

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

Toccata & Fuga in D

Giambattista Martini

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The steadfast love of God never ceases.
People: **God's mercies never come to an end;**
Leader: they are new every morning.
People: **Great is your faithfulness, O God.**
Leader: Weeping may linger for the night,
People: **but joy comes with the morning,**
for you hear us when we cry.
Leader: So we will praise you and will not be silent.
People: **Sing praises, O you faithful ones,**
and give thanks to God's holy name.

***HYMN No. 37**

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**You shower us with blessings,
with chances to know your grace.
Still, O Lord, we twist your promises
and pray for blessings we can own.
You call us to leave our selfish ways
and follow your call to compassion.
Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief
over transformative faith.
You have told us that your love is enough,
that the waters of mercy will not run dry.
Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust,
hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own.
Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
offer us a chance to try again.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

** Those who are able, please stand.*

***REGATHERING HYMN** (No. 702, verse 3)

Bunessan

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ellie Everett

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.
People: **Loving God, fountain of every blessing,
open to us your life-giving word,
and fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that living water may flow through our hearts—
a spring of hope for a thirsty world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 30

(Pew Bible, OT Page 505)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Ellie Everett

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

(Pew Bible, NT Page 39)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Katherine Higgins

SERMON

“The Whole Truth”

Katherine Higgins

(silent reflection)

***HYMN NO. 343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Music

Improvisation in C

Francis Poulenc

*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!*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF IZZY ALLISON-PLEASANTS

Esther Hethcox, John Weicher

Statement on Ordination

Presentation of Candidate for the Office of Deacon

Profession 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

(The creed continues to the next page.)

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.

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Welcome and Charge

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Susan Dunlap

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Dunlap

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Katherine Higgins

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in C

Giambattista Martini



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

We welcome to the pulpit today *Rev. Dr. Katherine Higgins*, a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA). She is a chaplain at Duke University Hospital where she teaches clergy and seminarians the art and science of spiritual care in a multifaith context. A North Carolina native, Katherine graduated from Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary in New York. She recently completed a PhD in transformative learning at North Carolina State University. Katherine lives in Pittsboro with her husband John and daughter Sara Beth.

We thank *Gordon Campbell* for serving as organist while *Kathy Parkins* is away.

The *flowers* are given by *Linda and Bruce Foster Momsen* in thankfulness to God and for the blessing of their daughter, *Deborah Momsen-Hudson*, whose birthday is today.

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/visual console. 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 **worship texts** are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713928.

New members: On Sunday, July 21 during worship, new members will be welcomed and introduced to the congregation. If you have interest in joining First Presbyterian, please contact Esther Hethcox (e.hethcox@firstpres-durham.org) so she can arrange a time for you to meet with the Session.

Annual Report Summaries: It is time for committee chairs to assemble their report which will cover the period of June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024. **The report deadline is July 31, 2024.** WORD documents are preferred (not a pdf) and should be emailed to v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org in the church office. Legible hand-written summaries may also be left in Valerie's church mailbox.



A Community Reading of Frederick Douglass' Fourth of July Address
Thursday, July 4 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Stagville Plantation
5925 Jock Rd, Bahama NC

Join fellow FPC members at the annual community reading at Stagville Plantation of Frederick Douglass' 1852 July 4th address, "*What to the Slave is the Fourth of July.*" The reading is outdoors from 10:00-11:30 a.m. **Bring a chair and your own copy of the address.** Link to the reading: <https://historicsites.nc.gov/news/events/frederick-douglass-community-reading-2024>

First Presbyterian Hosting Summer Blood Drive
Thursday, August 1 from 1:00-6:00 p.m.
in Watts-Hill Hall

If you are healthy and it will be over 50 days since your last blood donation, please sign up to give. Most donations take about an hour.

Donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card after they give.

Go online to schedule your appointment:
RedCrossBlood.org. FPC's code is **firstpres**.
Walk-ins are also welcome.





CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- *Esther Hethcox and family* upon the death of her grandmother. *Sylvia Elder* died June 22 at the age of 95 in Annapolis MD.
- *Wil James and family* upon the death of his aunt. *Sara Camilla "Cami" James* died June 22 at the age of 90 in Mocksville NC.

