



Theme: "Christ Our Living Hope"

WE GATHER IN EASTER WORSHIP

Gathering Song(s):

"Alleluia"

1. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia...
2. Christ is risen, alleluia, Christ is risen, alleluia...

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"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Music: traditional Caribbean

Call to Worship & Greeting:

The stone has been rolled away.

The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

The body is gone.

Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

Why are you crying?

Who is it you are looking for?

Let us proclaim with Mary:

We have seen the risen Lord!

Christ is Risen!

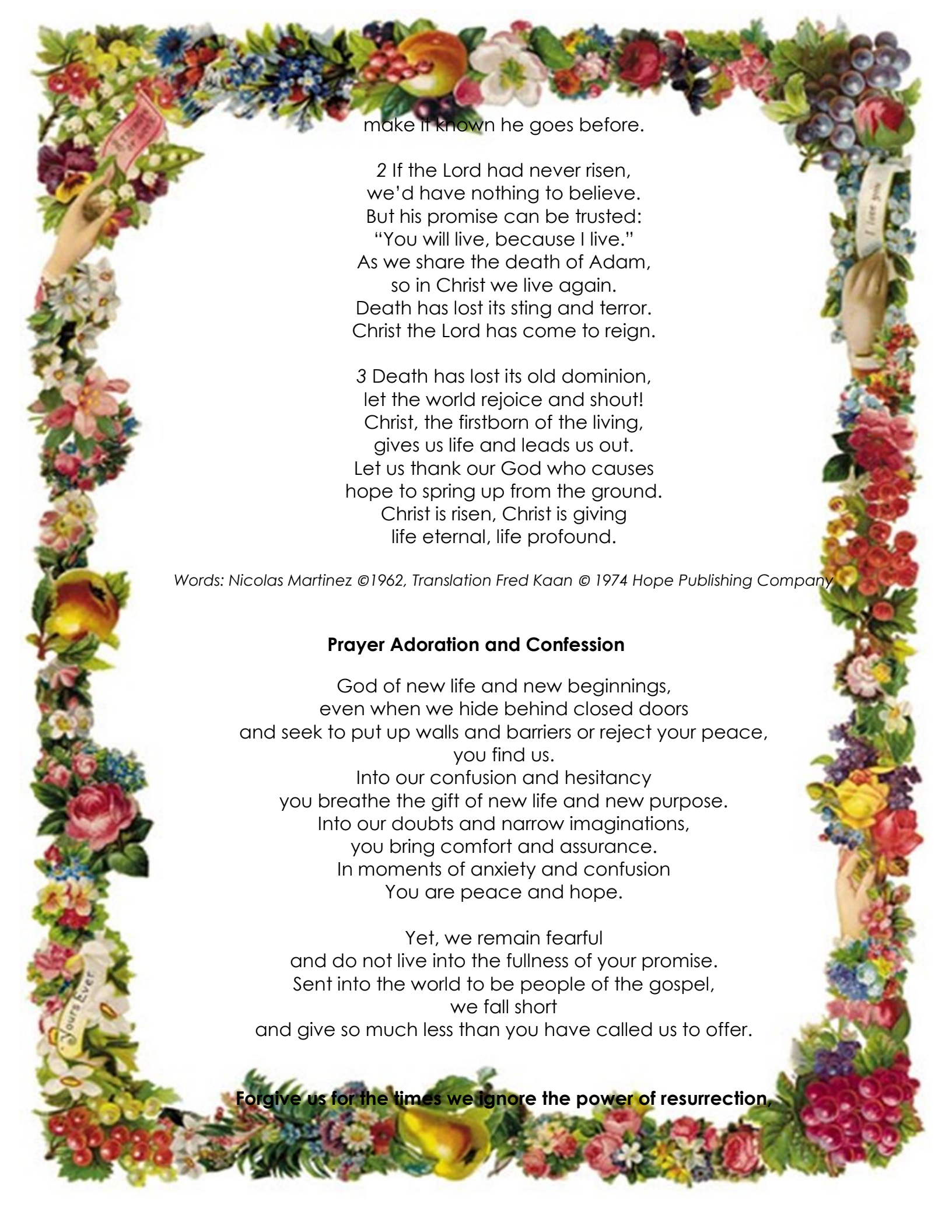
Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hallelujah! Amen.

WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Hymn: **"Christ is Risen"**

1 Christ is risen, Christ is living.
Dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold him,
nor the tomb where he was laid.
Do not look among the dead for
One who lives forevermore;
tell the world that Christ is risen,



make it known he goes before.

