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## Third Sunday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church

Durham North Carolina

March 12, 2023

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

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*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Esther Hethcox

**PRELUDE**

*Christ, Mighty Savior*

Robert Buckley Farlee

**INTROIT**

*Crashing Waters*

Stuttgart

*Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,*

*First to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.*

*Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.*

*Well-spring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 55:1-3)**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts,

**People: come to the waters;**

Leader: and you that have no money,

**People: come, buy, and eat!**

Leader: Come, buy wine and milk

**People: without money and without price.**

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

**People: and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Leader: Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

**People: and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me;

**People: listen, so that you may live.**

**All: I will make with you an everlasting covenant**

**my steadfast, sure love for David.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 81**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*Austrian Hymn*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

John Weicher

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Lord, you know who we are.**

**You know everything we have done.**

**We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.**

**We commit ourselves to things that will never last.**

**We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

*(Prayer continues next page.)*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

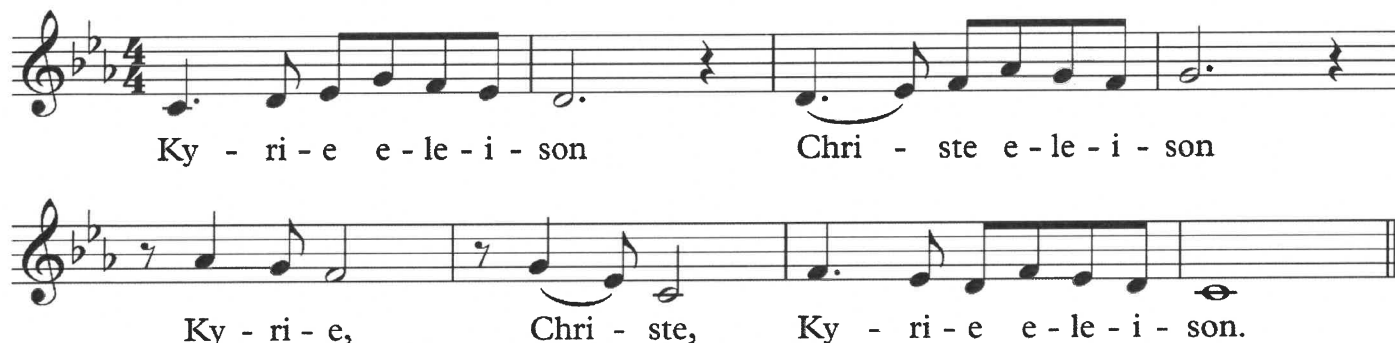
(in unison)

Still, you offer us the gift of living water.  
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.  
Forgive us, O Lord,  
and give us this living water,  
so that we may never thirst again.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

F. G. Douglas



Assurance of Pardon

**\*THE PEACE**

John Weicher

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
All: **O God, the fountain of life,  
to a humanity parched with thirst  
you offer the living water of grace  
which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant your people the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may learn to profess our faith with courage  
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 17:1-7

(Pew Bible, OT Page 64)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Amy Dillon

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

John 4:5-42

(Pew Bible, NT Page 94)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"I Thirst"*

Mindy Douglas

**\*HYMN NO. 182**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

*Kingsfold*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)* (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Esther Hethcox

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Maurice Bevan

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;*

*There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.*

*There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;*

*There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;*

*And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

*But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;*

*And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.*

*There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;*

*There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

*There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;*

*There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.*

*If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word;*

*And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.*

**\*Doxology (Hymn No. 654)**

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;***

***in the Lord I will rejoice!***

***Look to God; do not be afraid.***

***Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

***Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in 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.

\*HYMN NO. 547

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in D major*

Henry Heron



**Welcome!** Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this **QR code**. First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

The **flowers** today are given to the glory of God by **Ruth and Russell Roberson**, in loving memory of Ruth's mother, **Zenobia Cox Haislip**, who grew beautiful flowers.

