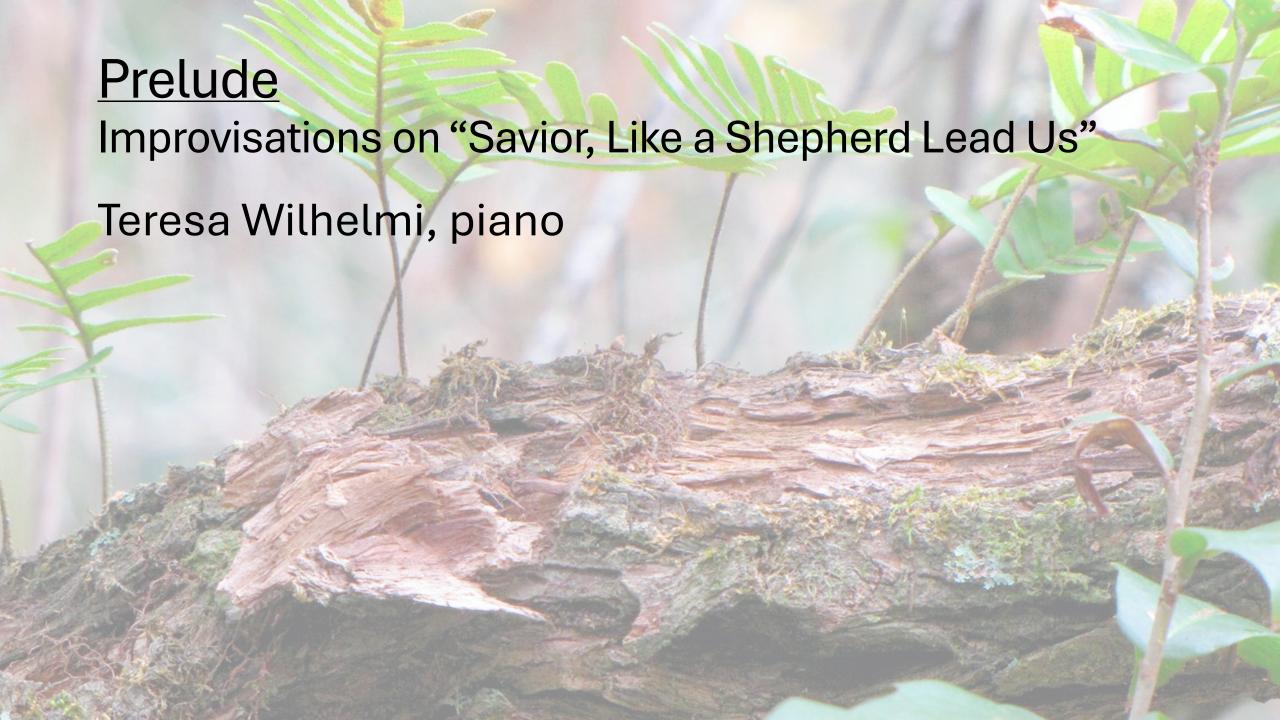


Closing Worship

Will begin shortly







Invitation to Worship

One: We look around and see how we have been blessed –

ALL: Blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship, with faith.

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One: That goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.

ALL: In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.

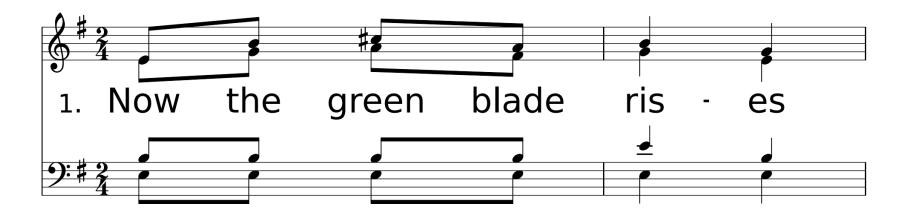
One: So let us worship God.