2 If the Lord had never risen,
we'd have nothing to believe.
But his promise can be trusted:
"You will live, because I live."
As we share the death of Adam,
so in Christ we live again.
Death has lost its sting and terror.
Christ the Lord has come to reign.

3 Death has lost its old dominion,
let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living,
gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes
hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving
life eternal, life profound.

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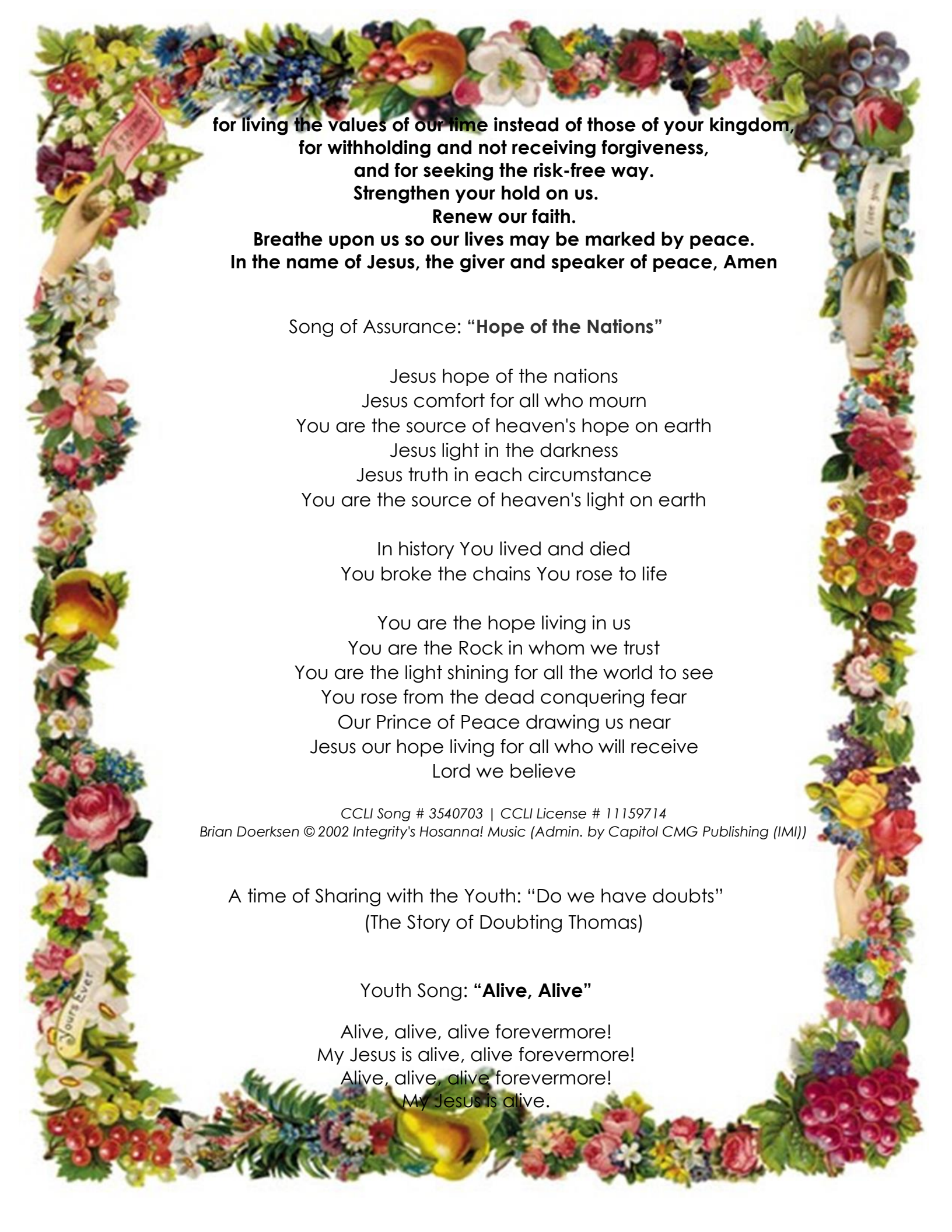
Prayer Adoration and Confession

God of new life and new beginnings,
even when we hide behind closed doors
and seek to put up walls and barriers or reject your peace,
you find us.

Into our confusion and hesitancy
you breathe the gift of new life and new purpose.
Into our doubts and narrow imaginations,
you bring comfort and assurance.
In moments of anxiety and confusion
You are peace and hope.

Yet, we remain fearful
and do not live into the fullness of your promise.
Sent into the world to be people of the gospel,
we fall short
and give so much less than you have called us to offer.