The **Pulpit Paraments**: In 2012 First Presbyterian Church commissioned Laurie Wohl to design and create paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. Wohl is an internationally known fiber artist who exhibited her work at the church in spring of 2012. Her liturgical projects emphasize the "threads that bind" and the unity of the Old and New Testaments. We are grateful that the bequest of Anne 'St. Clair' Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

The **Lenten Banner** was completed in 1990 and dedicated in 1991. It depicts traditional Lenten symbols. The banner was made possible by funds donated in memory of **Bess Bryant** and by the stitching of many devoted members of this congregation.

**Childcare**: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

**Restroom locations**: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

**Today's worship texts** come from **Feasting on the Word** and **Book of Common Worship** (1995).

## ~ Our Concerns ~

**Carlisle Harvard**, a patient at Duke Regional Hospital

**Robert Bloom**, father of Tom Bloom, recovering from COVID and pneumonia

**Mindy Douglas**, recovering from breast surgery

**Jo Ann Moore**, recovering from surgery

**Jenni James**, recovering from neck surgery

**Tom Bacon**

**Paul Cornsweet**

**Susan Cyr**

**Patrick Dobson**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Lee House**

**George Kafula**

**Mitzi Leshner-Thomas**

**Franzi Rokoske**

**David Verner**

**Andy Widmark**

**Carol Wills**

### Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe**

The Forest at Duke Health & Wellness Center: **Joe Harvard** (Hickory South, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

**Brooke**, roommate of Heidi Biermann

**Kim Cummings**, father of Drew Cummings

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Bob Lucas**, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

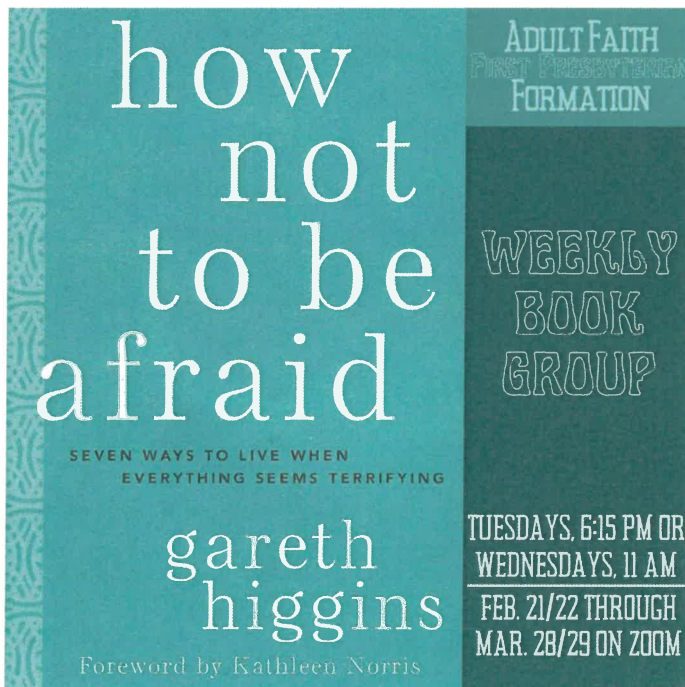
**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Father of Andres**, friend of the congregation

**Pam Hanson**, mother of Laura Hanson

**Alan Petersburg**, brother-in-law of Jenni James

**John Wakefield**, cousin of Vernon Neece



### WEEKLY BOOK STUDY

#### Discussion Schedule

March 14/15 - chapters 8-9

March 21/22 - chapters 10-11

March 28/29 - chapter 12 and epilogue

April 4 – Holy week – no meeting

April 11 – Easter week – no meeting

ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZklDTlkzQT09>



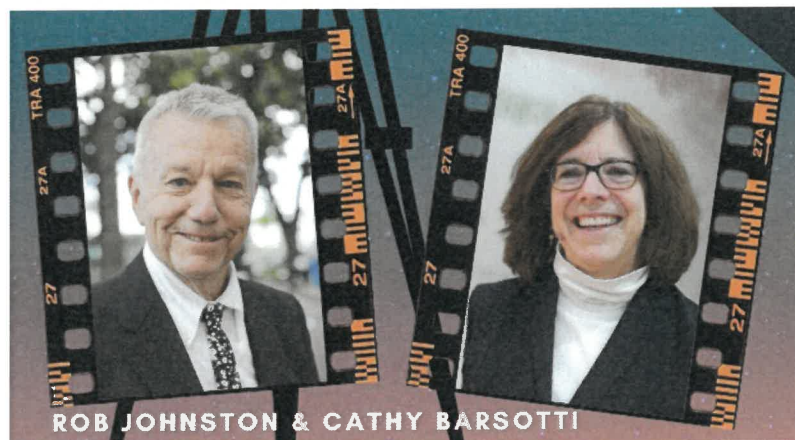
**McPherson Lectureship 2023**  
**THEME: Finding God in the Movies**



