



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING • GROWING • SERVING • LOVING

**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.**

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: Blessing and honor are yours, O God!

All: **Glory to God forever! Alleluia!**

*Hymn (#39)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace,
and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation;

we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray,
as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses.
All: **Therefore we know that we are forgiven!**
We know that we have received new life in Christ!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response (#240, Refrain)**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. (Sing Twice)*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

John 10:22-30

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

ACTS 9:36-43

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

Showing Life

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

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 Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead;

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

***Hymn (#803)**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606, Alternate Tune—#15)**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: Holy God, Divine Shepherd,
You anoint us with the oil of gladness.

Many: Holy God, Divine Shepherd,
Your love overflows our hearts.

All: Accept our offering for the good of the world
as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#182)**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

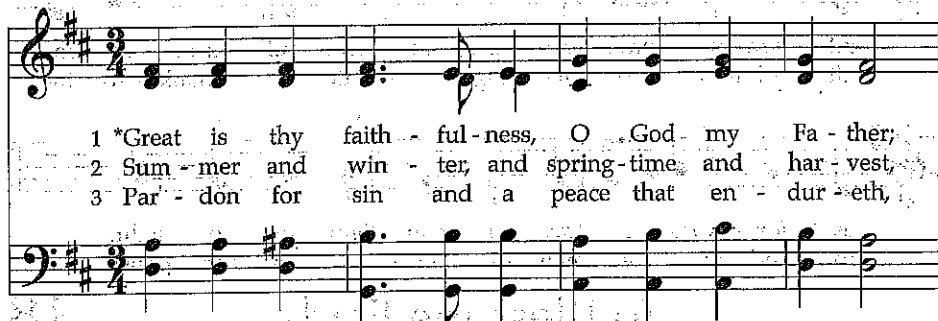
***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



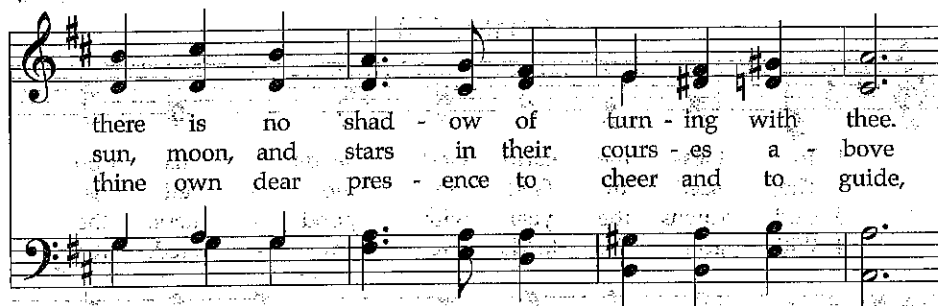
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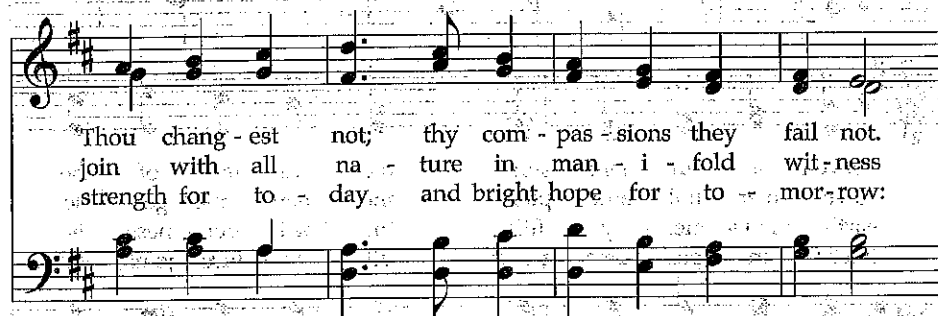
39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for - to - day and bright hope for - to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup- ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways;
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