CONCERNS:

Judy Smith is recovering from surgery on Friday.

Donna Johnson, mother of Ann Huff, is hospitalized due to Covid.

<i>Tony Chavez</i>	<i>Paul Cornsweet</i>	<i>Susan Cyr</i>	<i>Kerry Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee House</i>
<i>Jenni James</i>	<i>Mal King</i>	<i>Mitzi Leshner-Thomas</i>	<i>Madge McKeithan</i>	<i>Jo Ann Moore</i>
<i>Vernon Neece</i>	<i>Ruth Roberson</i>	<i>Franzi Rokoske</i>	<i>Keith Rokoske</i>	<i>Alfred Tisdale</i>

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

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

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Jerry Boles, sister-in-law of Maxie Honeycutt and aunt of Michael Honeycutt

Jim Boyer, cousin of Fred Moore

Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowwood

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Larry and Lynn Farrell, parents of Rachel Bethune

Isla Foster, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Andrew Holbrook, nephew of Kerry Holbrook

Ford Holbrook, brother Kerry Holbrook

Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch

John Keller, son of Tom & Margaret Keller

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Joe & Mary Kay Robinson, former members of FPC

Elizabeth Romska, daughter of Bob Lewis

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

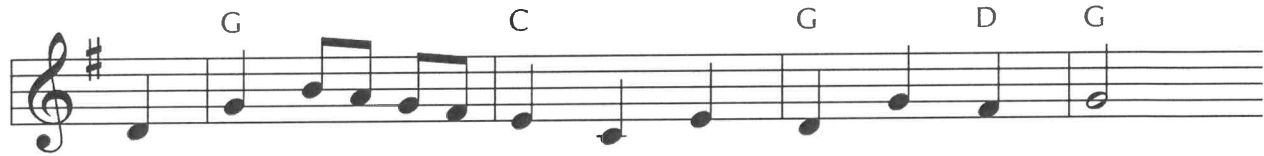
Denisha Williams, daughter of Sybil King

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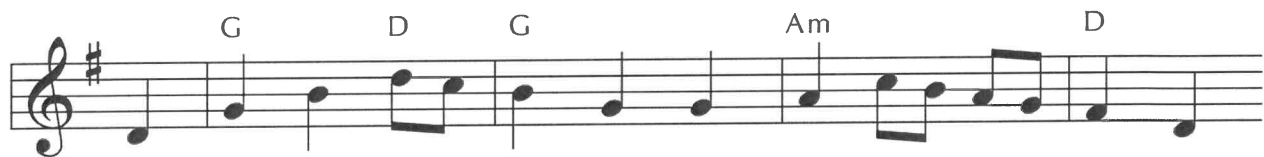
Let All Things Now Living



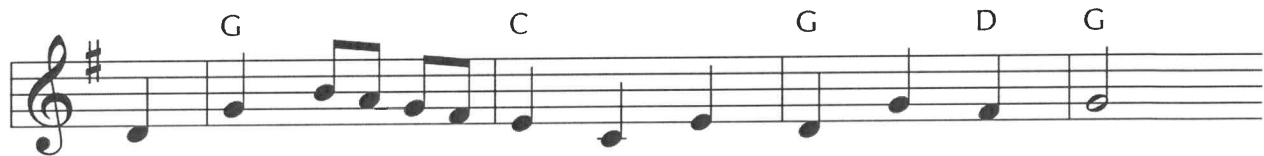
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



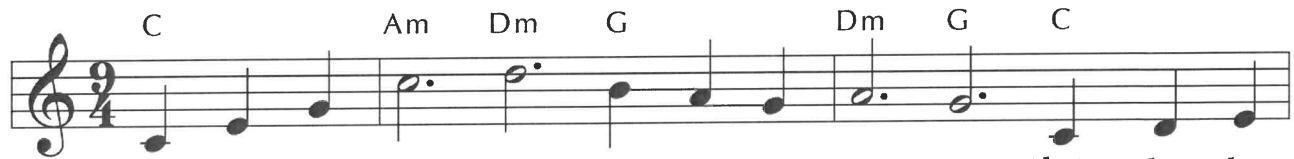
till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:



