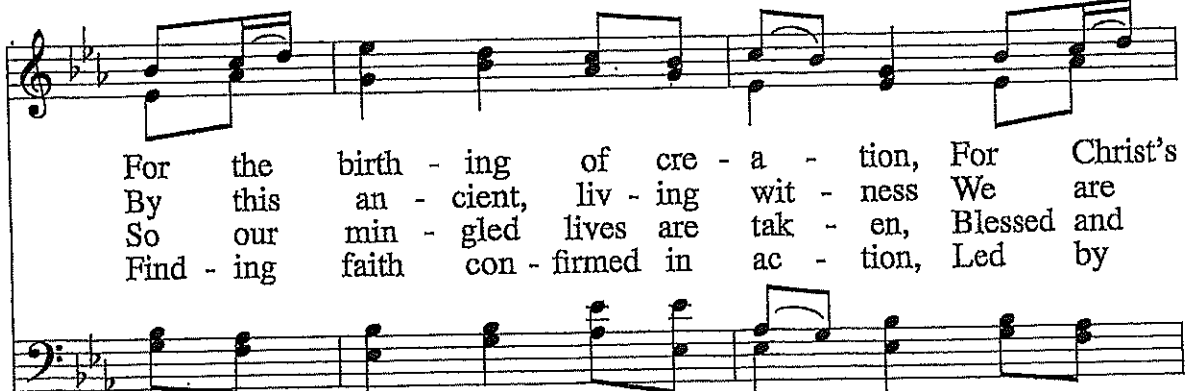
1. Called to gath - er as God's peo - ple, We as -
2. Taught and formed by proc - la - ma - tion, We a -
3. Fed at Christ's a - bun - dant ta - ble, We par -
4. Sent to share the Spir - it's bless - ing, We go



sem - ble in this place To u - nite our hearts and
wait God's prom - ised word: Song and sto - ry, psalm and
take of ho - ly food, Wake the gifts of hope and
forth re - newed, re - stored, Hum - bled by the task be -



voic - es In thanks - giv - ing for God's grace:
pre - cept, All the range of scrip - ture heard.
mem - 'ry, Taste and see that God is good.
fore us, Strength - ened by the Love out - poured.



For the birth - ing of cre - a - tion, For Christ's
By this an - cient, liv - ing wit - ness We are
So our min - gled lives are tak - en, Blessed and
Find - ing faith con - firmed in ac - tion, Led by

ris - ing from death's hold, For the com - ing of the
 sum - moned to con - fess How we fall short, yet can
 bro - ken for Christ's sake, Giv - en out to feed and
 hope through each new day, We are called to be God's

Spir - it, Week by week claimed and re - told.
 trust that God will hear, for - give, and bless.
 com - fort Bod - ies, minds, and hearts that ache.
 peo - ple, Liv - ing what we sing and pray.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b.1944, © 2001, Hope Publishing Co.
 Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Pt. II, 1813

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison

D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

G D G D7 G D

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

G D G C D7 G

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

G/B C G

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
John Ylvisaker, 1985

CONFIRMATION

Am D G G/B C

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

G A7 D to beginning

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

My God, Accept My Heart This Day

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Matthew Bridges, 1848; alt.

Gal. 4:5; Eph. 1:5

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways yours,
 2 Be - fore the cross of One who died, I bow in deep re - gret.
 3 A - noint me with your love and grace, a - dopt me for your own,
 4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word be given, O God, to you.

That I from you no more may stray as long as life en - dures.
 Let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and ev - ery wrong off - set.
 That I in heaven may find my place and wor - ship at your throne.
 In life and death, may I be stirred your pur - pose to pur - sue.

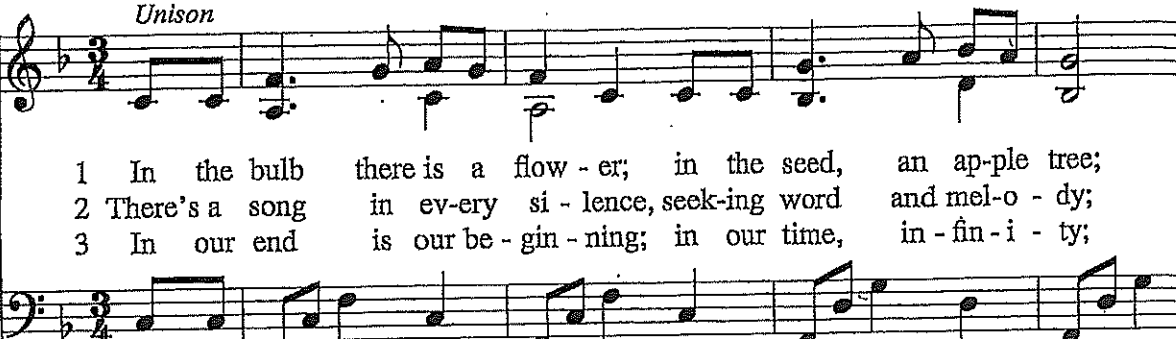
Influenced by the Oxford Movement, Matthew Bridges left the Church of England and became a Roman Catholic in 1848, the year this confirmation hymn was published. He wrote numerous other prose and poetry works.

