

Order of Worship

July 13, 2025

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

PRELUDE – BRUCE WESTCOTT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please join me in a responsive call to worship. The response will be, **We have heard of this hope!** (I'll hold up my hands to you when it's your turn to say, "We have heard of this hope!")*

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

We have heard of this hope!

Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

We have heard of this hope!

Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

We have heard of this hope!

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

We have heard of this hope!

HYMN # - 414 This is a Day of New Beginnings

SCRIPTURE - Colossians 1:1-14

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer O Lord. Hear our prayer O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

COLLECTION & MISSION

DOXOLOGY - #46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these offerings, O God, we dedicate ourselves to showing love by our actions. May they be our witness in the world. AMEN

HYMN - 359 [Love the Lord](#)

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 10:25-37 - Nicole**

MESSAGE - Where do you encounter hope in this church community?

HYMN- 493 In the Bulb There is a Flower

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (based on Genesis 28:13-15, Psalm 139)

(Congregation reads Bold Text)

As we leave this place, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

At work or play, at home or on vacation, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

Whether we're happy or sad,

on our own, or with our friends, we know

God will be with us wherever we go.

So, let's go with joy,

because God goes with us!

RESPONSE #345 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again v.1*

POSTLUDE – BRUCE WESTCOTT

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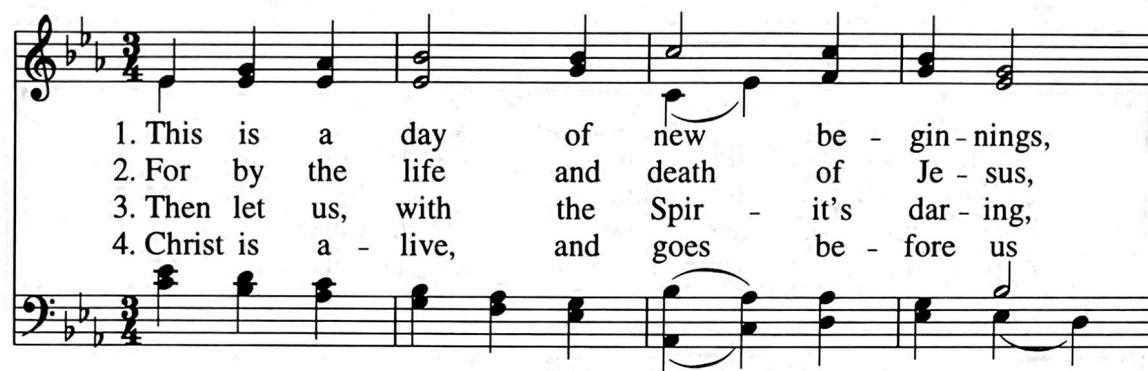
THANK YOU TO MELISSA HOUGH AND JULIE MORRISON FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE ATTENDEES AT THE YOUNG RELL CONCERT ON FRIDAY EVENING HAD WATER. THE SANCTUARY WAS VERY WARM AND THEY WERE WONDERFUL TO THINK OF THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED. IF YOU MISSED THE CONCERT, YOU MISSED A VERY TALENTED UP AND COMING BLUES ARTIST.

NANCY TONEY ASKED ME TO ANNOUNCE THAT FOUR OF THE NEKASAN GROUP WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT THEIR GUY FROM BENIN IN DETENTION NEXT SUNDAY. ONE OF THE TWO FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN IN A COMMUNITY CHURCH APARTMENT ARE SUDDENLY LOSING THAT HOUSING AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE PLACE IN THE ST. J AREA.