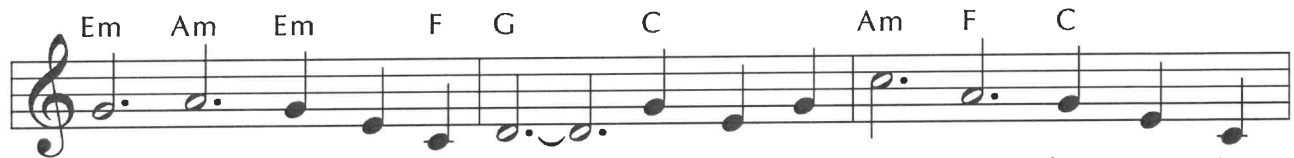
as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

Christ Be Beside Me

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1 Christ be be-side me; Christ be be-fore me; Christ be be-
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a-
→ 3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a-bout me; Christ be on

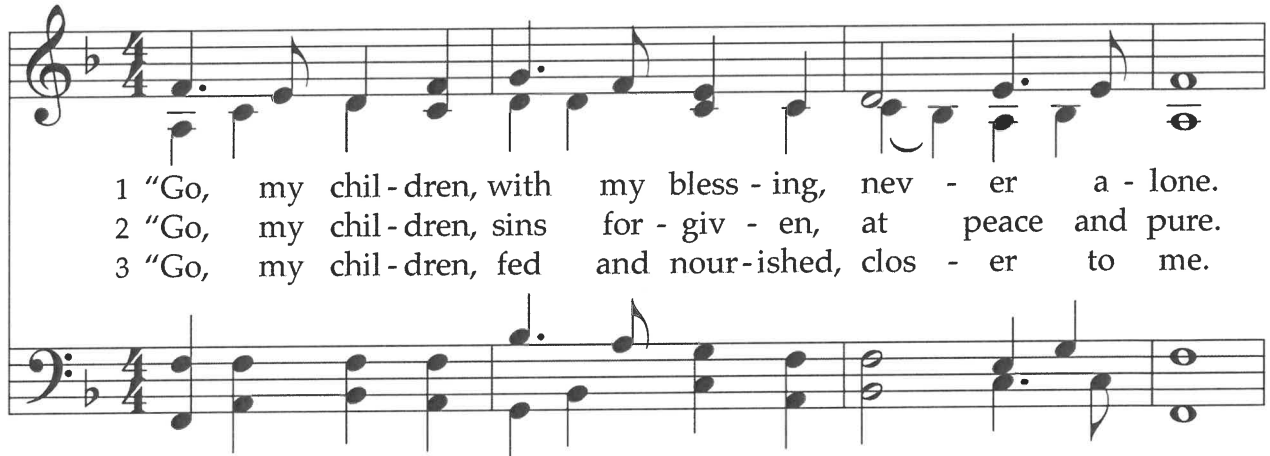


hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with-in me; Christ be be-
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep-ing, Christ in my
→ all tongues tell-ing of me. Christ be the vi-sion in eyes that

