



Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 13th

9:30 A.M. Livestream is available on the LTUMC YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgtuJe20i8DN7S_Cfg1sWCg

RINGING OF THE BELL – *Please observe silence as we prepare for the service.*

PRELUDE

GREETING *(Please Stand)*

O give thanks to the Lord!

Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

Sing to God, sing praises!

Rise up your song in our souls.

Tell of God's wonderful works!

Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

We grow strong in your power and might.

Remember all that God has done!

You shape our lives through every challenge.

Praise the Lord!

We praise you, Lord!

HYMN #103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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OPENING PRAYER *(Please be seated)*

Lord, if it's you, we need to hear from you.

When we are alone

When we go away to pray

When we have little faith

When we are battered by the waves

When the wind is against us

When we get in the boat

When we're terrified by our ghosts

When we seek you on the mountain

When we cry out in fear

When we start walking on water

When we begin to sink

***When we are far from land
Lord, if it's you,
speak to us,
calm our fears,
calm our storms
Strengthen our resolve
Remind us who you are
Walk to us
Call to us
Save us
Reach out your hand and catch us
Quiet the wind around us
Lord, if it's you, we worship you for "Truly you are the Son of God."
Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

- 37:1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.
- 37:2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.
- 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.
- 37:4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.
- 37:12 Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem.
- 37:13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am."
- 37:14 So, he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem,
- 37:15 and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?"
- 37:16 "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock."
- 37:17 The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So, Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan.
- 37:18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him.
- 37:19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer.

- 37:20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."
- 37:21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."
- 37:22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" --that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.
- 37:23 So, when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;
- 37:24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.
- 37:25 Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.
- 37:26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?
- 37:27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed.
- 37:28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (Psalter Lesson ~ Please read the bold text)

- 105:1 O, give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**
- 105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**
- 105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- 105:6 O, offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**
- 105:16 When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,
- 105:17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**
- 105:18 His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;
- 105:19 until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.**

- 105:20 The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.
105:21 He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,
105:22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.
105:45b Praise the LORD!

Romans 10:5-15 (Epistle Reading)

- 10:5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."
10:6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (That is, to bring Christ down)
10:7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (That is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
10:9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
10:10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.
10:11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."
10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
10:13 For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
10:14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?
10:15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33 (Please stand for the Gospel)

- 14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
14:23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
14:24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
14:25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
14:26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
14:27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

- 14:28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
- 14:29 He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.
- 14:30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"
- 14:31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
- 14:32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 14:33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
- L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.*
- P: Thanks be to God.***

SOLO

Give me Jesus Arr. H. T. Burleigh

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Let us offer our silent confessions.)*

Gracious Creator, we seek your blessing, knowing that we have not earned it. In our faults, we seek your blessing. In our sins, we seek your forgiveness. In our weakness, we seek your strength. In our sorrow, we seek your consolation. In our trials, we seek your justice. In our pain, we seek your peace. Hear our prayers, O God, and make our hearts new. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved family of Christ, the search is not over. The seeking has only just begun. Yet through it all and in it all, God is with us. May we go today trusting that we are found in God and living so that God is found in us. Amen.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(United Church of Australia)*

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.
In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.
We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.
We are a pilgrim people,***

*always on the way towards a promised goal;
on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.
We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.
We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI (UMH #70)

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. Amen.

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OFFERTORY SOLO

The Bird's Song R. Vaughan Williams

DOXOLOGY #95 *(Please be stand)*

*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*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

CLOSING HYMN #368

My Hope is Built

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Pianist

Please extend a warm welcome to **Sarah Moser** back to LTUMC. She has played for us in the past.

Guest Soloist

Please welcome **Doug Grimm** back to LTUMC again this summer. We are in for a nice treat with Doug and Sarah.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are given by **Stephen and Cynthia Wood** in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Building Committee Update

Your Building Committee is pleased to announce that construction on the new Fellowship Hall begins after Labor Day. The construction will not affect Sunday services, and it will not affect fellowship after service.

The Administrative Council will suspend, until construction is complete, daily and evening activities in the Fellowship Hall, including the potluck dinner. During the construction, workers, equipment, and supplies will be placed in Fellowship Hall but cleared up at week's end for Sunday services.

Please continue to attend Sunday service and fellowship and watch as we grow in the Lord's service.

Scholarship Assistance

If you are interested in helping with the scholars in any capacity, please email **Bobbi Moore** at bbolden1@hotmail.com.

LTUMC OUTREACH & SCHOLARSHIP 2023 - 2024

Our Outreach committee supports our partner agencies in Transylvania County. The Scholarship committee is a subset of the Outreach committee. We are grateful to give 50% of we bring in back to Outreach through your generosity!

