



PEACHTREE ROAD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE ELEVENTH DAY *of* MAY, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

THE MOORE CHAPEL

MAY 11, 2025 . 10:00 AM

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Alle menschen müssen sterben, BWV 643

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

THE GREETING

We welcome each of you to this service!
We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

THE CHORAL INTROIT

H. Hamilton Smith
(Twentieth Century)

He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. Alleluia!

Psalms 71:8, 11
Daniel 7: 14

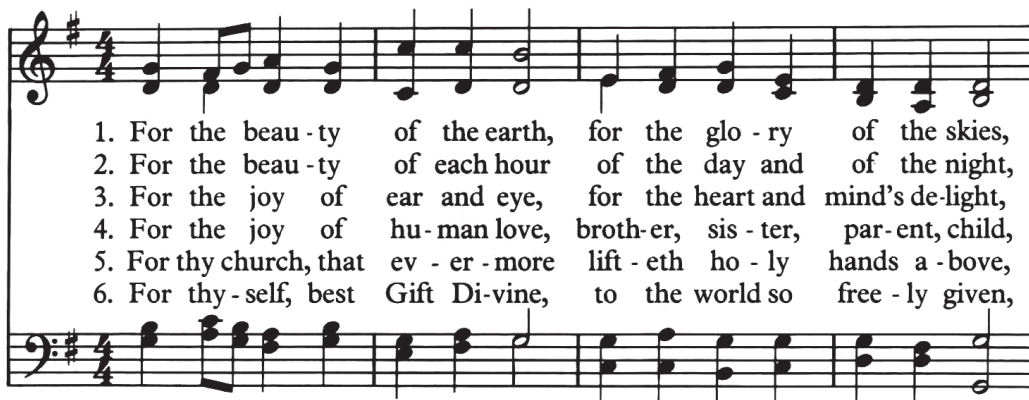
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

AT THE PROCESSION, *

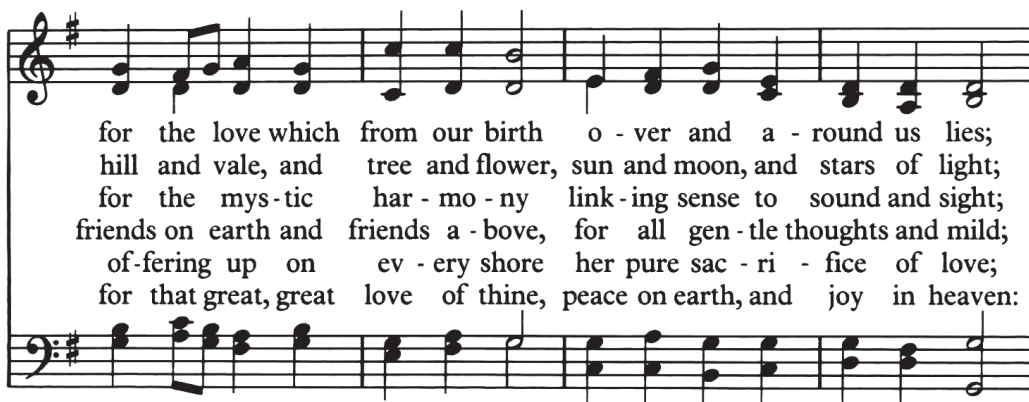
HYMN 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,
6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,



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;
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;
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;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.
* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Minister: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Minister and People: Wonderful God, be the hope that overcomes our despair; be the love that overcomes our hatred; be the mercy that overcomes our sin. Set us free from the prisons of our own making, and release us from despair. Forgive us and watch over us day by day. Welcome us home into the loving arms of your grace and mercy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Minister: Hear the good news: You are loved by God! And God's love will always lead you home. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

GLORIA PATRI *

Charles Meineke

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *

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† *The people are seated.*

MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† *Following each petition, the minister says, Lord, in your mercy.*

The people respond: Hear our prayer.