**Sunday, March 19**

As part of the 2023 McPherson Lectureship, we invite families with young children and anybody else who would like to watch to join us for a family movie night on Sunday, March 19. We'll gather from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall to watch the Disney Pixar movie "UP."

Call Lenore Champion (919-616-2360) or send an email to her at: [l.champion@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:l.champion@firstpres-durham.org) if you'd like to enjoy pizza during the movie.



**Sunday, March 26**

**9:45-10:45 a.m. Faith & Community Class**

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

**3:00-4:30 p.m. Main Lecture** (Childcare will be available. Request by March 22.)

**Monday, March 27**

**9:00 a.m. Clergy and Youth Leader Breakfast at FPC**

There is no cost for the meal, but a reservation is required by March 22.

Respond to the EVITE or call the church office: 919-682-5511 x 215.

When responding, let us know if you have any food restrictions (allergies).

## **A Call for Volunteers**

**COMMUNION:** Would you like to help with communion during worship? We have need for communion preparers and servers (serving communion is not limited to elders and deacons!). You are welcome to sign up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion1#/>

Up-coming dates are:

**April 6, 9**

**May 7, 28**

**June 4.**

If you are interested but would like to have more information or some instruction before volunteering, please contact **Mary Ann Compton** (919-363-8822).

**USHERING:** If you have served as an usher in the past or have never served but feel this is something you can do, please contact **Esther Hethcox** (540-315-1548) to have your name added to the current rotation. While most ushers are members of the Diaconate, you do not have to be a deacon to serve as an usher. In addition, spouses and partners, children and youth can serve alongside family members. We are especially looking for persons who can serve on a regular basis or as a sub on short notice. We also need persons who can usher at special events such as funerals and memorial services, large assemblies, and concerts. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve as part of our ushering ministry.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:** Now that things are getting busy at the church, and hopefully will continue to do so, the church staff would appreciate having full coverage (mornings and afternoons) in the first-floor office Monday through Friday. Duties are simple and training is available. Backup volunteers also appreciated. We currently have the following fulltime openings:

Mondays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Fridays, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

If you have interest in serving in one of these slots, or as a backup any time during the weekday, please contact **Sarah Wright** (919-218-7890).



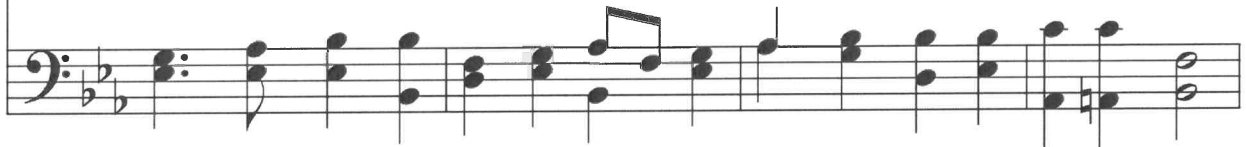
# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



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.