LTUMC PARTNER NON-PROFIT AGENCIES:

The Sharing House – located in Brevard. They are a source of compassion and crisis assistance for under-resourced neighbors with food, clothes, showers, used cars for those needing transportation to work.

Gods Way Food Pantry – located in Balsam Grove. They provide food, fresh vegetables, nutrition information to families. They mentor those in life skills, gardening, and food preservation. Classes. They encourage sharing of extra food from gardens started from seedlings GWFP provides.

The Haven – located in Brevard. They are a shelter and provide respite for who are suddenly or unexpectedly fallen into homelessness or those who may be chronically homeless. We provide meals 4 weekends a month and provide new beds for those moving into permanent homes.

Cops for Kids (via the Transylvania County Sherriff's office) – located in Brevard. A child is paired with an officer over breakfast and then shop for a gift for the child. The children are seeing a different side of law enforcement through positive interactions.

The Center for Women – located in Brevard. They are Christ-centered ministry serving women facing unplanned pregnancies and/or parenting challenges. They provide not only free ultrasounds and support through pregnancy, and classes for families.

SAFE Inc. – They are located in Brevard. They prevent domestic and sexual abuse, support those affected, and increase awareness in the community. There is counseling, Stacey's House, a shelter for individuals, children and their pets, and outreach.

North Toxaway Baptist Church Food Bank – located in Lake Toxaway. They serve the Lake Toxaway, Sapphire and Quebec communities with food and household items twice a month.

The Bread of Life – located in Brevard. They provide nutritious meals in a safe and secure environment and to share food with those in need in Transylvania County.

The Children's Center – located in Brevard. They partner with parents and a variety of agencies who work with children in Transylvania County to meet the goals of providing a safe, nurturing, and healthy home environment.

The Family Place – located in Brevard & Rosman. They help families grow and strengthen relationships, encourage nurturing and emotional support within the home, and assist the development of social and emotional health.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

We also support local students through four-year (or longer) scholarships or trade certification. If you are interested in being a partner (formally known as a sponsor/mentor) for a scholarship recipient or want to assist in other means with the Scholarship Committee, please reach out to Bobbie Moore at bbolden1@hotmail.com.

Please pray for our 2023 -2023 Scholars *Denotes Minnich Scholars

JAIDA ANSARI	TERESA MARTINEZ
TRISTA BRYSON	PEYTON MCCALL
BRENNAN CHAPMAN*	CALLIE OWEN
ELIZABETH ANN DAVES	MADISYN OWEN
SKYLAR HARRISON	WYATT OWEN*
MADISON HENSON	CHESNEY PERRY
KAILEIGH JONES	EMMA REESE*
ABRAM JUSTICE	TARA REID
NATHAN MAHONEY	QUIRIAT REYNALDO*

A PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOLARS

ADAPTED FROM

https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers_before/prayers_for_students.html

Lord, we pray for the protection of our scholars. We ask that you would guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus. Wrap them up in Your love and deliver them from all evil. Lord, we pray that you would give every student great enthusiasm for their studies. May you inspire them each and every day. May each seminar and class bring fresh inspiration to their work. May each moment be filled with the energy they need for their tasks. Lord, we pray that all of them would know the hope to which they are called; that their lives would be transformed by revelation from Heaven; that You would inspire their direction and gently lead them into their destinies. Lord, we especially pray for these students' friends at college. May they come to know Your goodness and love, to walk in Your freedom and grace all the days of their lives. (In Jesus' name we pray.) Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have long-term illness, health concerns and special intentions.

Please pray for those having or had a surgery and their recovery.

Our heartfelt prayers for all who have experienced the recent passing of a loved one. Especially for Charlie Steele whose brother, Homer Steele, of Pensacola, FL passed away last week.

Please continue to pray for our student scholars, our local students, teachers and staff as they prepare for the next school year.

STAFF & LAY VOLUNTEERS

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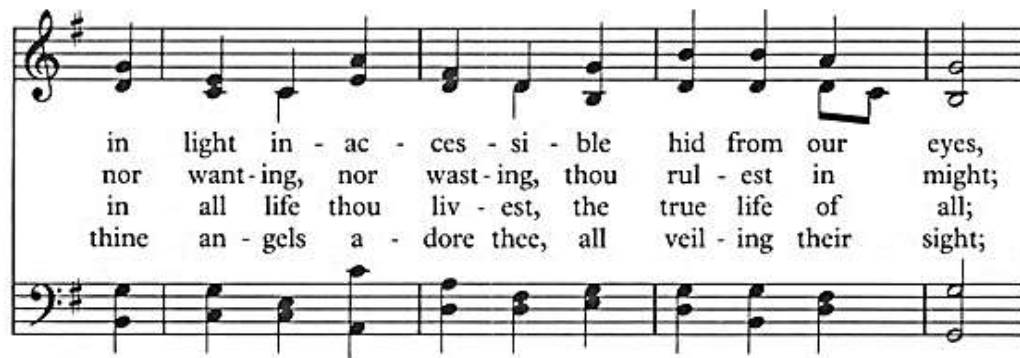
Liturgist: Carole Guffey