AT THE OFFERTORY,

† *An offering is collected to support the work of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church sharing God's love with the world. Please register your attendance in the Ritual of Christian Fellowship pad in your pew. Let us know if you are new, would like to become a member or are interested in more information about Peachtree Road.*

ANTHEM

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, Requiem

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God. O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they praise thy name evermore.

Schola Cantorum

AT THE PRESENTATION *

HYMN 95

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LESSON

Ruth 1:6-19

† following the reading:

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Water is Thicker Than Blood

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

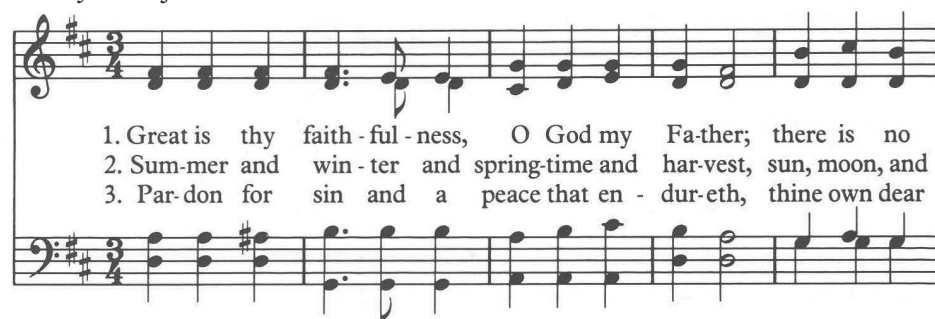
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

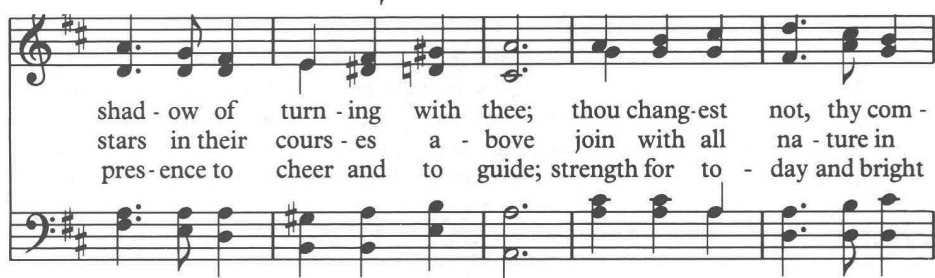
HYMN 140*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

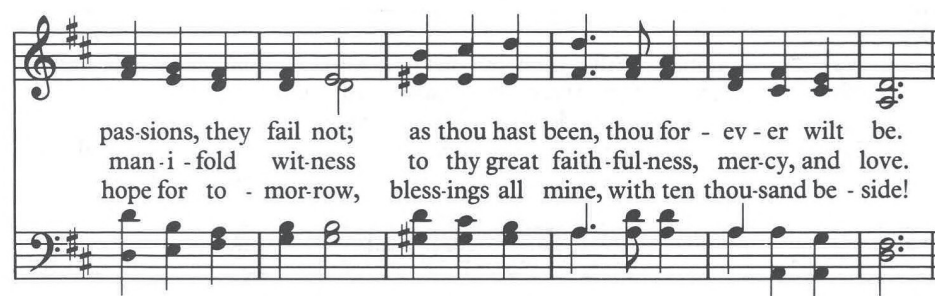
William M. Runyan, 1923



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

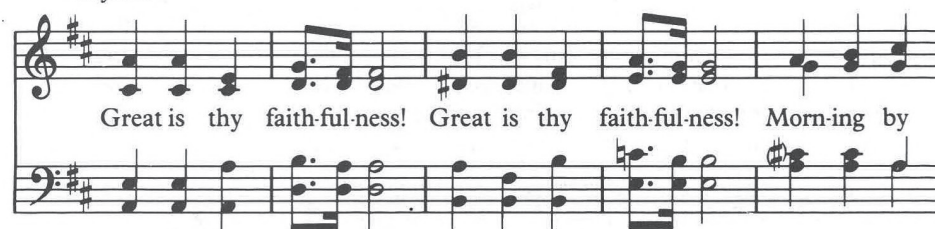


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



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!