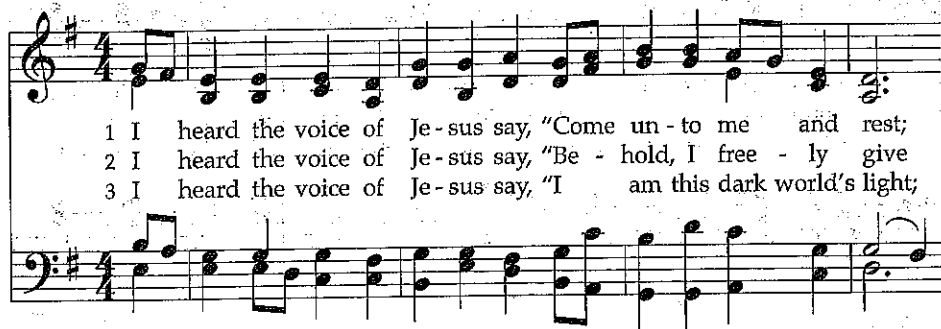


and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

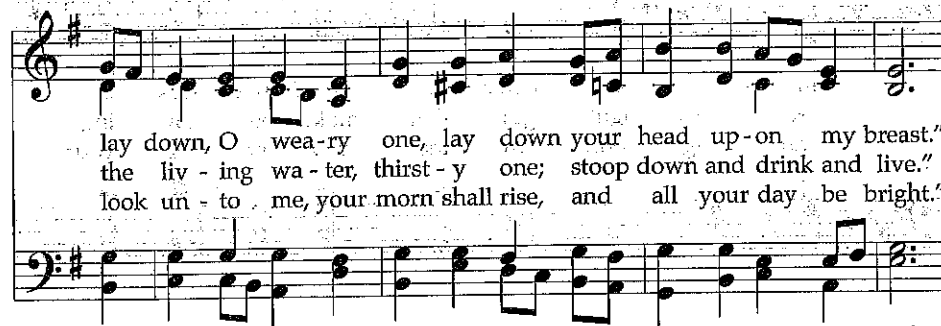


The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

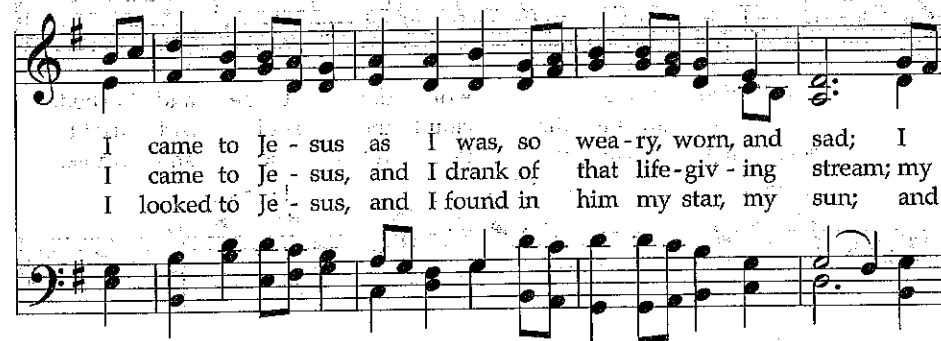
182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



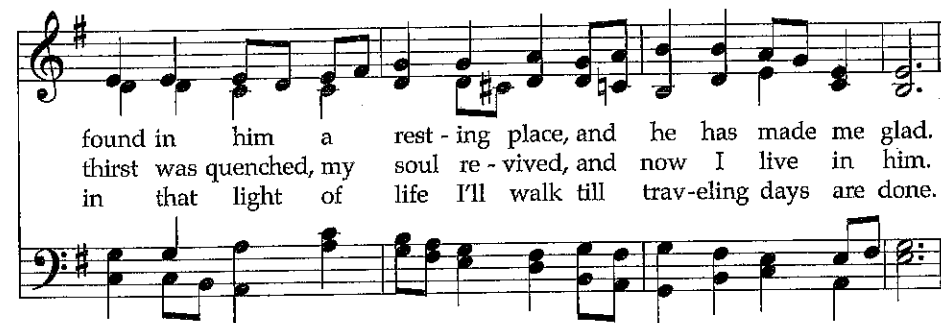
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn' shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).