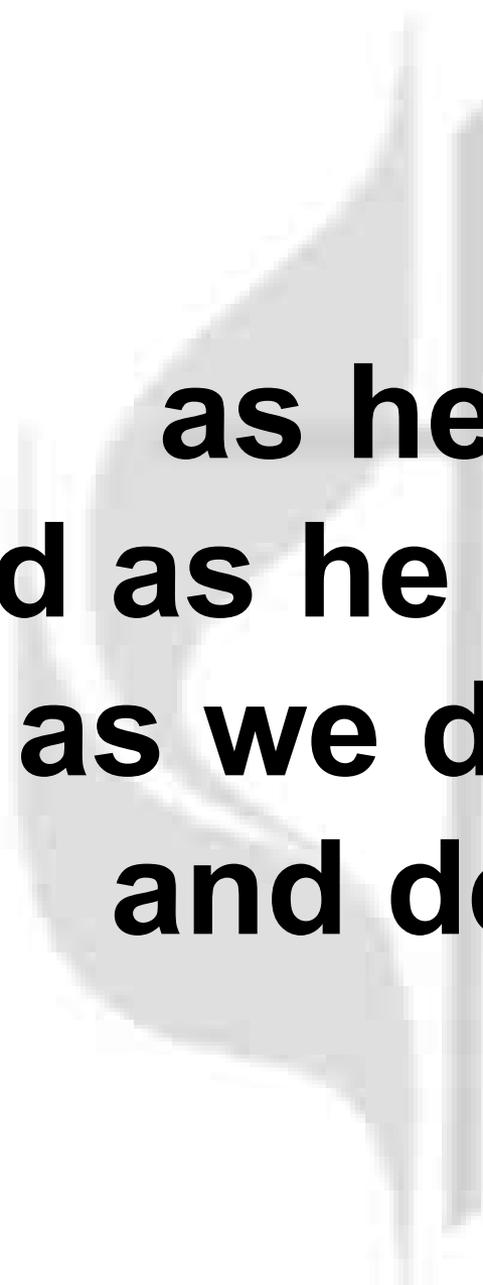


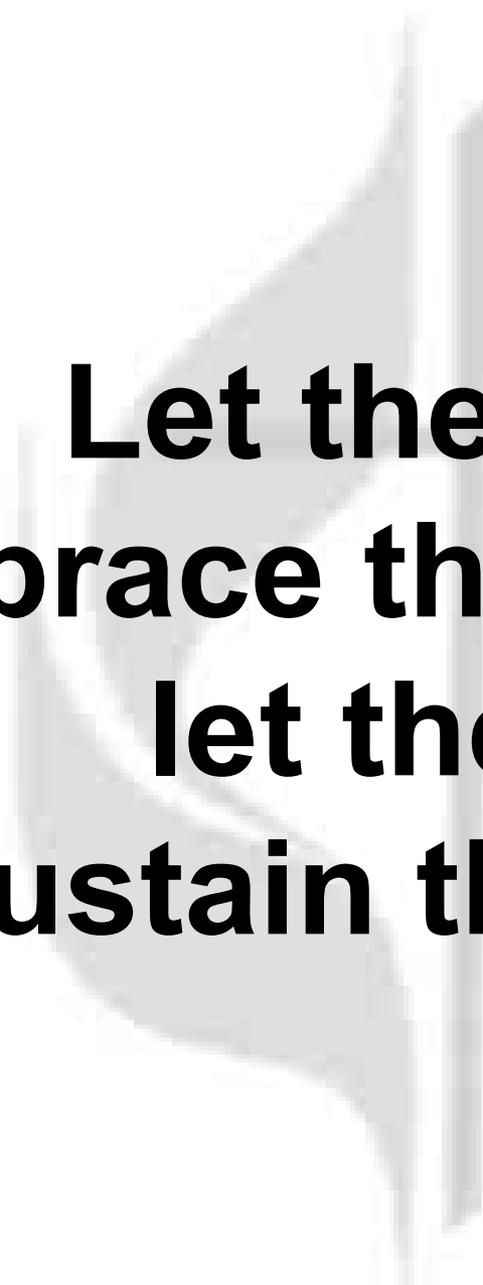
Christ Has Risen

WORDS: John Bell (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20–21; 1 Cor. 15:3–8)

**1. Christ has risen
while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen
where hope died,**



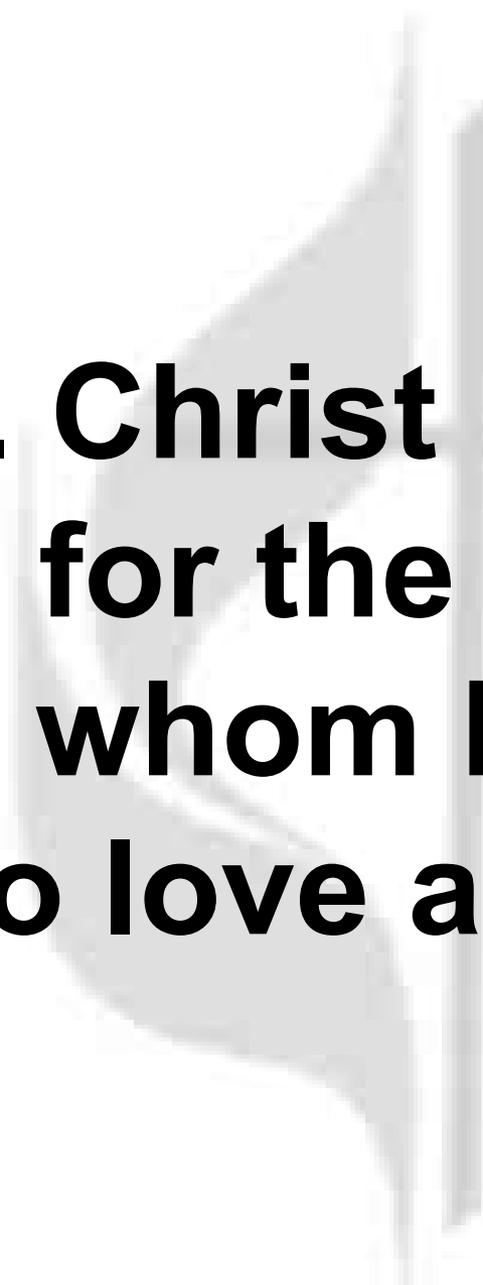
**as he said
and as he promised,
as we doubted
and denied.**