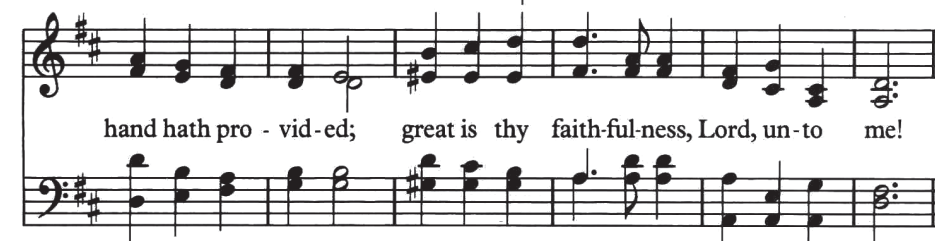
Refrain



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



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

BENEDICTION *

PEACE *

Minister: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

RESPONSE *

Tune: Hamburg

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“The people respond - Amen!”, Rubrics

Dan Locklair

(b. 1949)

* Stand as you are able. ** Ushers will seat all those who are waiting.
Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

Preaching: Rev. Bill Britt, *Senior Minister*

Liturgist: Rev. Emily Miles, *Associate Minister and Director of Mental Wellness*

Music: Scott Atchison, *Director of Music and Organist*
Jonathan Easter, *Guest Organist*
Dr. Robin Hensley, *Assistant Organist*
Schola Cantorum

For information on upcoming worship services please visit www.prumc.org.

WELCOME TO PEACHTREE ROAD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are glad you are with us today! **Please check in** to help us keep in touch with our faith community. Sign in using the red pads in your pew, scan the QR codes here, or check in with one click on the PRUMC App. Thank you! We hope you will join us again in the coming weeks.

Guest Check-in



Member Check-in



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TODAY

Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering

Wesley Woods offers safe and supportive living for low-income senior adults in Georgia. Our annual Mother's Day offering ensures that residents, regardless of income, can continue to live in a Wesley Woods home. By assisting with shelter, healthcare, and other necessities, elderly residents are able to maintain a decent and dignified life. Please join us in giving generously to this Methodist foundation. You may make your gift using the card and envelope in today's bulletin. You may also give securely through the PRUMC app, or online at prumc.org/give.

Doxology Youth Choir PreTour Concert

Today, 10:00 am, Grace Hall

Join us today to hear our incredible Doxology Youth Choir! These talented students are preparing for a week of music, mission, and adventure as they tour through some of our country's most beautiful national parks. At today's special concert, they will debut their tour program - a moving blend of sacred music and youthful energy. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youth, celebrate their gifts, and enjoy a joyful morning of song.

Dove Sponsorships: Proof Your Listing by Today

Thank you for your generous support of our Dove Sponsorships throughout our centennial year. We are preparing a special Centennial Commemorative Bulletin to honor all sponsors and honorees. A preliminary listing of names has been published online for proofreading. Please take a moment to review your submission carefully by visiting prumc.org/dove-sponsors. All corrections must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Sunday, May 11. To ensure consistency and reflect the formality of the commemorative bulletin, we may make minor editorial adjustments as needed. Thank you for helping us honor this special moment!

IF YOU ARE NEW

Tea with the Clergy

Sunday, May 18, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Hospitality Suite

Get to know our church and ministers better at this casual afternoon gathering. Rev. Bill Britt and the clergy team will answer questions, share their vision, and help you connect to areas of interest within the church. After conversation wraps up, those who wish to take the next step in membership may join in a brief service. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

An Evening with ESPN's Laura Rutledge!