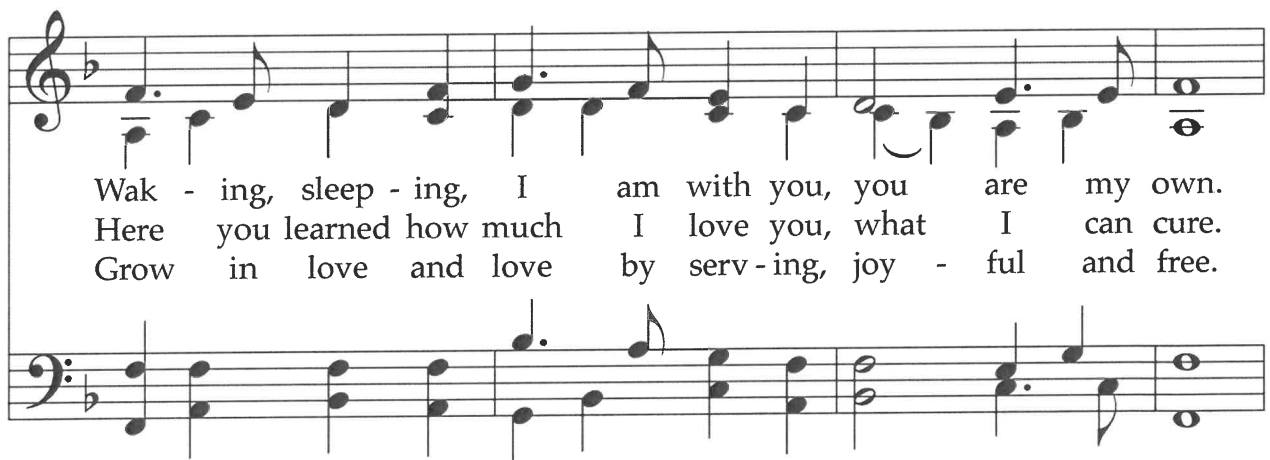


low me; Christ be a-bove me, nev-er to part.
sit-ting, Christ in my ris-ing, Light of my life.
→ see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev-er be.

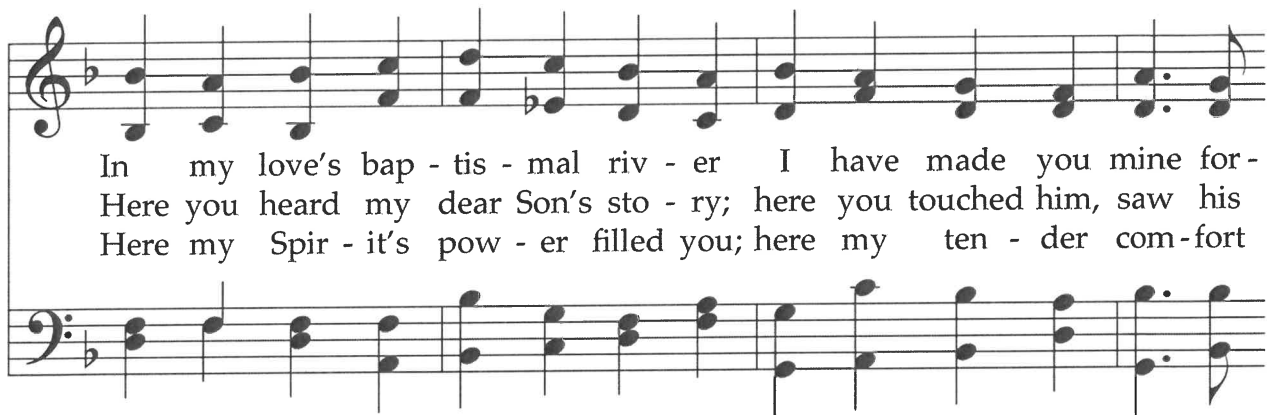
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547



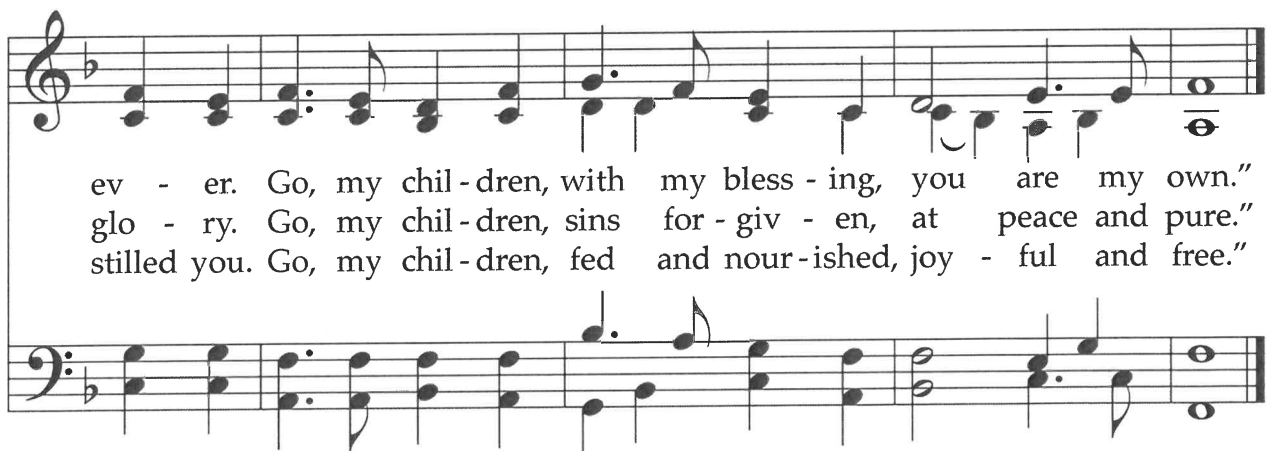
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



