

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.



This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website 2ndpreslou.org to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to visit our website and learn about our life at Second.



Children of God, welcome home!

*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices
to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

To our visitors: please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). If you'll hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex after the service, we would be honored to give you a small welcome gift.

For our 11:00 a.m. worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our 11:00 a.m. worshippers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type *is sung or read in unison.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Adagio* from *Three Pieces for Organ* Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME

INTROIT *The Three Sad Days Are Quickly Sped* VICTORY

The three sad days are quickly sped. Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen head, ALLELUIA!
Latin hymn c. 1695; trans. Francis Pott, 1861

11:00 CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 248 *Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!* ODE TO JOY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God our Redeemer, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet we confess we are often troubled by doubts. We are sometimes uncertain if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, and we struggle to trust your goodness for us. Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst. Renew us and make us whole, that we might be bearers of your peace.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, refrain*

ALLELUIA No. 1

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1–13

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

It's Not About Us

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

French Reformed Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, our Creator. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Redeemer. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. I believe in the Eternal God; in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website.
You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing
ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM *See What Love Hath the Father* from *St. Paul* Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in His goodness,
that we should be called God's own children.

1 John 3:1

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**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.**

The Sending

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!
vs. 1-3

SINE NOMINE

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

vs. 4

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry, "AMEN!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

11:00 Members of the congregation are asked to remain for a called Congregational Meeting.

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Scott Davis by the Davis and Bowman families.

USHERS

8:30 Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram

11:00 Emily Lawrence, Leigh Parrot, Sasha Bjork-Meyer, Greg Treitz, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay (11:00), Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists; Lisa Houghlin (8:30), Stan deVoogd (11:00), lay readers

The Octet (8:30), The Sanctuary Choir (11:00); Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

11:00 Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

We Lift Up in Prayer

Jennifer Ferguson, her children, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise, and family, on the death of mother and grandmother, Joyce Kneisley, 4/3/24.

Jean O'Brien and her family on the death of husband, John, 3/30/24.

Becky and Amy Peer on the death of mother and grandmother, Jane Spires, 3/7/24.

Jim Baker and family in the death of his wife, Patricia "Patsy", 2/27/24.

DeeDee Davis and her family on the death of her husband, Scott, 2/10/24.

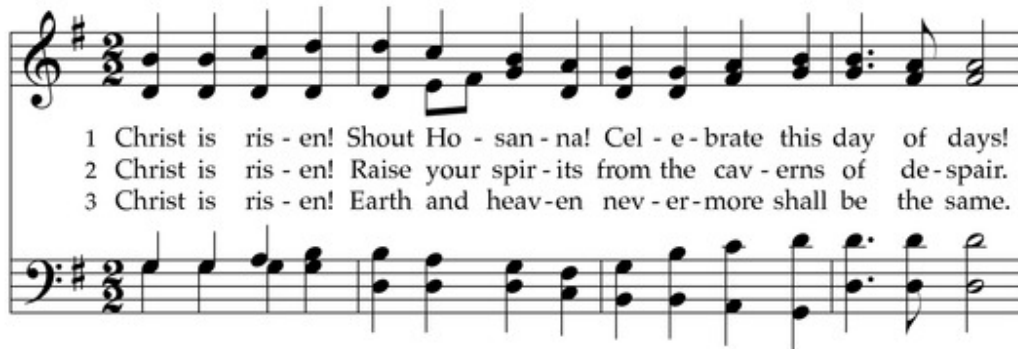
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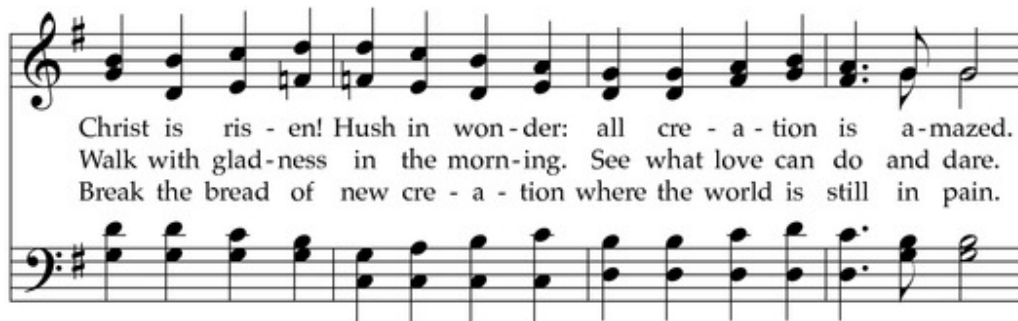