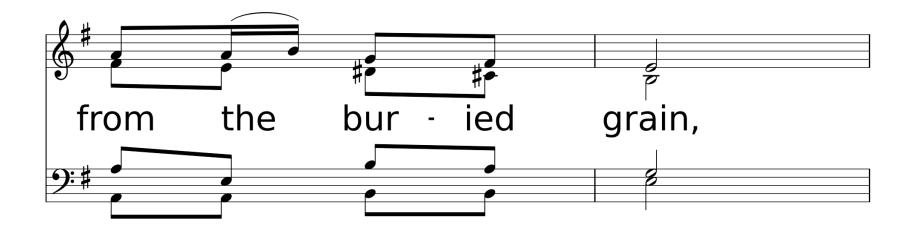
Glory to God #247

Now the Green Blade Rises

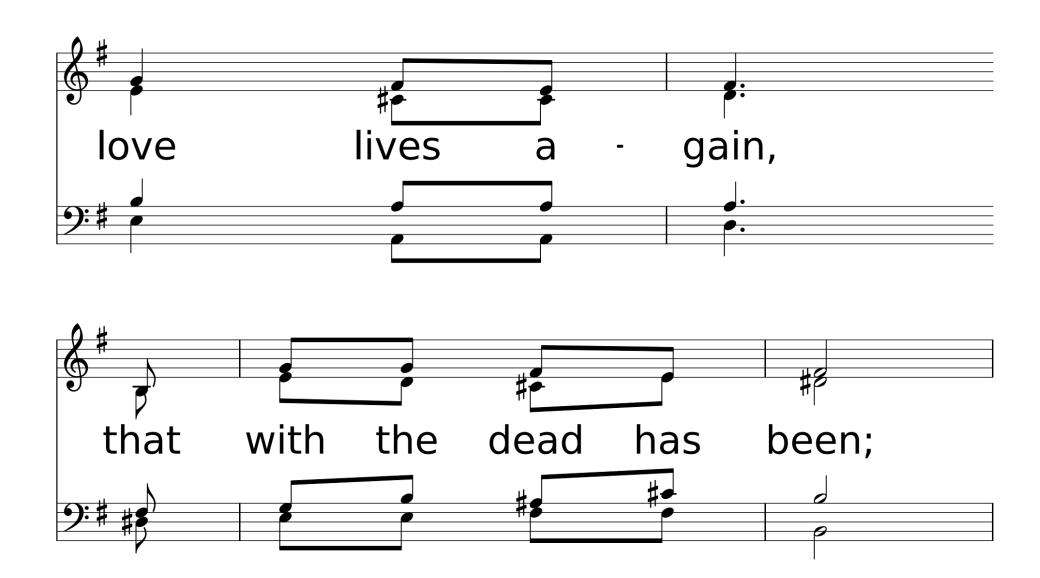
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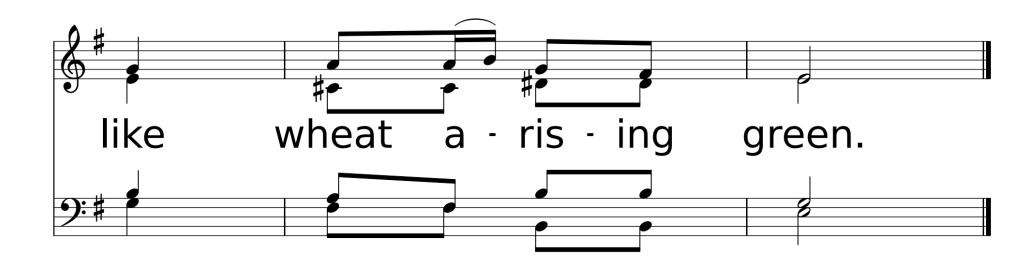












Prayer of Approach and Confession

ALL: We give thanks, O Creator, that today we gather together on holy, living land, Earth, which supports and sustains us.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our siblings and elders, past and present, who have stewarded this land and who carry on Tribal traditions for present and future generations.