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.

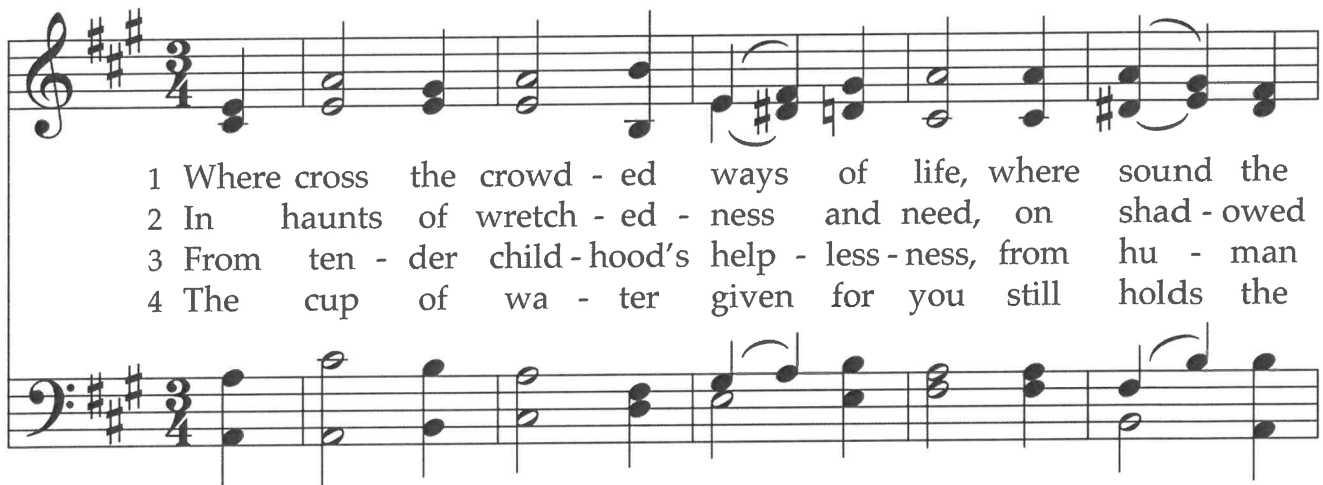


In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

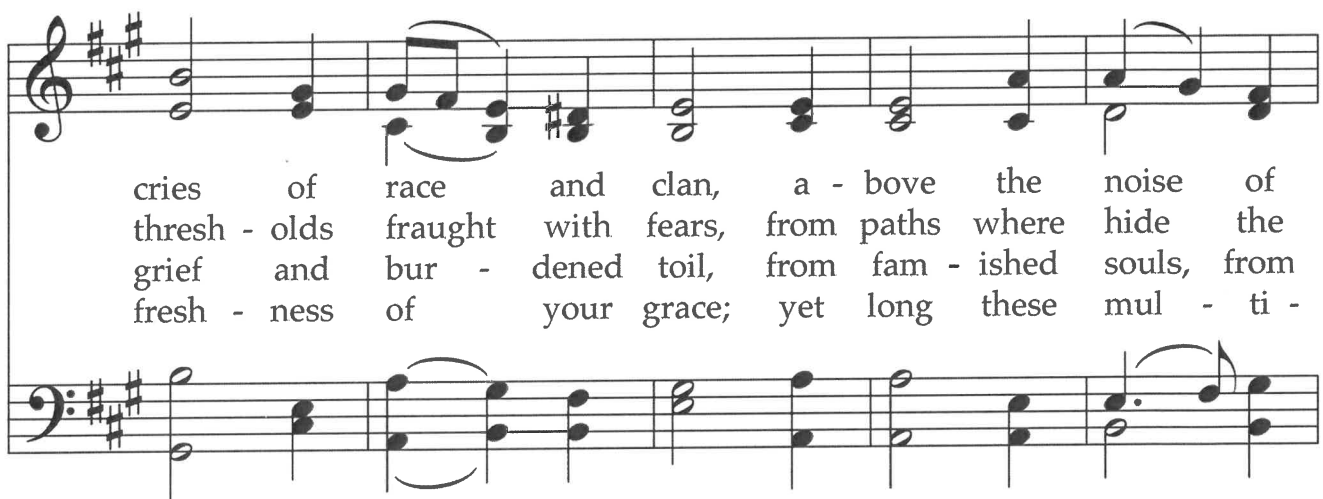


ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

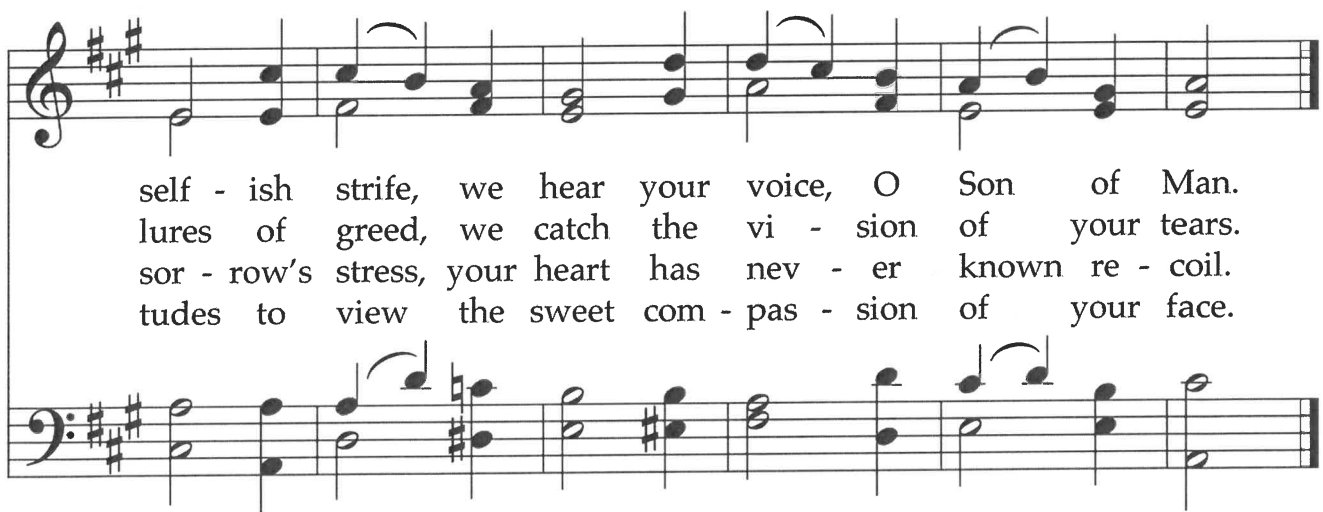
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

Verses 1 - 4 only.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship
(via Zoom)

Monday, July 1

Walk-in Ministry –
no interviews today.

1:30 PM Worship Planning

Tuesday, July 2

8:30 AM Youth River Tubing

Wednesday, July 3

The Chancel Choir
is on summer break.

1:00 PM All Staff

Thursday, July 4



The church office is closed in
observance of Independence Day.

Walk-in Ministry –
no interviews today.

10:00 -11:30 AM A Community
Reading of Frederick Douglass'
historic July 4 Address (Stagville
Plantation, Bahama)

Friday, July 5

8:00 AM Men of Faith Breakfast and Conversation
(Mad Hatters Restaurant)

Saturday, July 6

Sunday, July 7

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

MnM Fellowship is on summer break.

9:45 AM Faith Formation classes for children & adults

11:00 AM Worship and Communion
John Weicher, preaching

CHURCH STAFF

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



Amy Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, 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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