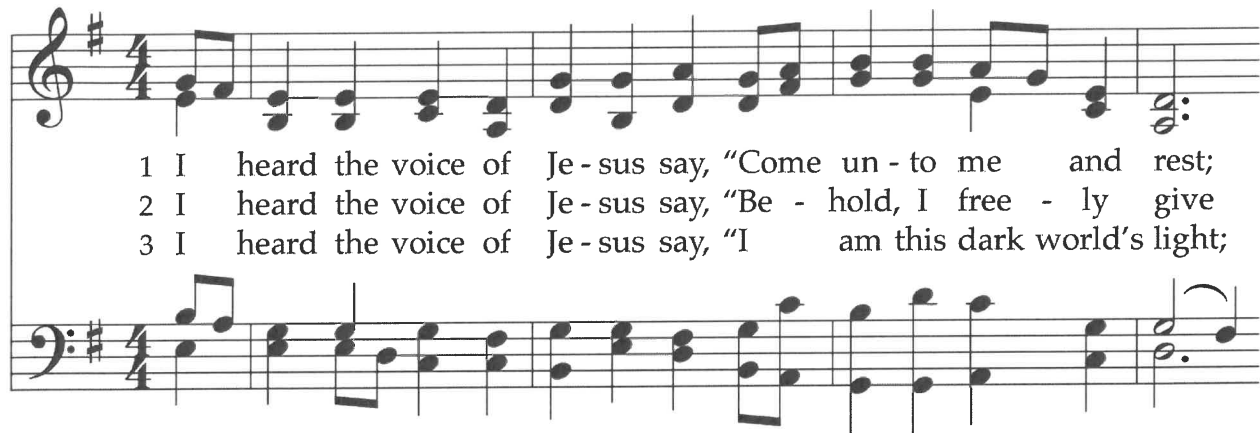
On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



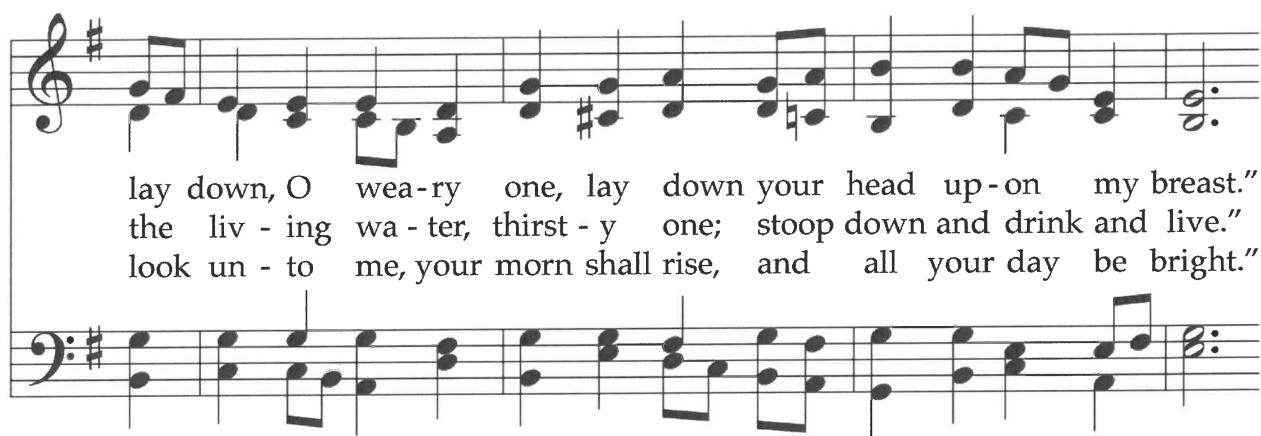
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



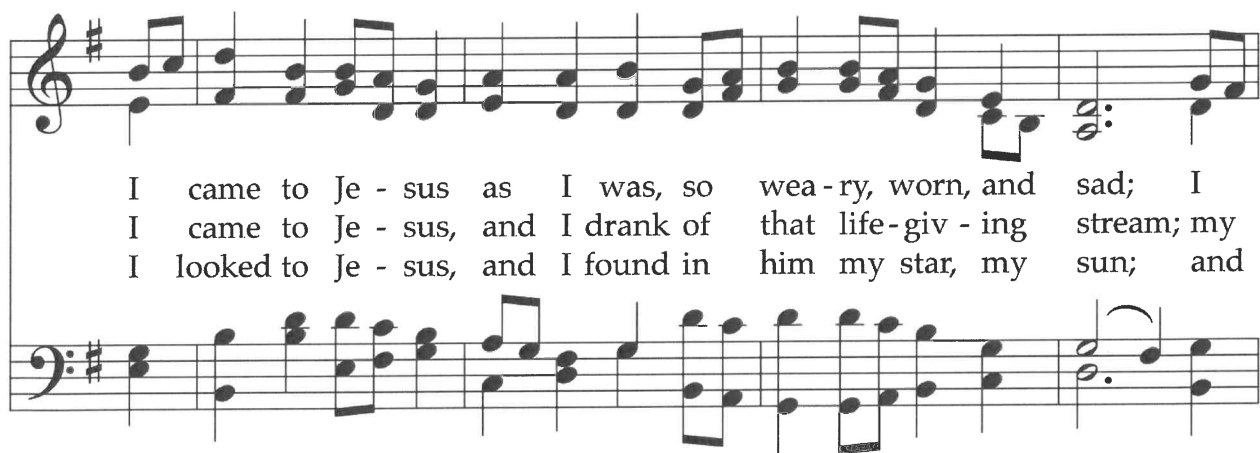
# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