One: We acknowledge that this region is the ancestral and unceded territory of the original peoples of the Multnomah, Wasco, Clackamas, Kathlamet, Cowlitz, Willamette-Tumwater and Cascades bands of the Chinookan peoples, the Tualatin Band of Kalapuya and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia (Wimahl) and Willamette (Whilamut) rivers.

We pause in silence to give You thanks for your gift of Creation and its stewards.

One: We confess, O Creator,

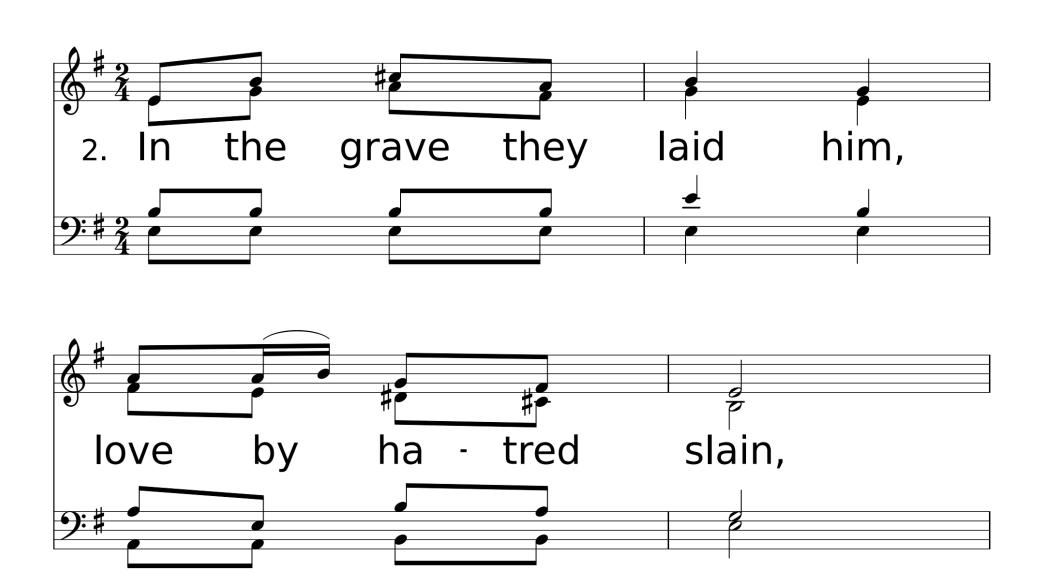
ALL: that the white people broke what was beautiful in this land and these people, in white colonial settlement, and in systemic policies of genocide, relocation and assimilation that were forced upon the people of these Tribes.

One: We pause in silence to confess our complicity in this destruction.

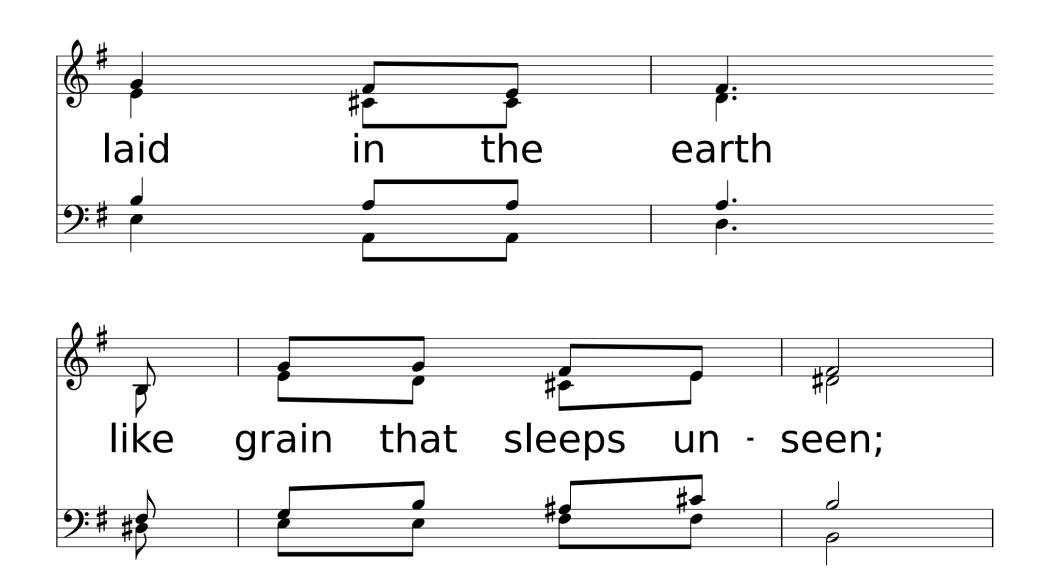
One: This day we commit ourselves once again ALL: to loving our neighbors in this place who include diverse, vibrant Native communities who are still connected to this land: Indigenous peoples, 70,000 strong, with more than 280 tribes with a least 18 unique languages, both local and distant. One: We pause once more in silence, in reverence of You and Your mighty, loving work.

