

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADLEPHIA**

*For Christians, hope is ultimately hope in Christ. The hope that he really is what for centuries we have been claiming he is. The hope that despite the fact that sin and death still rule the world, he somehow conquered them. The hope that in him and through him all of us stand a chance of somehow conquering them too. The hope that at some unforeseeable time and in some unimaginable way he will return with healing in his wings.*

Frederick Buechner  
“Wishful Thinking”

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 29, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord hear my voice.  
People: **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.**  
Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope.  
People: **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.**  
Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord.  
People: **For with God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share Christ's peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your word through this season and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, that we may be reformed, restored and renewed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had

said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Hope Lost and Found”

John Wilkinson

**SOLO**

*When Jesus Wept*

William Billings  
(1746-1800)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD’S PRAYER** (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.

**HYMN**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor; Jillian Quirus, Liturgist; Margaret Spencer, Liturgist

**MUSIC:** Rebecca Siler, Soprano Soloist; Ken Lovett, Pianist

# What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9

American folk hymn, c. 1811

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;



What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,



To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



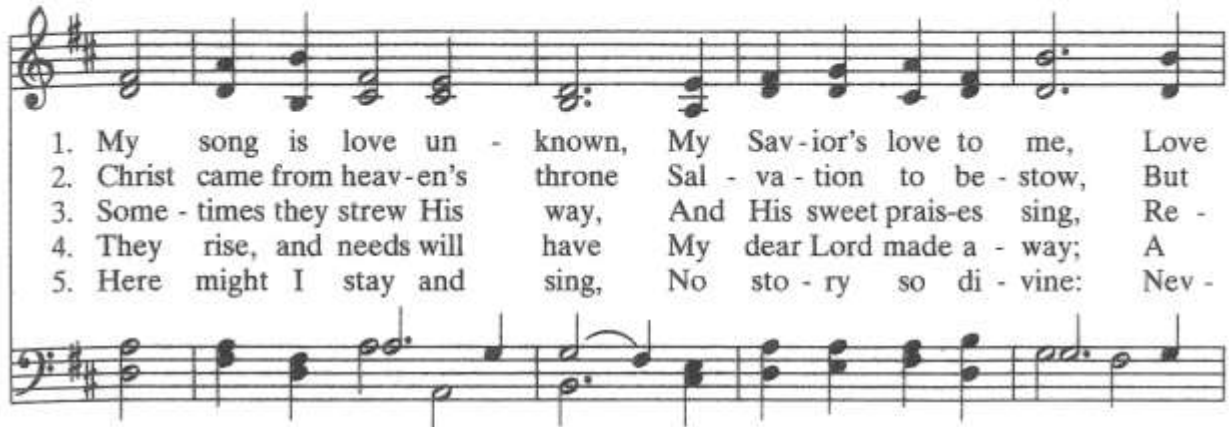
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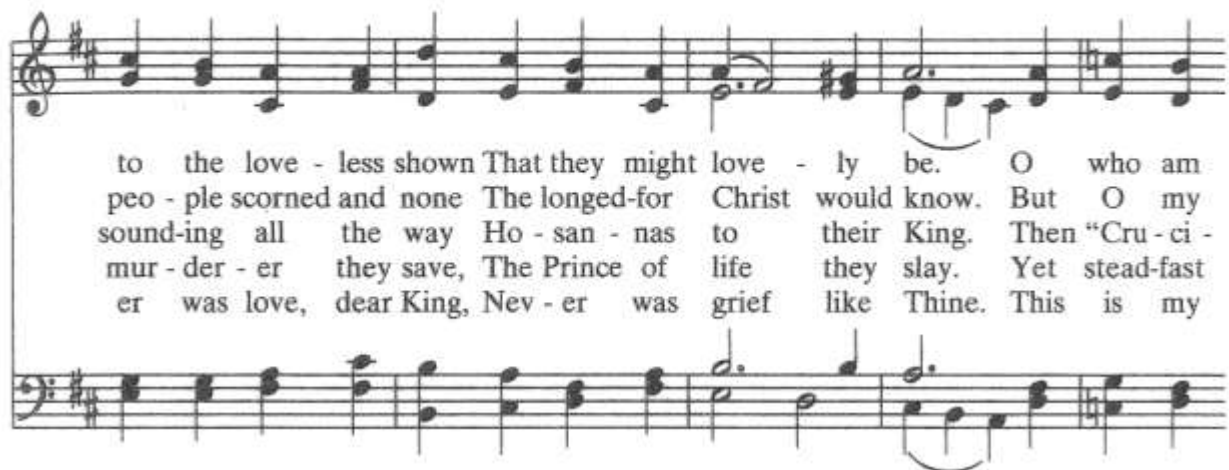
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Samuel Crossman, 1664

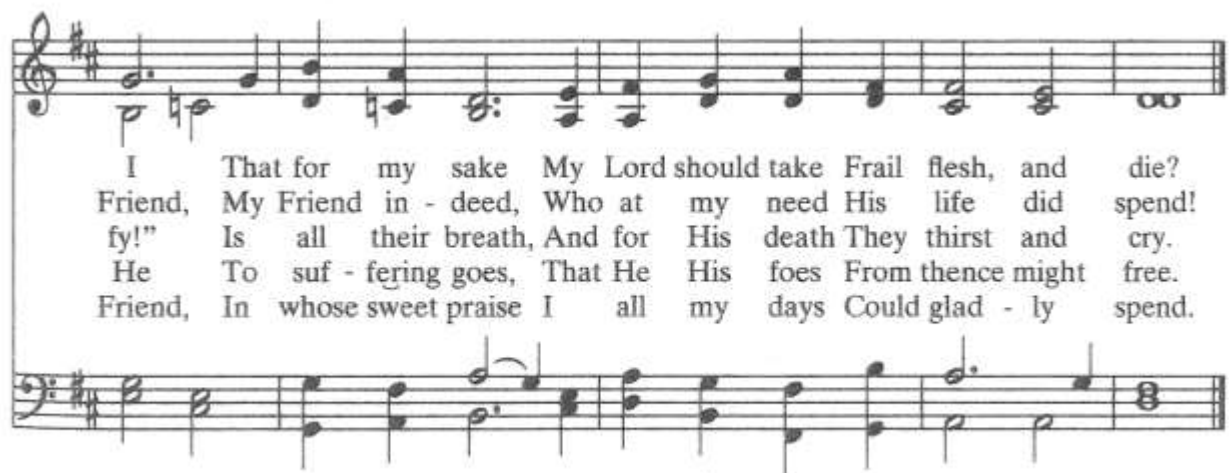
John Ireland, 1918



1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love  
2. Christ came from heav - en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But  
3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais - es sing, Re -  
4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way; A  
5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine: Nev -



to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be. O who am  
peo - ple scorned and none The longed-for Christ would know. But O my  
sound - ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -  
mur - der - er they save, The Prince of life they slay. Yet stead - fast  
er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my



I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?  
Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.  
He To suf - fering goes, That He His foes From thence might free.  
Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.