



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPARTANBURG, SC

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
11:00AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND INVITATION

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

*Almighty and eternal God,
draw my heart to you, guide my mind, fill my imagination, control my will,
that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use me, I pray, as you will,
but always to your glory and the welfare of your people,
through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

INTROIT

The Lord is My Light

Taize Community

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the sight of our ancestors God worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

All: **He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

One: In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

All: **He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

One: He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

All: **Let us worship God!**

(Psalm 78:12-16)

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God,
we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.
We have complained in the face of your mercy.
We have been selfish and conceited
in the face of your sacrifice.
We have not done your will.
Teach us humility.
Teach us gratitude.
Infuse your spirit into our beings
so that we might be reconciled to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
One: And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.
All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

HYMN 582

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
(Repeat)*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Woza Nomthwalo Wakho

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Massah and Meribah

Rev. L. Craig Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

arr. Jody Lindh

DOXOLOGY

HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE 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.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

HYMN 546, VERSE 1

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. L. Craig Foster

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director
Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail

Lisa Cunningham

Reel Robertson

Paul MacPhail

Rafe Andrews

Today's Floral Memorial:

In loving memory of

James L. Burnett

by his wife Julia B. Burnett and daughter Letitia B. Uyak.

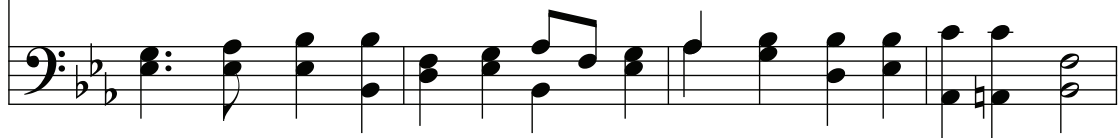
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



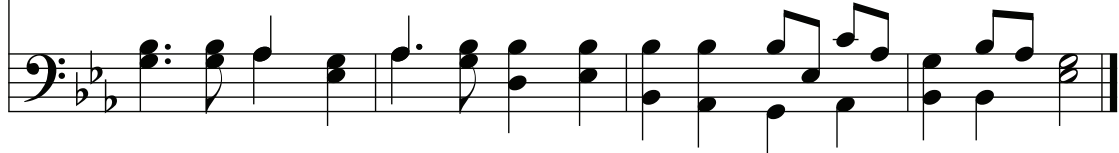
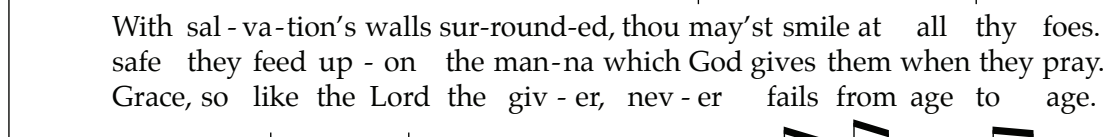
God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

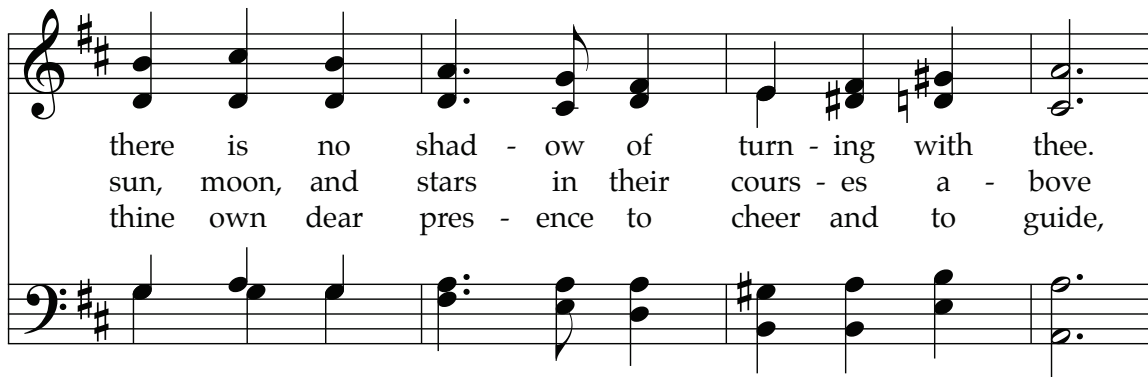


The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

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!

Refrain



Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

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MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
11.10.11.10 with refrain