One: Amen.

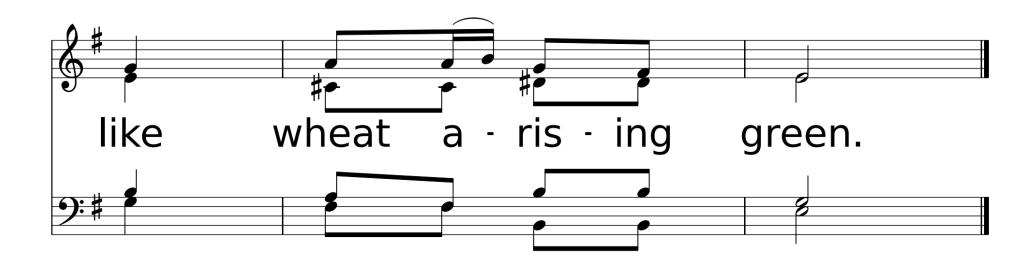
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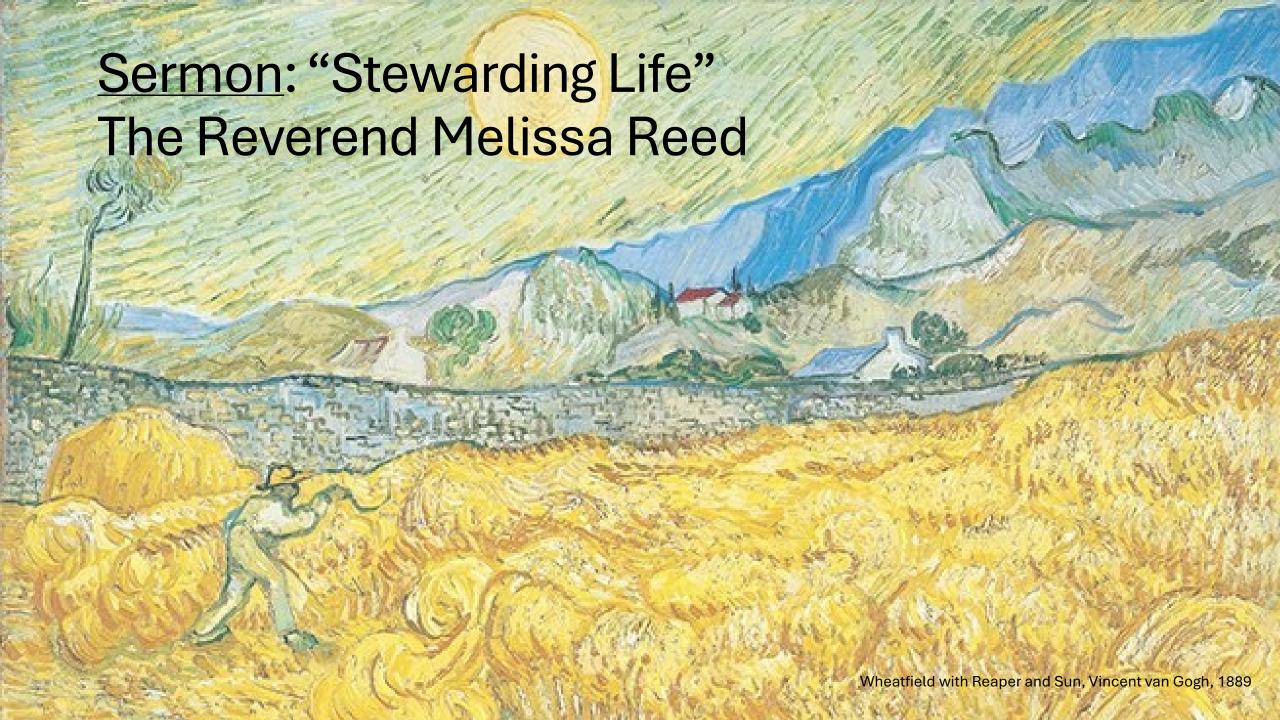