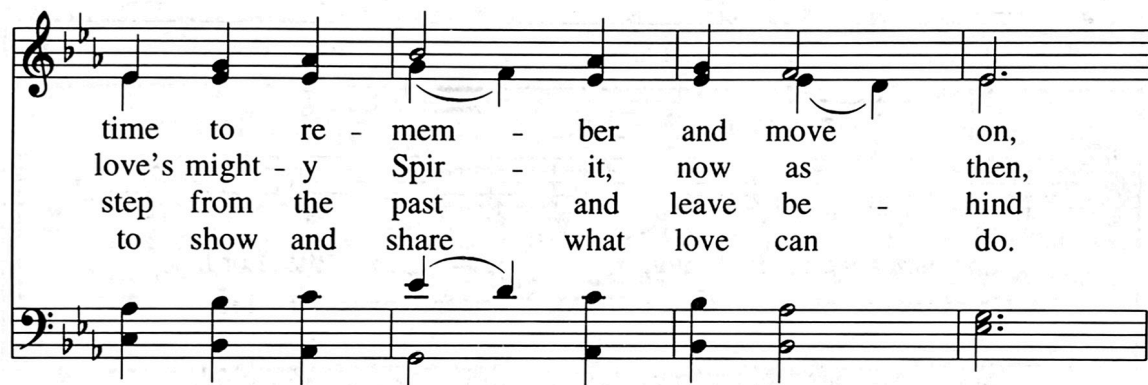
7/20/25	John Morris
7/27/25	Lay Service - TBD
8/3/25	Lay-led service w/Communion with Carol Fox
8/10/25	TBD
8/17/25	John Morris
8/24/25	Nancy Fowler
8/31/25	TBD

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

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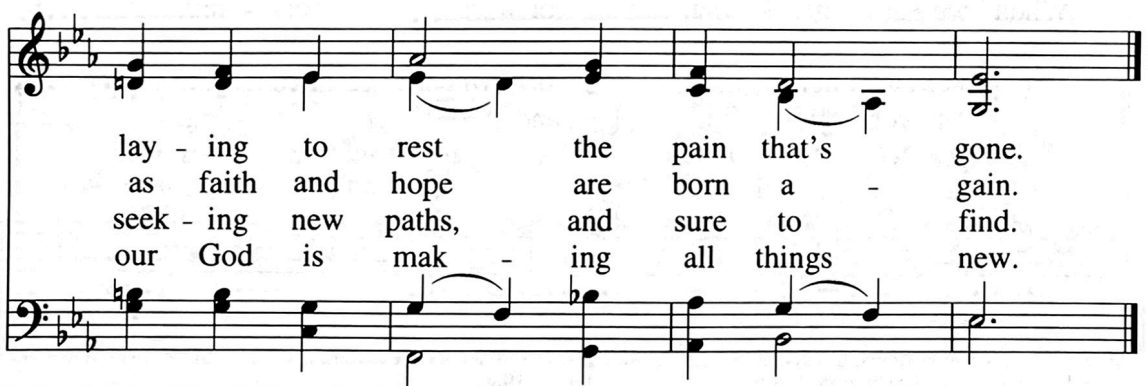
1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us



time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 love's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.



time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - f'rence
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings—



lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978, rev. 1987
 MUSIC: Brian Wren; arr. Peter Cutts, 1978

DRONFIELD
 98.98

United Reformed minister Brian Wren wrote this text for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. He also composed the tune which was arranged by his frequent collaborator Peter Cutts.

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NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Love the Lord

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Unison



1. Love the Lord, love the Lord, love the Lord with all your heart.
 2. Love the Lord, love the Lord, love the Lord with all your soul.
 3. Seek the Lord, seek the Lord, seek the Lord with all your mind.
 4. Serve the Lord, serve the Lord, serve the Lord with all your strength.



Love the Lord and love each oth-er. I will love the Lord with all my heart.
 Love the Lord with all your be-ing. I will love the Lord with all my soul.
 In God's word the truth I find. I will seek the Lord with all my mind.
 Heart and soul and mind and strength. I will love the Lord with all I am.

WORDS and MUSIC: Austin C. Lovelace, adapt.

LOVELACE
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This text is a paraphrase of Jesus' commandments found in
 Matthew 22:37-39, Mark 12:30-31 and Luke 10:27.

