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Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Giving Up Complaining

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black and red hymnals.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Be Still My Soul with O Sacred Head Now Wounded* arr. Prim

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: During the season of Lent it is our practice to give something up.

P: We give up those things that burden us and hold us down.

L: In giving up those things that hinder us we make room for God to inspire us to new things.

P: As we clear space in our hearts and in our lives, we seek God to fill it with things that can help us to grow closer to our Creator.

L: Give up complaining. Give up the urge to express the negative for negativity's sake and instead worship God, seeking the blessings that you have received from your Creator.

P: Today we will focus on God's blessings as we worship, so that our worship will be filled with joy and with thanksgiving. We give thanks to God for the many blessings of our lives so that they might be multiplied throughout our lives and throughout the world.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 12** (red hymnal)

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: O Lord, our God. We meet here to adore you, to proclaim and to hear your word. Yet we know that we lack the power to do it, unless you make us free to lift up our hearts and minds to you. Therefore we pray: descend now into our midst. Reveal and open for us the way to you by the power of your Holy Spirit. Enable us to see with our own eyes the light that has come into the world, and to be your witnesses in every act of our lives.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 198 (black hymnal, refrain, vs. 2, refrain) *Lift High the Cross*

ALL SING: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim; Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

(10:30 AM) **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Denny and Olivia

Daugherty

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Philippians 2:12-18

HYMN NO. 423 (black hymnal)

Great is Your Faithfulness

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Patterson

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Saw the Cross of Jesus

arr. Prim

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 785 (black hymnal)

We Give You But Our Own

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 21** (red hymnal)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Help Me Lord

by Schroder

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Bonnie Murphy's birthday by Bill Murphy.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Bonnie Murphy's birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great-great grandson.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Logan Kline's 16th birthday, with love, Auntie Anne Henry.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten planning team for planning today's service. The team members are: Becky Hester, Tammy Gordon, David Bradnick, Diane Strine, and Pastor Jeff.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Nancy and Barry Schwartz; Becky and Jerry Hester

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech:

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Nancy and Jeff Sleeper; Nancy and Jesse Smith

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹The prayer of confession is modified from Karl Barth, "The Great Dispensation" (1957), *Deliverance to the Captives*.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Adoration and Praise

FOLLIOTT S. PIERPOINT, 1864

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Abridged from Chorale, *Treuer Heiland*
DIX
CONRAD KOCHER, 1838

Joyously

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
4. For Thy church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
Of - fering up on ev - ery shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love,

REFRAIN

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A - MEN.

Lift High the Cross

198

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

John 1:29-34; Rom. 5:6-11; 6:3-8; Rev. 7:9-17; 22:1-5

Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim; Let

all a-dore and praise that sa-cred name.

Last time, end

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, the
2 Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied bears
3 O Christ, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your
4 Set up your throne, that earth's de-spair may cease, be-
5 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

Lamb vic-to-ri-ous, Christ the Child of God.
on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
neath the shad-ow of its heal-ing peace.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

to Refrain

Since its first inclusion in a U.S. hymnal in the 1970s, this hymn has become enormously popular. G. W. Kitchin and M. R. Newbolt were Church of England ministers. Sydney Nicholson was organist of Westminster Abbey.

Tune: CRUCIFER 10.10. with refrain
Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

Lam. 3:22-23

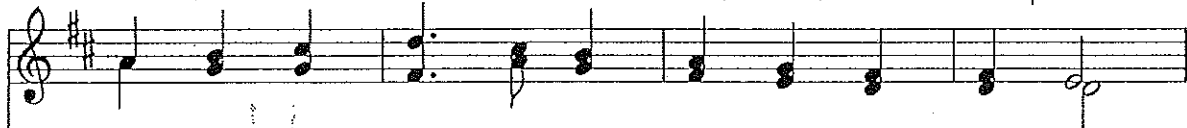
Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest;
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



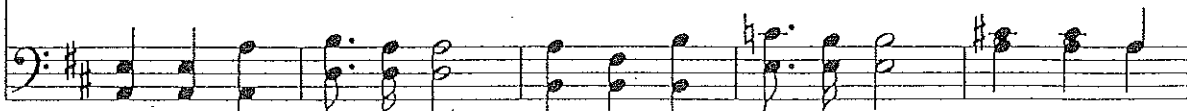
You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



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HYMN NO. 423 . GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS continued

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music covers the lyrics: "morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your". The second system of music covers the lyrics: "hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain
William M. Runyan, 1923

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Adoration and Praise

HENRY VAN DYKE, 1907

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HYMN TO JOY
LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN, 1824*With exultation*

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are Thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the Joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - MEN.