

Music Blurbs for 6-2-19

News and Notes

Starting off this week's celebration of Ascension, our bell choir plays Kevin McChesney's "Praise Ostinato." We will sing "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus," "Jesus shall reign," and "Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord." The choir will sing Mary Lynn Lightfoot's "A Jubilant Song."

Sunday bulletins

In the summer of 1971, composer/author Donald Fishel had recently converted to Christianity. He was living in the guest house of The Word of God, a Roman Catholic Community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In his own words, one day he was "praying and singing spontaneously, and [I] sang the song almost as it is today." In the fall of the same year he added verse 3 ("We have been crucified...") as a result of his study of Baptism and his reflection of his own recent adult Baptism. It was first published in 1973 in a Word of Life songbook called *New Life*. It then appeared in many contemporary songbooks including the Episcopal hymn collection *Songs for Celebration* before inclusion in the present hymnal.