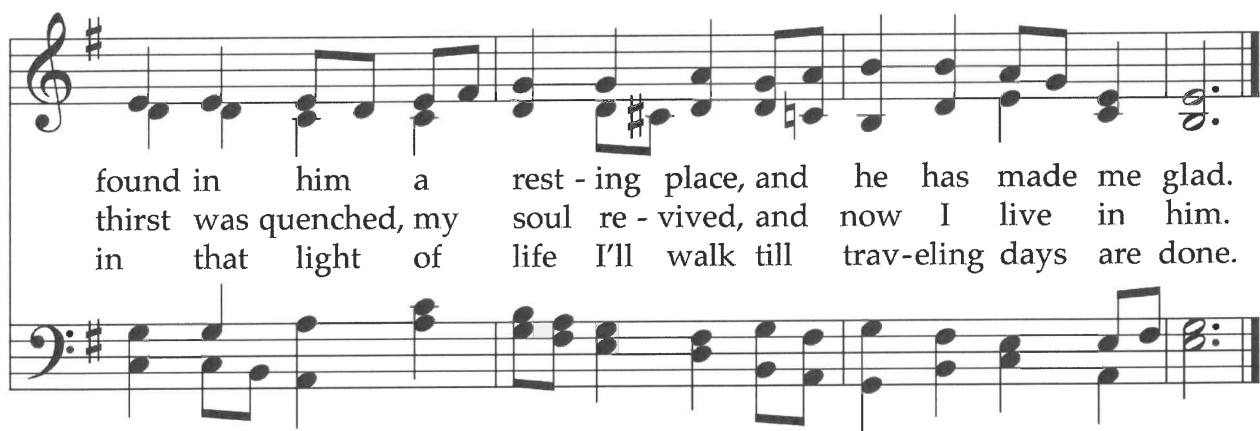
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



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."

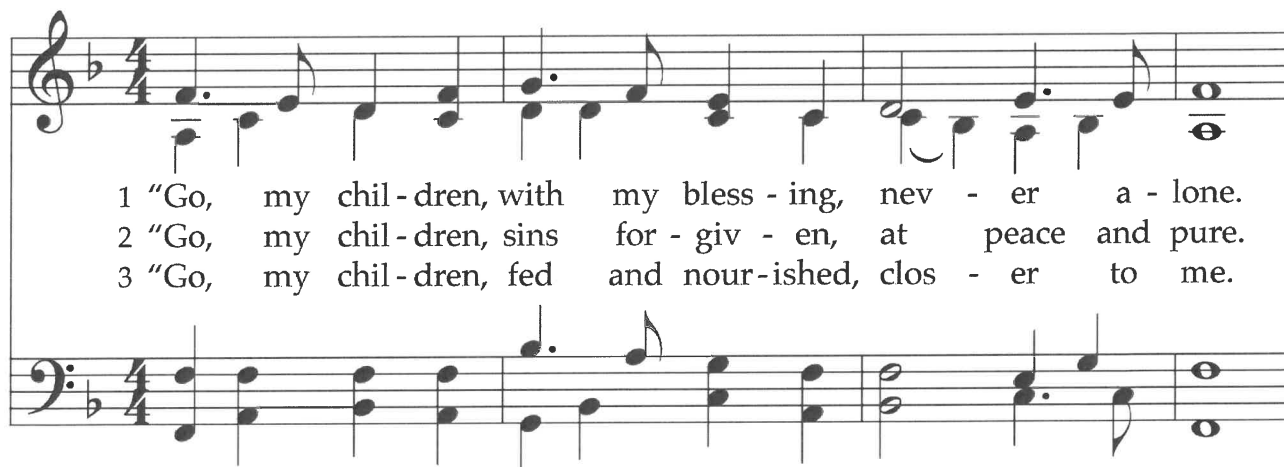


I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life-giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