Wednesday, May 21, 6:00 pm, Grace Hall

Laura Rutledge, acclaimed SEC/ESPN host and sports journalist, will share her journey of balancing a high-profile career with family life. With warmth and authenticity, Laura will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the demands of her profession, the lessons she has learned along the way, and how she strives to maintain perspective and purpose amid a fast-paced world. Presented by PRUMC Children's & Family Ministry. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Register at prumc.org/events.

ADULT EDUCATION

Disciple Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 18, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Disciple participants commit to deepening their faith, growing as followers of Christ, and discovering how to live out their discipleship in meaningful ways. Along the way, they become more devoted servants and thoughtful leaders, gaining a richer understanding of scripture, community, and calling. We are proud of these graduates and the impact they make, within our church and beyond.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

PRUMC Schedule Updates for May 12 - 15, 2025

We are honored to host the 2025 **Festival of Homiletics** at PRUMC. This conference will bring together 650 ministers and church leaders to focus on excellence in preaching and worship. To accommodate the participants, we have asked that daytime events during this week be rescheduled. In addition to studies, Wednesday Midweek Worship and lunch will not take place. Thank you for helping extend our hospitality to this important gathering.

Rollins Canopy Construction Begins May 18

To improve safe, all-weather access, the Rollins Center Canopy will be extended to cover two drop-off lanes. Construction begins May 18, with preparations starting May 16. The turnaround and sidewalk will close, with walkways covered for protection. The main Rollins entrance will remain open, but we encourage using alternate entrances for safety. For updates, visit prumc.org/construction.

New Resource Center Opening June 8

The PRUMC Resource Center is a shared, welcoming space dedicated to three ministry areas: Local Outreach, Adult Education, and One Lamb Mental Wellness. Located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building, it is a multi-functional space created to meet the needs of both our church and the wider community.

ONE LAMB MENTAL WELLNESS

Mental Health Awareness Lunch & Learn Series

Thursdays, **Now - May 22**, 12:00 pm, Zoom

May 15 *Raising Resilient Children*
Marti Munford, LPC

May 22 *Building and Maintaining a Loving Family*
Melinda Barefoot, LPC

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, join us for a series of four online Lunch & Learns! Each session will cover a different mental wellness topic presented by a clinical professional. When you register at prumc.org/events, you will receive a Zoom link to join the sessions.

Mindfulness and Meditation 101

Wednesdays, **Now - May 28**, 12:45-1:45 pm, C208

Join Rev. Emily Miles for a 4-week introduction to mindfulness and meditation. Learn simple practices—like seated and walking meditation, yoga, and mindful eating—to reduce stress, grow in awareness, and deepen your connection with God and self. Register at prumc.org/events.

PASTORAL CARE

Movers and Shakers Parkinson's Support Group

Wednesday, **May 14**, 12:00 pm, B158

If you or someone you know has Parkinson's disease, we have a support group at the church for you! Please join us on the second Wednesday of every month for lunch, sharing, and support on your journey. Contact Rosemary Josey at rosemary.josey@gmail.com.

CHILDREN & PARENTS

Confirmation Preview

Sunday, **May 18**, 10:00 am, meet in The Loft

All 5th graders will meet PRUMC youth, confirmation leaders, and staff to hear about the exciting year ahead!

VBS "Egypt": New Extended Day Option!

June 9 - 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Children's Building

Kids four (as of 9/1/2024) through fifth grade will learn about dreams, forgiveness, God's plan, and ancient Egypt through exciting games, crafts, and lessons! An optional extended day runs from 12:00 - 3:00 pm with lunchtime, movie time, and playtime! Register at prumc.org/events.

YOUTH

Doxology Youth Choir Summer Tour

May 31 - June 6, Western U.S.

Our youth choir will spend a week in song, service, and fun as they perform and explore the history and beauty of our unparalleled national parks. Stops include Salt Lake City, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton National Parks.