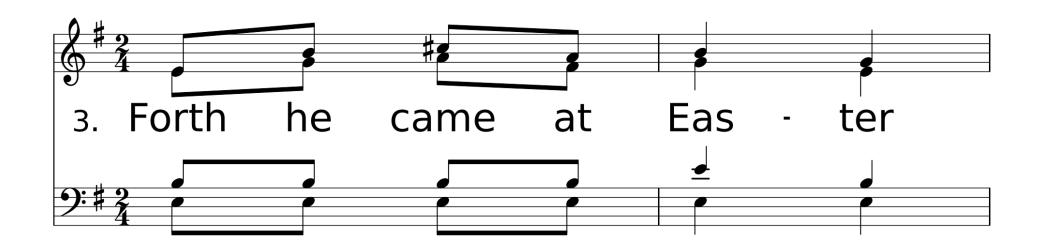


Scripture: John 12:20-26

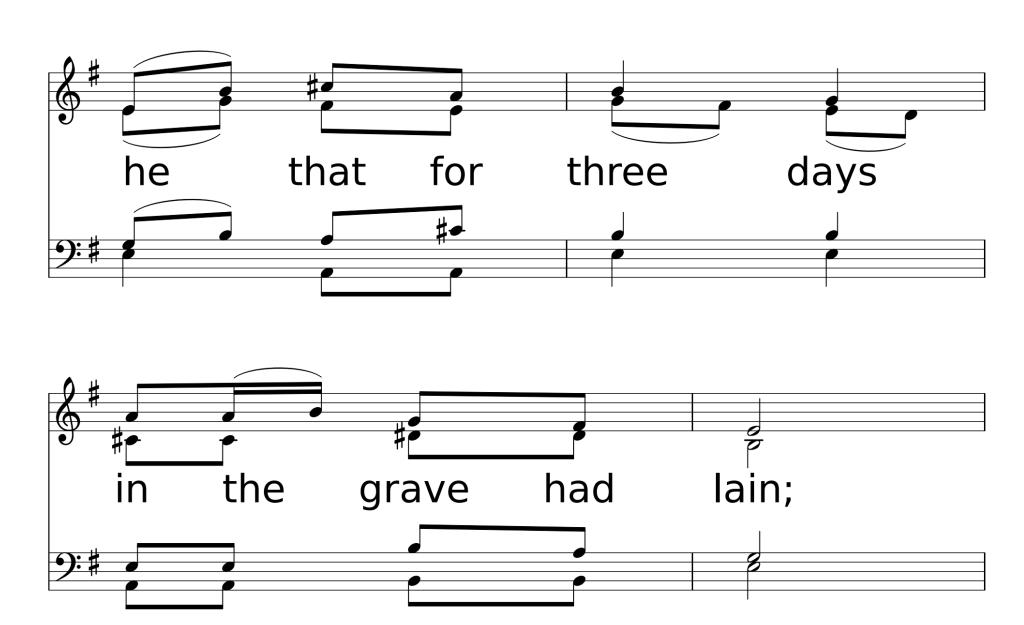
Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.











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