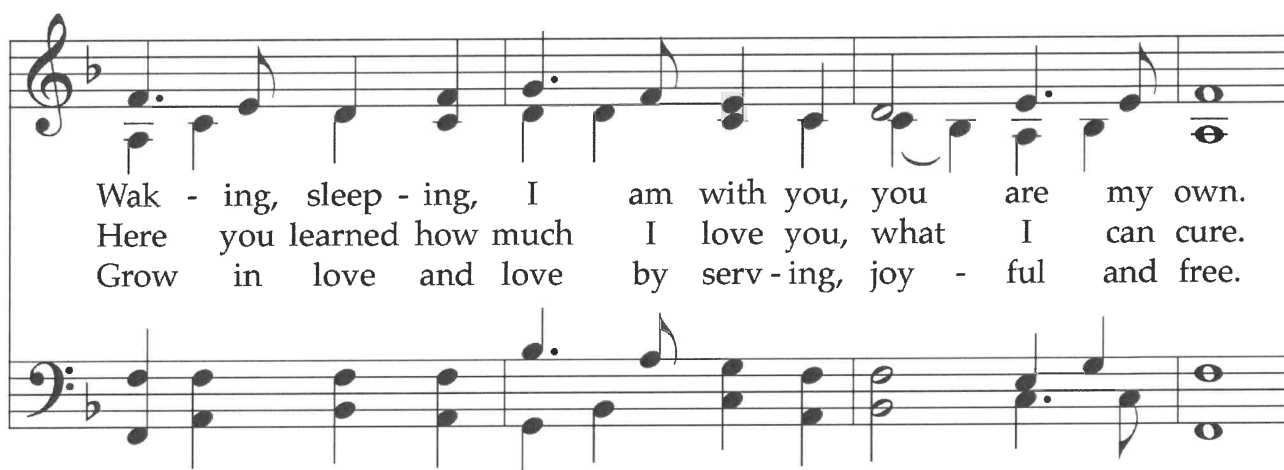


found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav-eling days are done.

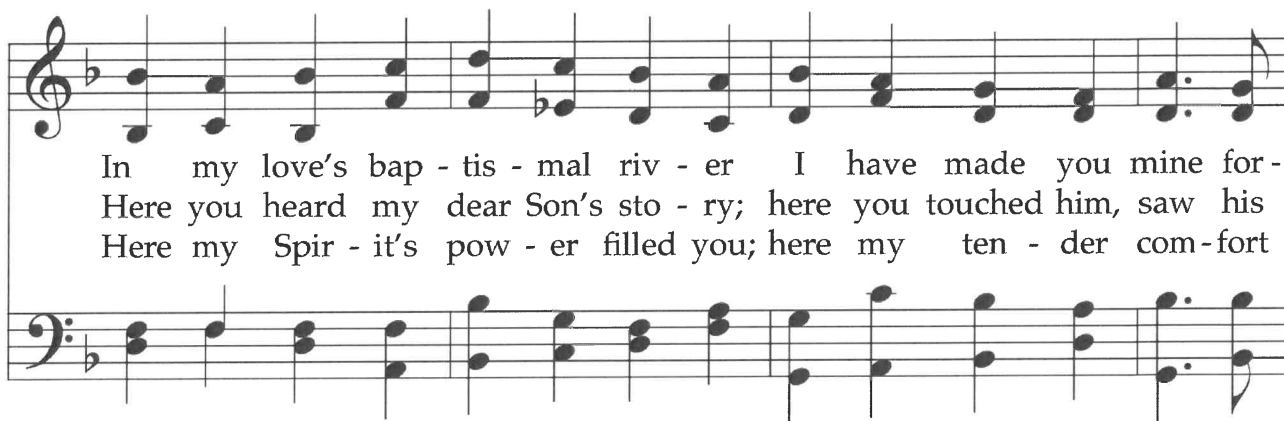
# Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