Middle School Discovery Week

Our middle schoolers will dive into a week of service, worship, and fun right here in Atlanta **July 13-17**. We will serve at SafeHouse and Square Foot Ministry, then play hard with a silent disco, 9-square tournaments, a Six Flags day, and a pool party! Register at prumc.org/events.

ADULTS

Lunch and a Play

Wednesday, **May 28**, 11:30 am - 5:00 pm, Bus from PRUMC
Join us for lunch at Café Agora, followed by the world premiere of *Millions*, a heartwarming new musical at the Alliance Theatre. Tickets are \$20 plus lunch. RSVP to Heather Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org.

THE CENTENNIAL

The Centennial Capital Campaign

For a century, Peachtree Road has been a steadfast place of worship, welcome, and witness. As we celebrate 100 years of God's faithfulness, we acknowledge our legacy of Methodist belief and character. Through the Centennial Capital Campaign, we have the opportunity to do much for generations to come.

With your support, we will:

- Extend the Rollins Center portico
- Grow our endowment and reserves
- Expand our housing at the City of Refuge
- Create a prayer labyrinth and amphitheater
- Re-imagine our front property on Peachtree

Now is our time to invest in the future with the same faith and vision as our founders. Please consider joining us by making a three-year pledge at prumc.org/give.

A Special Southern Evening - Centennial Finale Celebration!

Saturday, **June 7**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Peachtree Road UMC

Join us for a warm and wonderful evening of Southern charm as we celebrate 100 years of faith, fellowship, and our shared future. This special night will be filled with live music, laughter with comedian Ellen Skrmetti, posh picnic fare, birthday cake for all, stories and songs, activities just for kids, and a century of blessings! Please **RSVP by May 28** at prumc.org/100.

Commemorative Worship with Bishop Robin Dease

Sunday, **June 1**, 8:45, 10:00, and 11:15 am

We are honored that the final worship services of the Centennial year will be led by Bishop Robin Dease. On this day, we will reflect on our rich history, give thanks, and anticipate our bright future.

Sanctuary Dove Tours

Wednesdays, 11:15 am | **Select Sundays**, 12:45 pm, Sanctuary

Our 45-minute docent-led tour will give you a unique, insider perspective into our extraordinary Dove exhibit. Reserve your spot at prumc.org/doves. For more information, contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

THE DOGWOOD SHOP

The Dogwood Shop

Discover a beautiful new selection of seasonal items including Mother's Day and graduation gifts. All proceeds of the Dogwood Shop support our Global Mission initiatives. We are open six days a week.

Centennial Coloring Book and Story Book

Seek, and Ye Shall Find - A Centennial Adventure

Join three curious animal friends on a delightful game of hide-and-seek around Peachtree Road! At every turn, you will discover something wonderful about our faith and our church. Written by PRUMC member Kelly Brannon, this charming story has been brought to life as a coloring book and is being used as Centennial curriculum for our youngest members. Now, this special publication is available in two formats at The Dogwood shop!

CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

Submit Veteran Photos for Celebration of Freedom

We will honor our veterans at this year's Celebration of Freedom lunch with a slideshow on the big screen. Please submit photos of PRUMC Veterans in uniform with name, branch, rank, dates of service, and description of the submitted photograph. Email photos to Heather Holdridge at heatherch@prumc.org by **June 8**. You may also bring photos by the office for us to digitize if needed.

Celebration of Freedom Volunteer Festival Chorus

Sunday, **June 22**, 8:45 & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

Join the Chancel Choir to sing patriotic favorites and hymns from the choir loft! We will have one rehearsal on Wednesday, **June 18**. Contact Ruth Sommerville at 404.240.8212 or ruths@prumc.org.

Special Joining Day in Worship

Sunday, **June 22**, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

We are excited to welcome new members during worship on this day. For more information on joining, please contact Brittany Charron at brittanyc@prumc.org.

To make a secure online gift, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to be directed to our giving web page. There, you can easily complete your contribution. Thank you!