**Let the moon
embrace the blessing;
let the sun
sustain the cheer;**



**let the world
confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen,
God is here!**



**2. Christ has risen
for the people
whom he died
to love and save;**



**Christ has risen
for the women
bringing flowers
to grace his grave.**



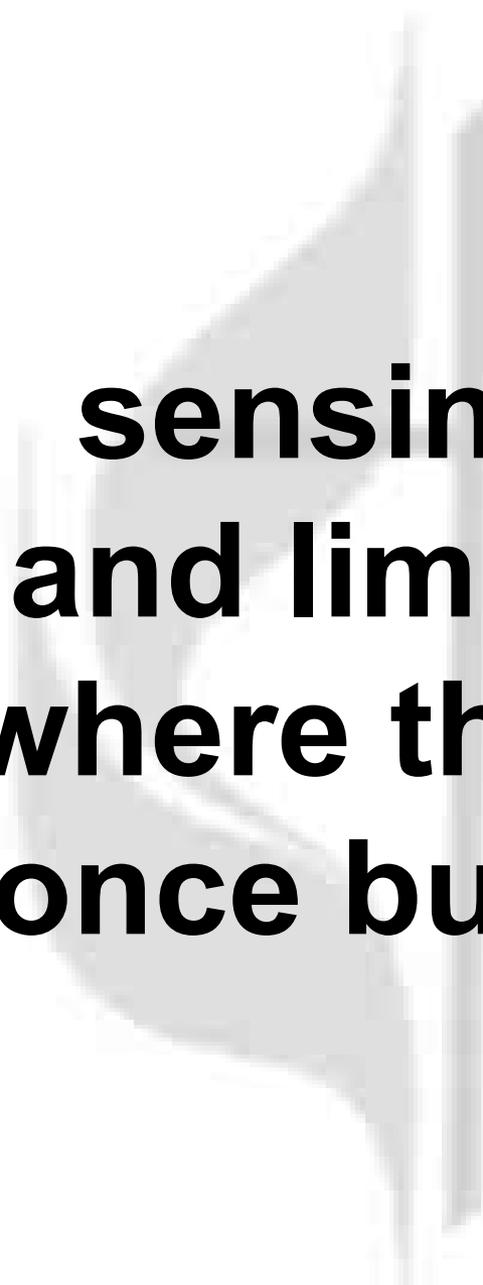
**Christ has risen
for disciples
huddled in an
upstairs room.**



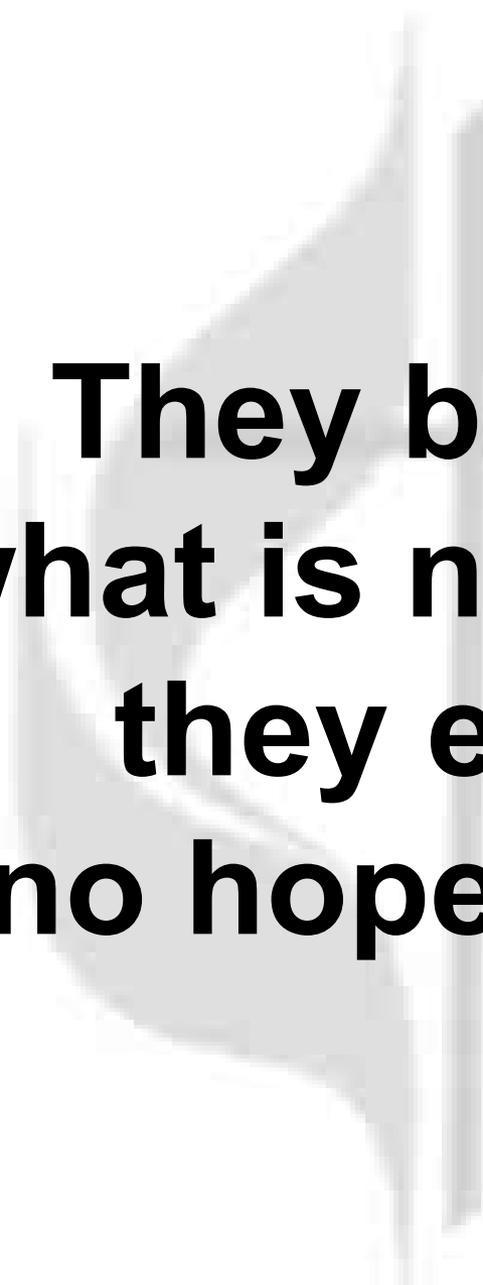
**He whose word
inspired creation
can't be silenced
by the tomb.**



**3. Christ has risen
to companion
former friends
who fear the night,**



**sensing loss
and limitations
where their faith
had once burned bright.**



**They bemoan
what is no longer,
they expect
no hopeful sign**



**till Christ ends
their conversation,
breaking bread
and sharing wine.**



**4. Christ has risen
and forever
lives to challenge
and to change**



**all whose lives
are messed or mangled,
all who find
religion strange.**



**Christ is risen,
Christ is present
making us
what he has been**



**evidence of
transformation
in which God
is known and seen.**