



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 9, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Marty Franklin

Words of Welcome

Elder Rebekah Franklin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Psalm 85

All: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

All: righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

***Hymn (#39)**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Jodi Lingan

***Prayer of Confession**

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. (Silence)

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#312, v. 1)**

Take Us As We Are, O God

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#312, v. 2)

Take Us As We Are, O God

First Scripture Lesson

Joshua 5:10-12

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Sermon

Crossing to the Other Side

Rev. Jodi Lingan

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

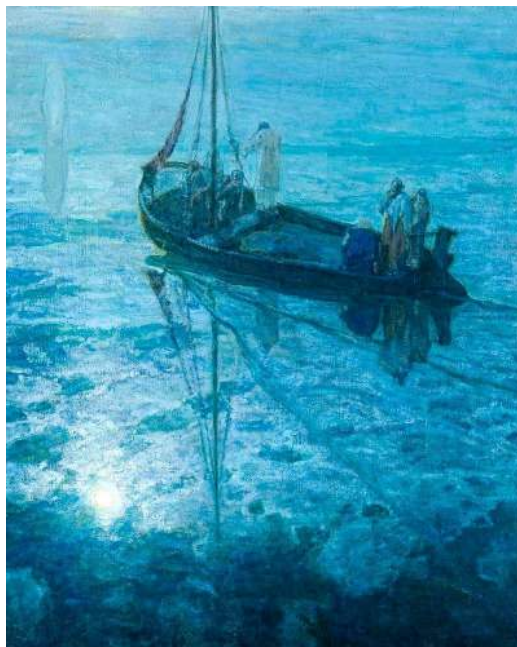
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

***Hymn (#69)**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Call to Generosity

Marty Franklin



Offertory

Kate Privette

*Congregational Response (#312, v. 3)

Take Us As We Are, O God

*Prayer of Dedication

One: Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us.

All: **Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard, and spread the desire to share. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#726)

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Charge & Benediction

*Congregational Benediction (#312, v. 4)

Take Us As We Are, O God

*Postlude

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



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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!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS

11.10.11.10 with 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

Take Us As We Are, O God 312

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B^b (D) F (G) B^b (D) F (A) C



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that

(Em) Gm (Am) Cm (Em) Gm (D) F (G) B^b



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -

(D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Asus) (A) (A) 1-3 4
 Csus C C



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

G Am D G C G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

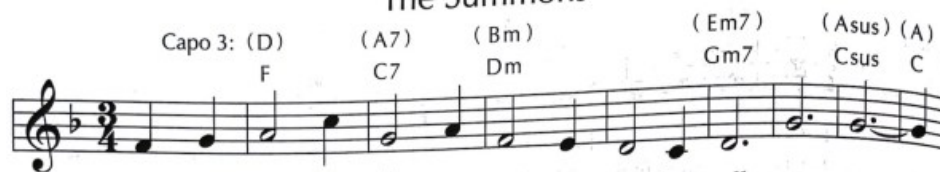
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 Am7 G Am7 D G C G C
 call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

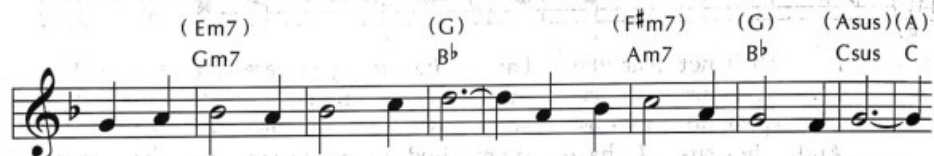
The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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