Tune: ST. STEPHEN C.M.
 William Jones, 1789

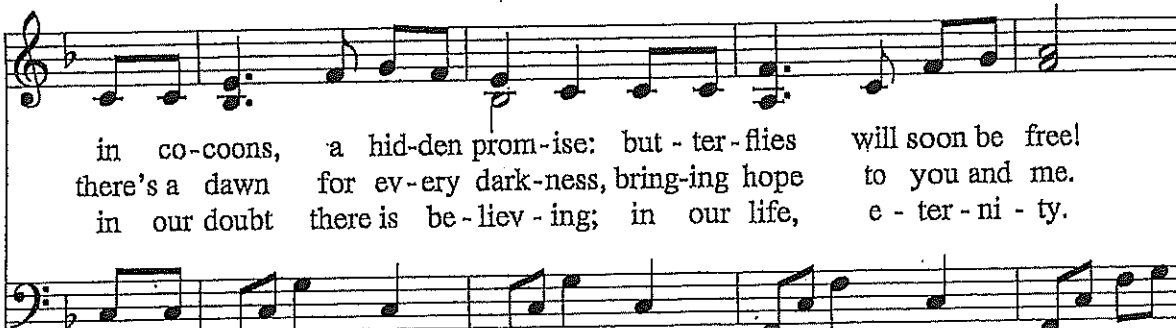
In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

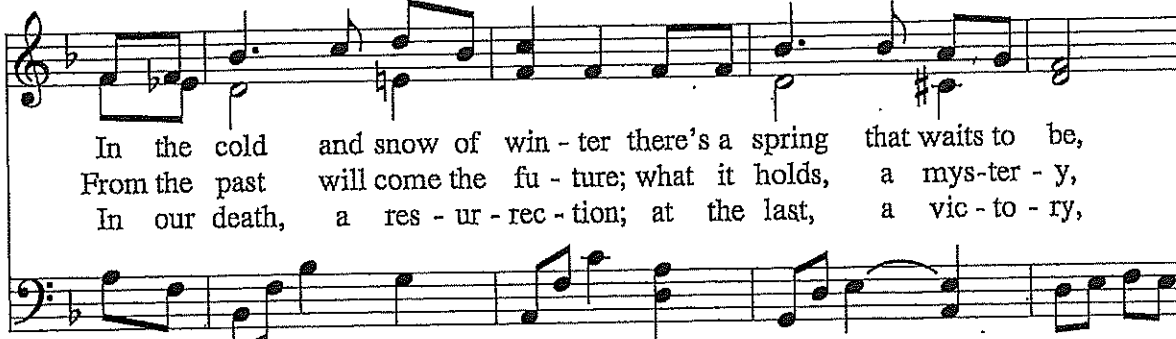
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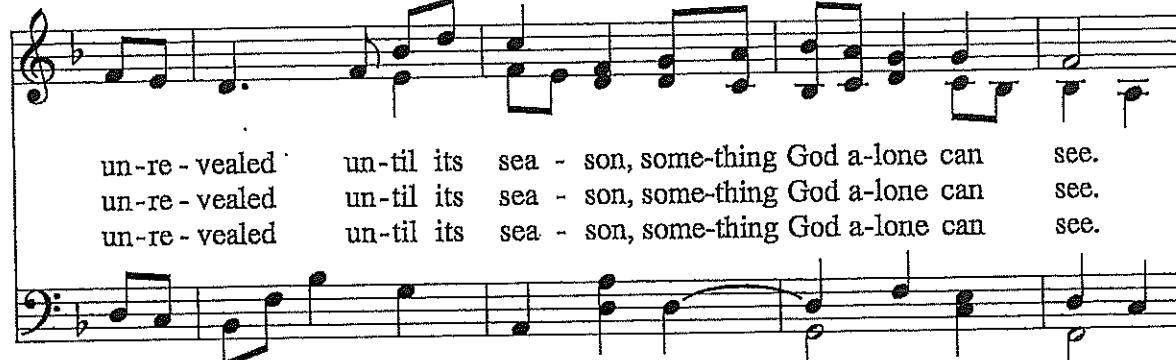
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



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

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985