



MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 24, 2024 . 12:00 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627, Verses 1 & 2

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Minister: Day by day, Jesus calls us:.

People: to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.

Minister: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.

HYMN 144 *

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world. O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rust - ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 Lord is King; let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Faithful God, we confess that we have trusted our own plans instead of yours. We have built, saved, and schemed to secure our future but haven't sought your wisdom and guidance. We sometimes become so focused on our own goals that we don't follow your path, fooling ourselves that we know better. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to place our trust in you and follow you even when we don't understand your ways. Remind us that your path is the only path that leads to fulfillment, joy, peace and hope.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: There is no limit to God's goodness. God forgives all who turn back to him and follow his ways. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE LESSON

Psalm 23

† following the reading

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Step by Step

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Psalm 23, Op. 37

Paul Creston
(1906-1985)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

William Green, *tenor*

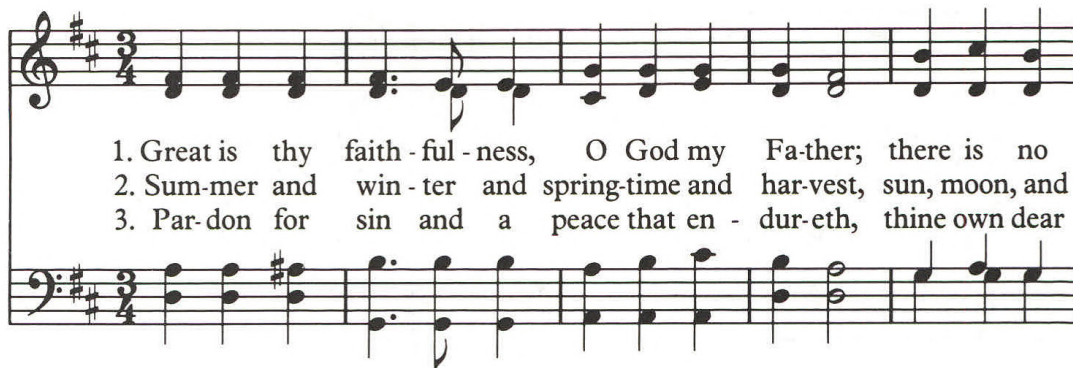
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

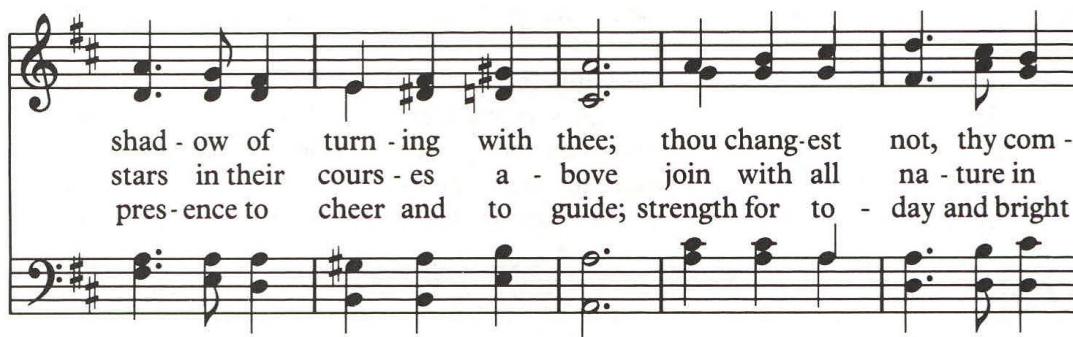
HYMN 140 *

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

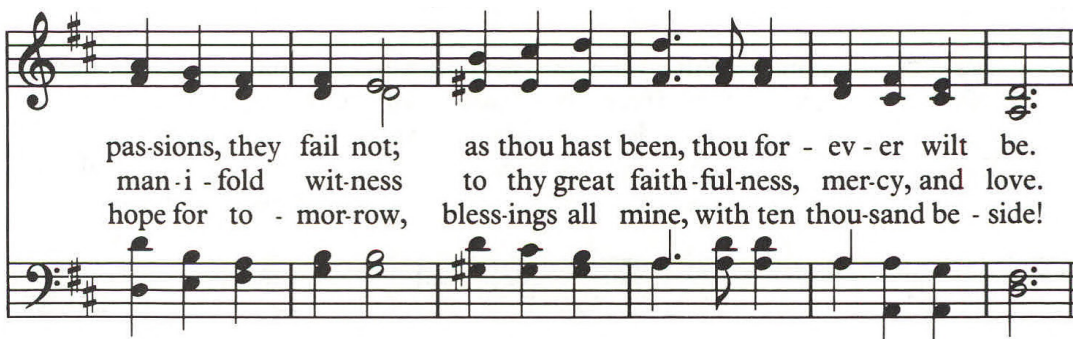
Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

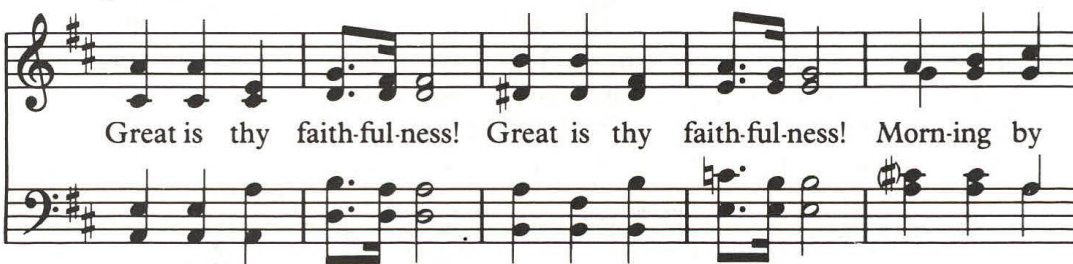


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-nature in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



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

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morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

BLESSING *

May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit bless,
preserve and keep you, now and forever.

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