

**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**April 18, 2021**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY	“Psalm 23”	Michael Burkhardt
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Chris Curvin, Pastor
GATHERING PRAYER		Cindy Huffman
*HYMN #305	“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”	DARWALL’S 148TH

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!**  
**For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!**  
**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,**  
**empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!**  
**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,**  
**As we in mission magnify the crucified!**  
**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!**  
**For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!**  
**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

CALL TO CONFESSION	Sue Miskiewicz
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your kingdom. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your kingdom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility and love. In all things grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days. Through Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581	GLORIA PATRI
<b>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;</b> <b>as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,</b> <b>world without end. Amen, amen.</b>	

SOLO

“For Those Who Serve”  
Michele White, Soloist

Joseph M. Martin

*Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear;  
Tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear.  
Lord, thank you for the lips that speak the words,  
All those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise.*

*Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love, Lord,  
The ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.  
Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.  
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ.*

*Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace,  
Leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see.  
Thank you for the arms of those who reach into the night,  
Arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ.*

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Holy Disruption”  
Paula Salter, Vice Moderator, Presbytery of Tampa

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each others burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

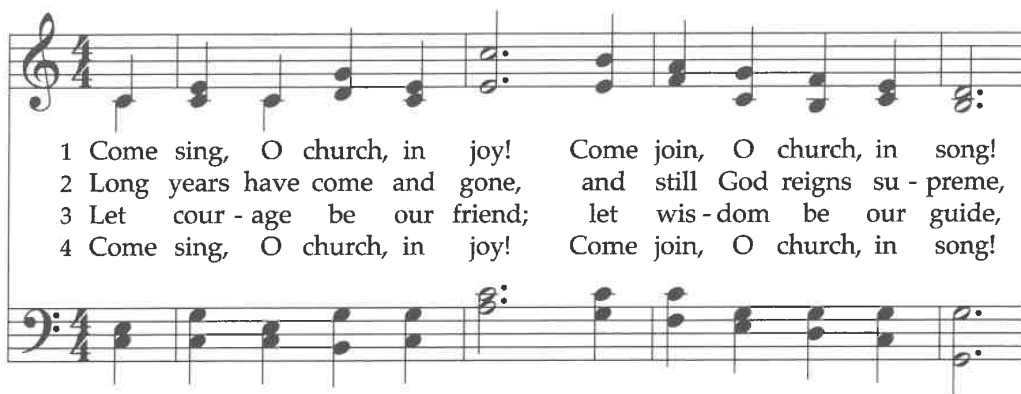
**CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”      Michael Burkhardt**

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

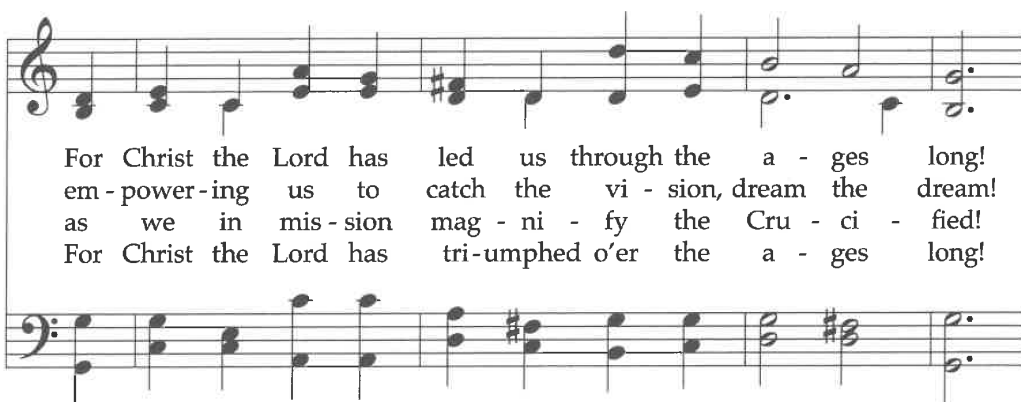
*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

*Quartet: Tracey Birch, Melanie Brown, Elaine Cornillaud, Michele White*

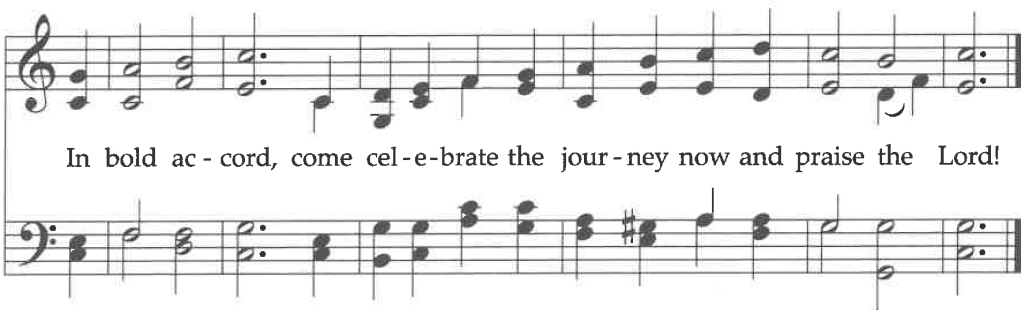
## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
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 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

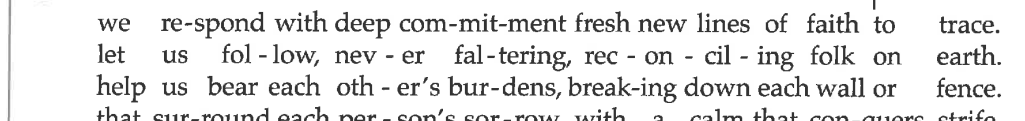
# Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



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 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



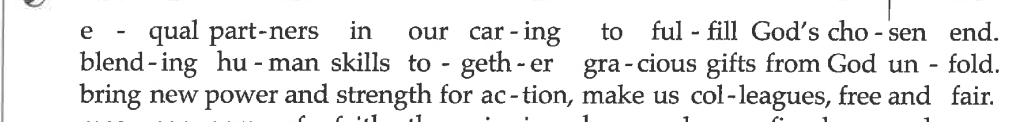
May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



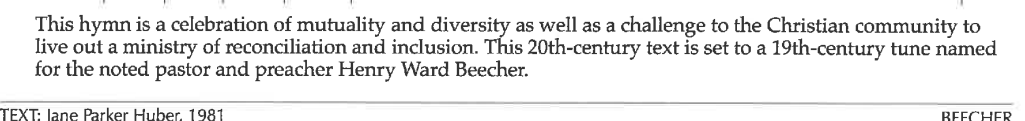
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This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.