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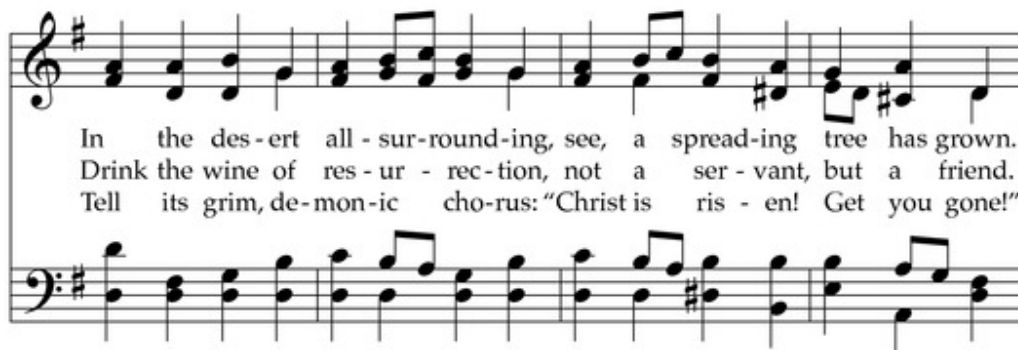
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



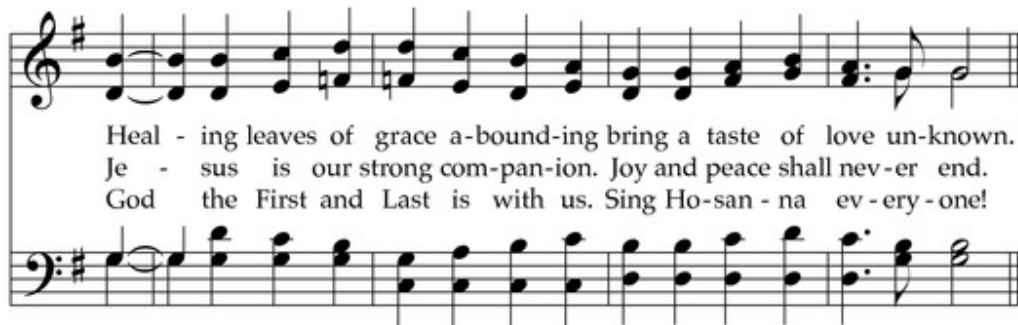
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

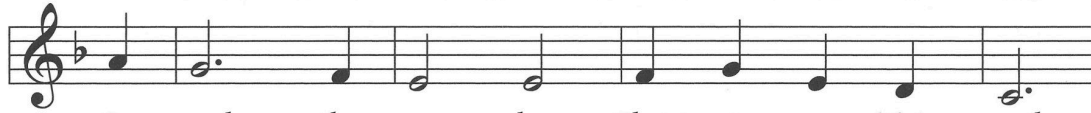
In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

Go to the World!

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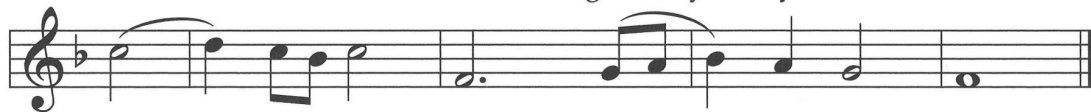
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.