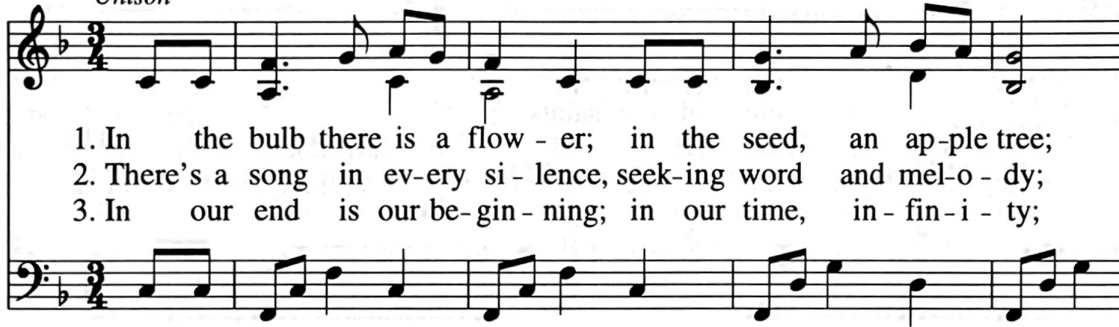
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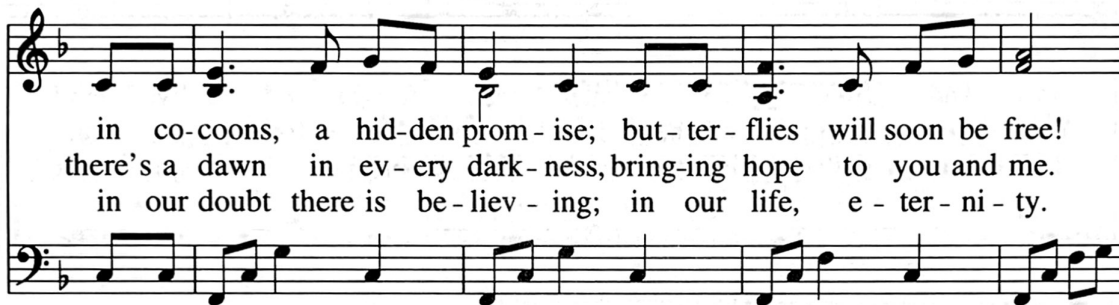
In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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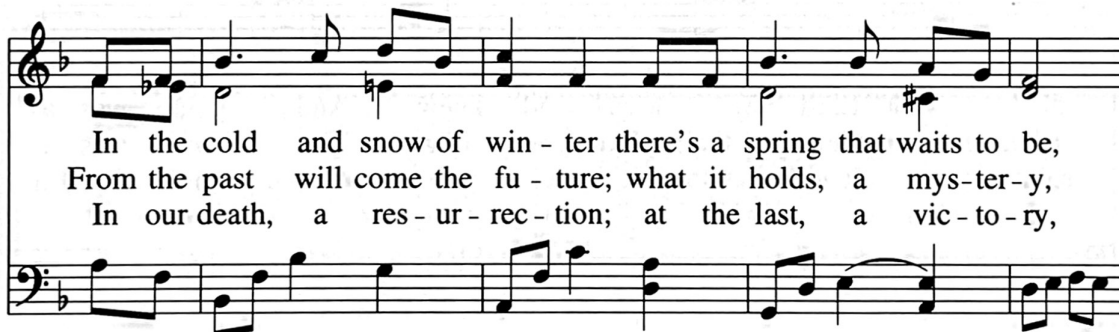
Unison



1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
 2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
 3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;



in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterfly will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.



In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
 In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,



unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

PROMISE
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Sleeth was a well-known author/composer of numerous anthems for children and adults.
 This hymn was dedicated to her husband, Methodist minister Ronald Sleeth.

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DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE