

First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina

July 2, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. Robert Powell

INTROIT

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

Refrain *There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I fell discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 11:28-29)**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Jesus said: come to me, all you who are weary and burdened

All: and I will give you rest.

Leader: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me
for I am gentle and humble in heart,

All: and you will find rest for your souls.

Leader: We are called now to rest in Christ's presence and love.

All: Come, let us worship our God.

***HYMN NO. 393**

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your faithful love,
in your great tenderness wipe away our offenses;
wash us thoroughly from our guilt,
purify us from our sin.**

**For we are well aware of our offenses,
our sin is constantly in mind.**

**But you delight in sincerity of heart
and in secret you teach us wisdom.**

(Prayer continues next page.)

*All who are able, please stand.

(Prayer continues, in unison.)

**God, create in us clean hearts,
renew within us resolute spirits,
do not send us away from your presence,
do not take us away from your spirit of holiness.**

**Give back the joy of your salvation,
sustain in us generous spirits.**

**Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will speak out your praise.**

An open heart you never scorn.

Silent Reflection

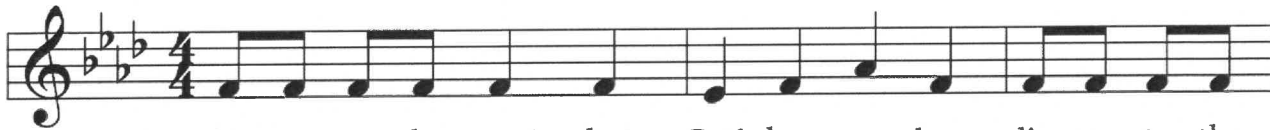
Assurance of Forgiveness

***THE PEACE**

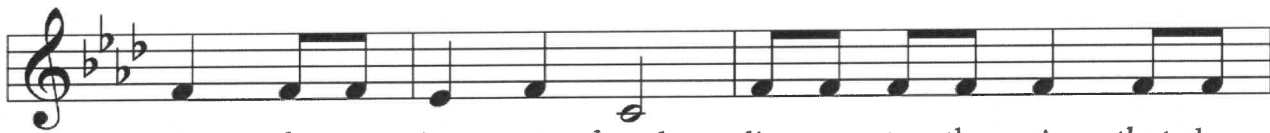
Mindy Douglas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(All, sung twice)*

Listen



Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

(Pew Bible, OT page 730)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jane Wettach

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42

(Pew Bible, NT page 11)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Esther Hethcox

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Welcome for Us"

Esther Hethcox

(Silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 183**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

Austin

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

Kim Abels

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

In Faith I Calmly Rest

J.S. Bach

*In faith I calmly rest, and put my trust in God,
although oft sore oppressed with anxious care and dread;
his friendship my reward. In him my joy I find;
he keepeth watch and ward o'er me and o'er my house.*

*Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do his will;
I know, whate'er befall, his love doth lead me still
so, like a little child who clasps his father's hand,
serene I take my way, in faith untroubled stand.*

*Great peace they surely have who in the Lord confide,
who cast on him all care, and in his love abide.*

***Doxology with Alleluias**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia; alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weicher

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. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

*BENEDICTION

Esther Hethcox

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B flat

J.S. Bach



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* are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mary Hilda Wanyonyi**, mother of **Maureen Short**.

Paraments during Ordinary Time: In the long season of Ordinary Time, stretching for about six months between Trinity Sunday in late spring and Advent in late fall, the liturgical color is green. You will see that color in the stoles of the pastors and choir members and in the paraments that hang from the pulpit and lectern. As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, we commissioned the creation of new green paraments, along with white paraments and a white communion tablecloth, from fabric artist **Beth Taylor**. The funds for this work were donated by our dear members **Ruth and Russell Roberson** in memory of their mothers. The paraments were displayed and dedicated during the 150th Anniversary commemoration on Sunday, May 1, 2022. You will see the green paraments on the pulpit and lectern for the remainder of this year's "green season." We are grateful to Ruth and Russell for their generous gift.

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. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of 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 the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary. 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.

Portions of today's liturgy were taken from *The Worship Sourcebook*.

These Days devotional books for July-September 2023 have arrived. Pick up a free copy in the foyer or narthex while supplies last.



The church office will be open regular hours on Monday, July 3.

We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4
in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
We will reopen regular hours on Wednesday, July 5.

Our Joys and Concerns

Condolences:

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to:

- *Shirley Frederick* on the June 27 death of her sister-in-law, *Margaret Frederick*, in Endicott, NY;
- *Family of Rosemary Seve*, FPC member who died last week in Kenya from ovarian cancer.

Concerns:

<i>Bob Breitweiser</i>	<i>Wes Carson</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Susan Cyr</i>
<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Jenni James</i>	<i>Lee House</i>	<i>George Kafula</i>
<i>Bet Lawson</i>	<i>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>	<i>Alfred Tisdale</i>
<i>Carol Wills</i>			

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

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

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Jane Austin, friend of the congregation

Michelle Cantrell, niece of Conrad Carter

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Father of Andres, friend of the congregation

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Bob Lucas, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Clem O'Brien, father-in-law of Mindy Douglas

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Dennis Tiede, nephew of Mary-Jo Keenan

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Sharing Worship Flowers

Visiting someone after worship? Please take them a bouquet, courtesy of the FPC Diaconate! Please go to the kitchen to pick up a beautiful bouquet of flowers already arranged by a deacon. To prevent duplicate deliveries, please tell the arranger the recipient's name when you pick up the arrangement. Thank you for spreading the beauty of God's creation to one unable to attend worship, recovering from illness, grieving, celebrating or simply in need of the reminder they are loved by their church and God. Please email Brianna Bennett (briannahonea@gmail.com) or Esther Hethcox (e.hethcox@firstpres-durham.org) with any questions. Thank you!

Caregiver Needed
(Paid position)

We are in need of an additional childcare provider for our children during worship on Sunday mornings. Interested persons should speak with Lenore Champion or our new childcare coordinator, Courtney McMillon.

Looking for a place to volunteer?

•**Church Office First floor weekday receptionists needed**

Contact Sarah Wright (swright1951@gmail.com or 919-218-7890)

Sign up for 4-hour shift: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca28aafac61-first/1438266#/>

•**Communion servers needed**

Contact Mary Ann Compton (maryannmac@bellsouth.net or 919-363-8822)

Sign up to serve: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-communion2#/>

•**Ushers needed**

We are in need of ushers on Sunday mornings, especially on the second Sunday of the month.

Please contact Esther Hethcox (e.hethcox@firstpres-durham.org) if you would like to serve.

Training is available if you have not ushered before at FPC.

•**Media techs needed**

The audio and video consoles at the back of the sanctuary are operated by volunteers, and we need more. Middle and high school youth are particularly welcome this summer. If you're not afraid of technology and are interested, please speak to one of the operators on any Sunday before or after worship, or send an email inquiry to: mediatech@firstpres-durham.org.



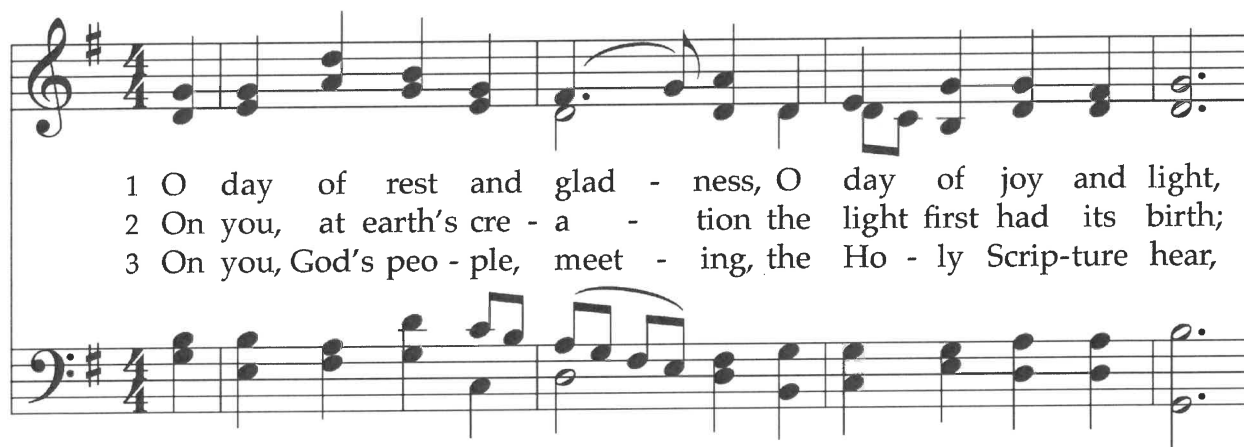
THE CURE FOR MEDICAL DEBT

Help retire medical debt in North Carolina

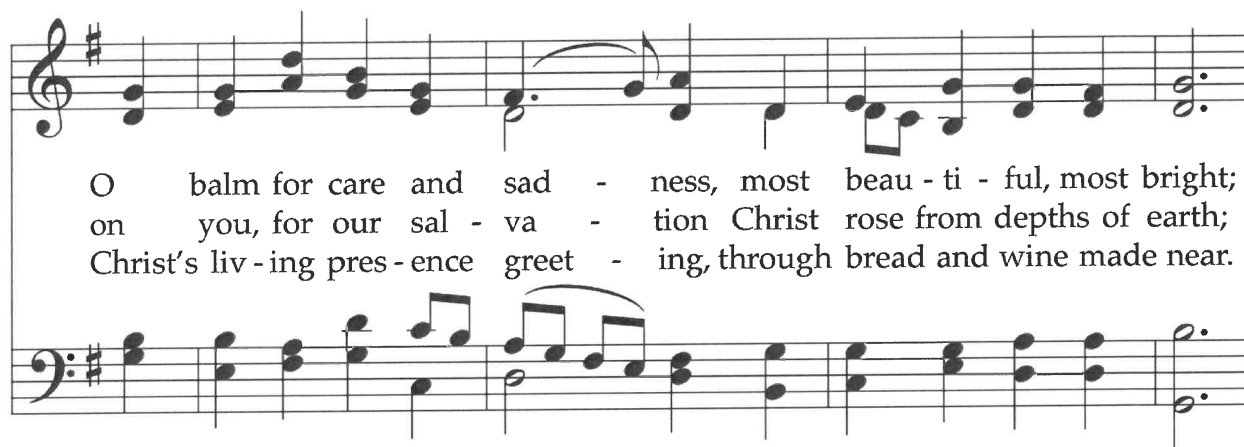
Our first of three campaigns raised \$26,000 and paid off \$5 million in medical debt in Durham and other counties in NC. On May 1, 2023, we launched a second campaign which targets the counties with the greatest number of people of color in their boundaries (including Wake, Guilford, Forsyth, and Mecklenburg). Please share this link with anyone who wants to support this campaign:

<https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/building-beloved-community/>.

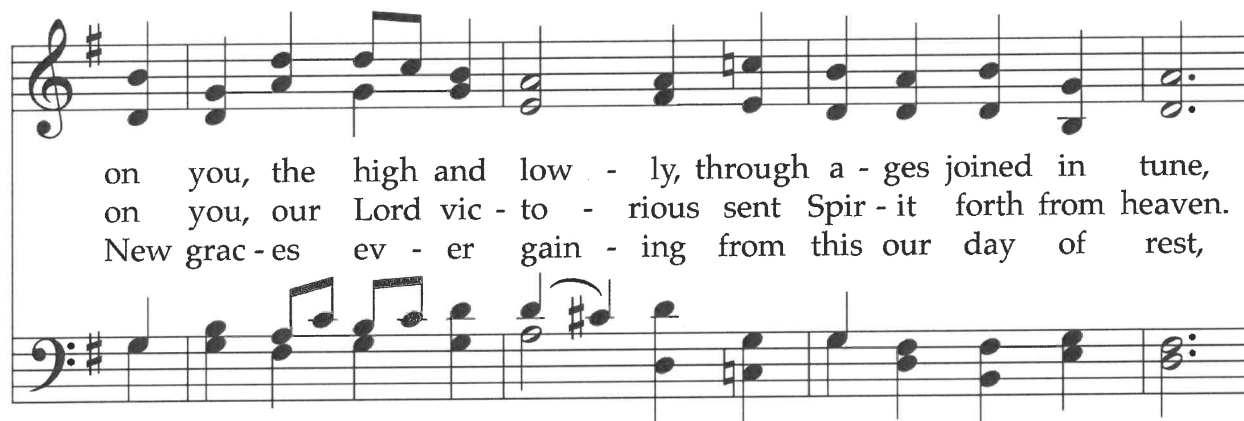
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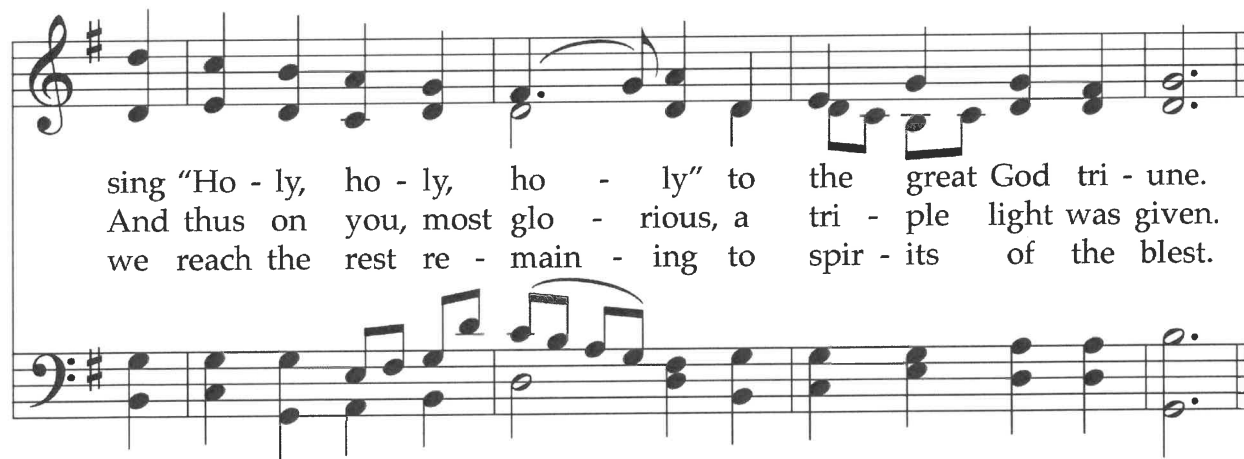
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