Forgive us for the times we ignore the power of resurrection,



for living the values of our time instead of those of your kingdom,
for withholding and not receiving forgiveness,
and for seeking the risk-free way.
Strengthen your hold on us.

Renew our faith.

Breathe upon us so our lives may be marked by peace.
In the name of Jesus, the giver and speaker of peace, Amen

Song of Assurance: **"Hope of the Nations"**

Jesus hope of the nations
Jesus comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth
Jesus light in the darkness
Jesus truth in each circumstance
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died
You broke the chains You rose to life

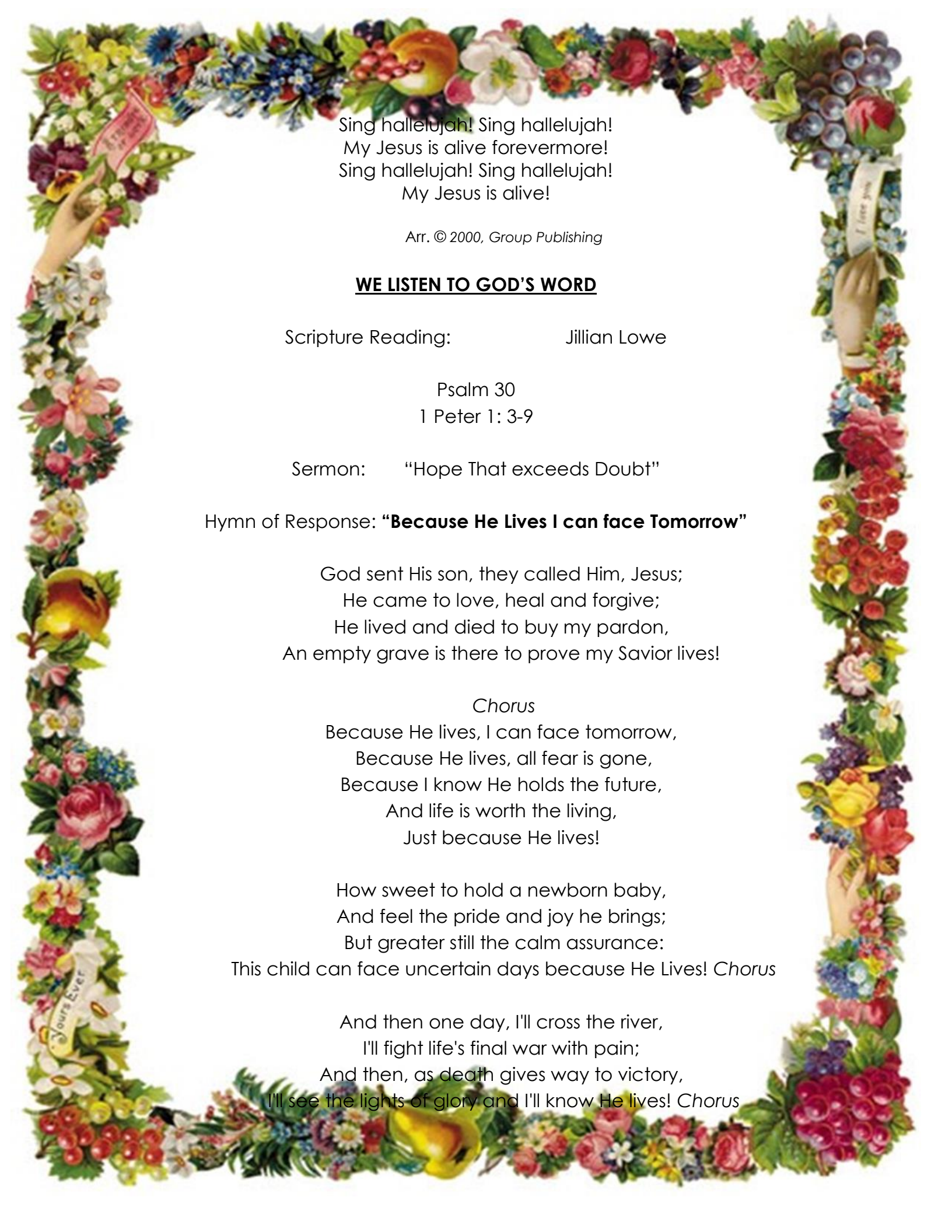
You are the hope living in us
You are the Rock in whom we trust
You are the light shining for all the world to see
You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive
Lord we believe

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A time of Sharing with the Youth: "Do we have doubts"
(The Story of Doubting Thomas)

Youth Song: **"Alive, Alive"**

Alive, alive, alive forevermore!
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore!
Alive, alive, alive forevermore!
My Jesus is alive.



Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
My Jesus is alive forevermore!
Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
My Jesus is alive!

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Jillian Lowe

Psalm 30
1 Peter 1: 3-9

Sermon: "Hope That exceeds Doubt"

Hymn of Response: **"Because He Lives I can face Tomorrow"**

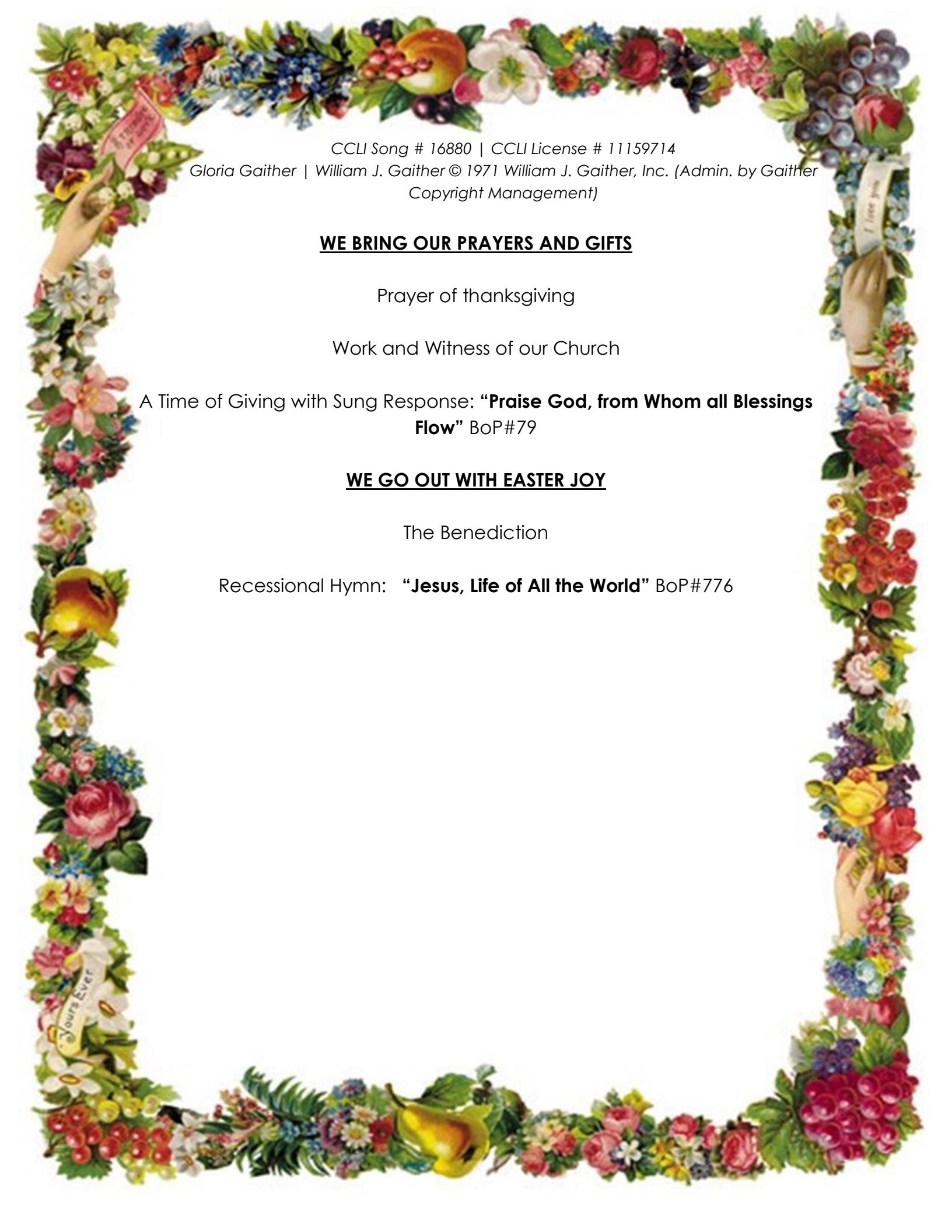
God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! *Chorus*

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! *Chorus*

A decorative border of various flowers, fruits, and hands holding signs. The border is composed of a variety of colorful flowers including roses, tulips, and daisies, interspersed with fruits like apples, grapes, and pears. Several hands are visible, holding small signs with text. One sign at the top left says "I love you", another at the top right says "I love you", and one at the bottom left says "Yours Ever".

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WE BRING OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Prayer of thanksgiving

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving with Sung Response: **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings
Flow"** BoP#79

WE GO OUT WITH EASTER JOY

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn: **"Jesus, Life of All the World"** BoP#776