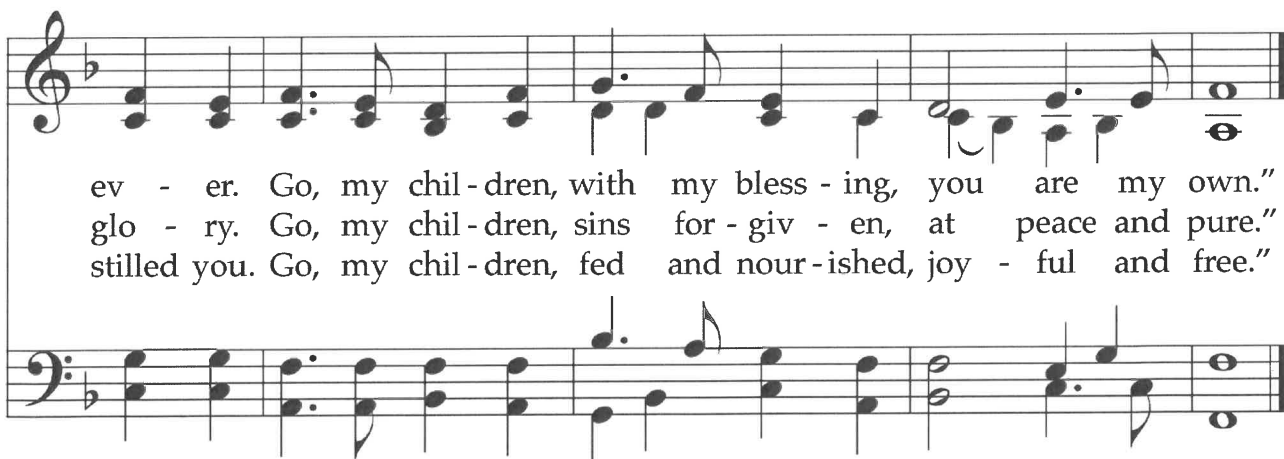
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.




In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
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## This Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today . . .</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> First Friends Hike (Brumley Nature Preserve – north entrance)</p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Youth Group</p> <p><b>5:00-6:15 PM</b> Youth Group Caregivers</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Monday, March 13</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Education / Property Committees</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Service &amp; Mission Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Worship &amp; the Arts Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, March 14</b></p> <p><b>3:30-5:30 PM</b> Things That Matter Book Group (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p><b>6:15 PM</b> (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How Not to Be Afraid</i></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> (via Zoom) Personnel Committee</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 15</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> (via Zoom) Book Study: <i>How Not to Be Afraid</i></p> <p><b>1:00-2:00 PM</b> All Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> (via Zoom) Stewardship Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>7:00-8:30 PM</b> Young Adult Study (Wilson Parlor)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 16</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM -12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> (via Zoom) McPherson Lectureship Sub-Committee</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 17</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Patrick's Day</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Saturday, March 18</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, March 19</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Mr. Rogers Sunday</b></p> <p><b>9:45-10:45 AM</b> Faith Formation - Classes for all ages</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship &amp; Baptism</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> Blessing of the Land at Sankofa Farms</p> <p><b>4:00-6:00 PM</b> Youth Group with Trinity Avenue PC (Mini Golf at Frankie's)</p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Family Movie Night with pizza (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> (via Zoom) MnM Fellowship</p>	

## CHURCH STAFF

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
*Lenore Champion*, Children's Ministry Director  
*Vernon Cooper*, Sexton  
*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Omar Guess, Sr.*, Sunday Morning Sexton  
*Joseph Harvard*, Pastor Emeritus



*Amy Bowers Heit*, Parish Associate  
*Esther Hethcox*, Designated Associate Pastor  
*Sybil King*, Administrative Assistant  
*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)  
*Valerie McMillian*, Parish Administrator  
*Kathy Parkins*, Minister of Music  
*John Weicher*, Associate Pastor

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