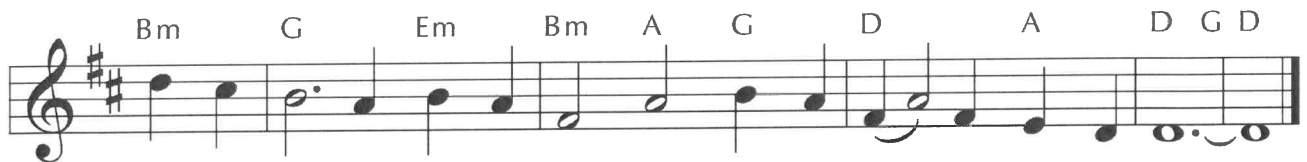


sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183

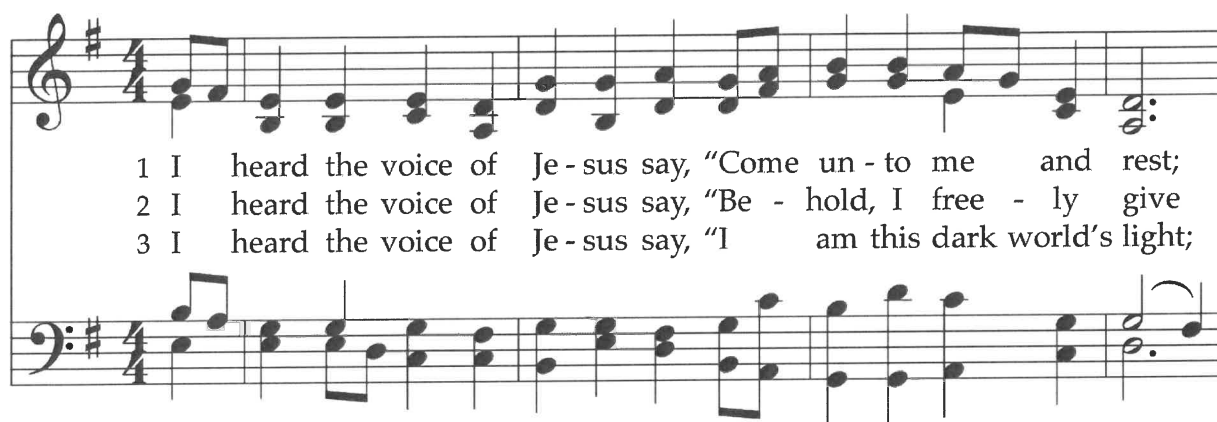


- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.

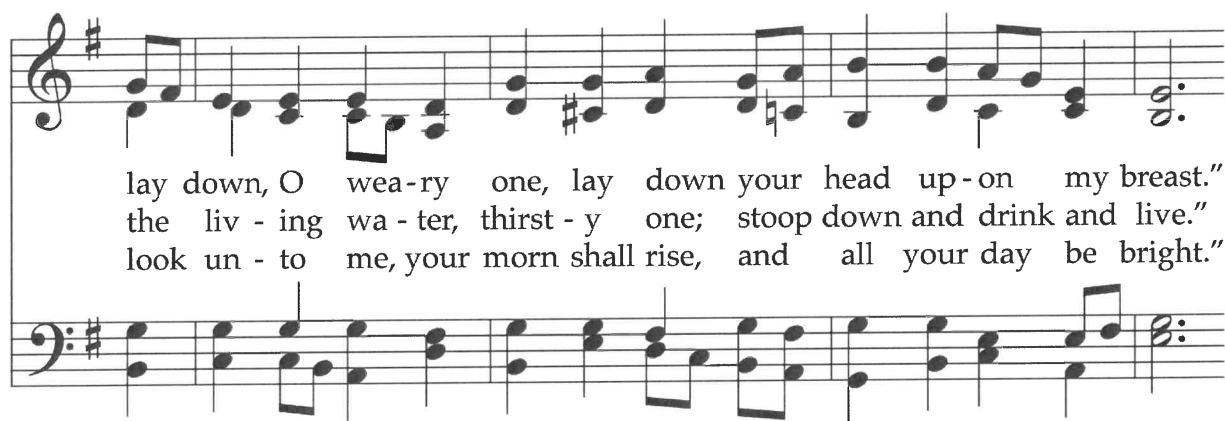


come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

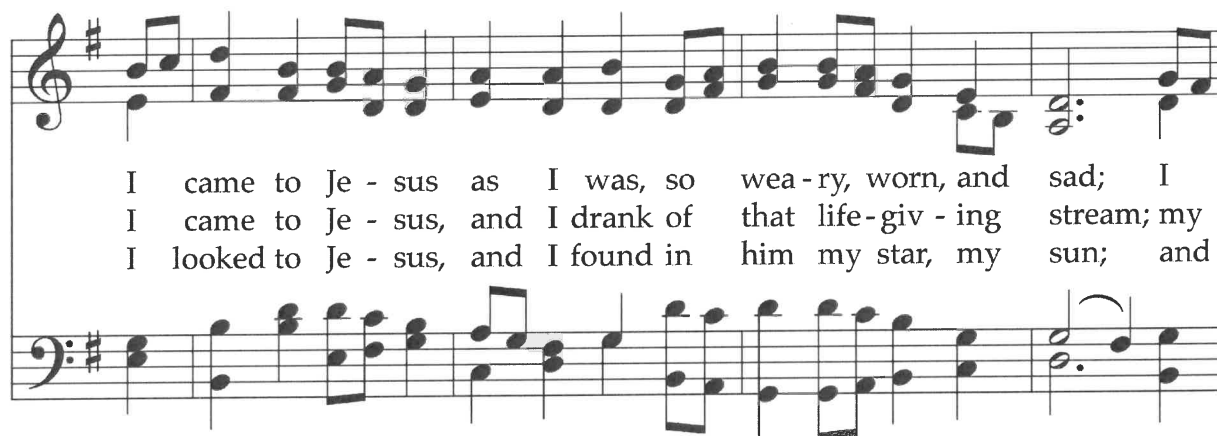
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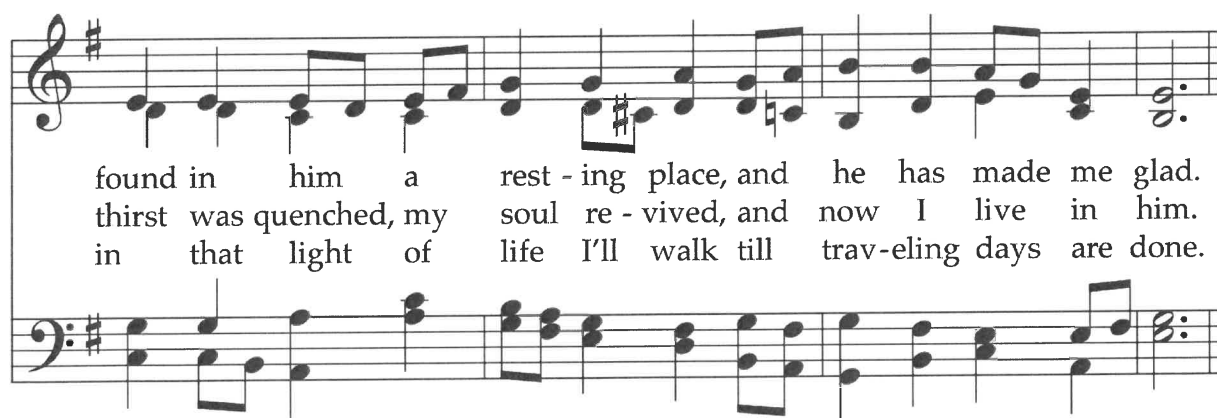
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



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.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>12:30-1:30 PM Cash Bail Resolution and HB-271 Strategy Meeting (Daye Meeting Room)</p>	<p>Monday, July 3</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 4</p>  <p>The church office is closed for the Independence Day holiday.</p>	<p>Wednesday July 5</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff</p> <p>No Chancel Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>Thursday, July 6</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>7:00-8:00 PM Youth Hangout at Locopops (signup required)</p>	<p>Friday, July 7</p>	<p>Saturday, July 8</p>	<p>Sunday, July 9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation class for children Faith & Community and Lectionary classes</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship & Communion</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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