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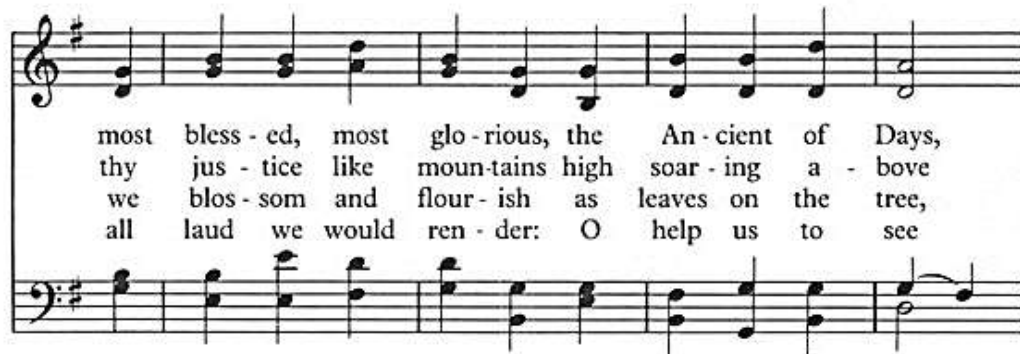
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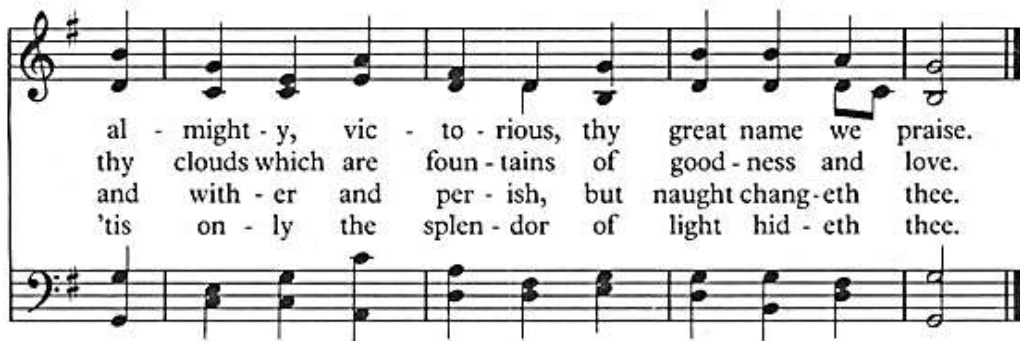
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



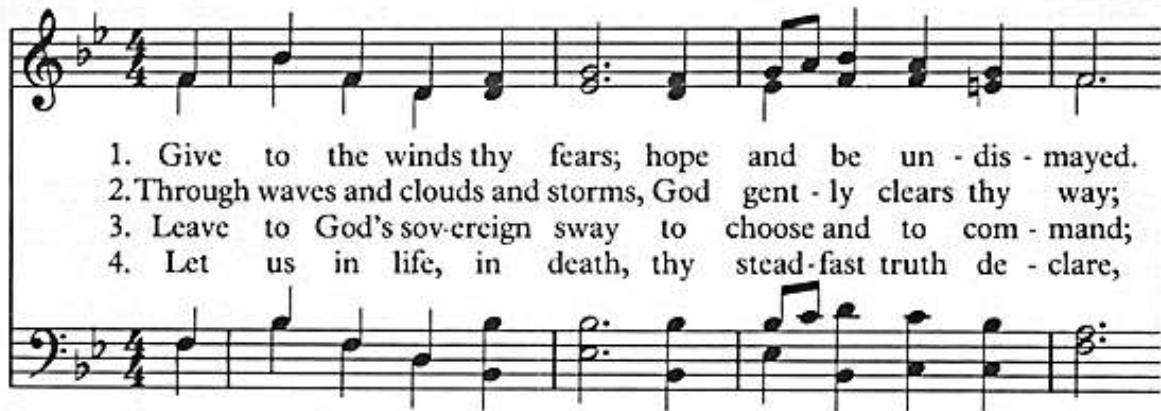
al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867 (1 Tim. 1:17)
 MUSIC: Welsh melody from *Cantidau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. by John Roberts

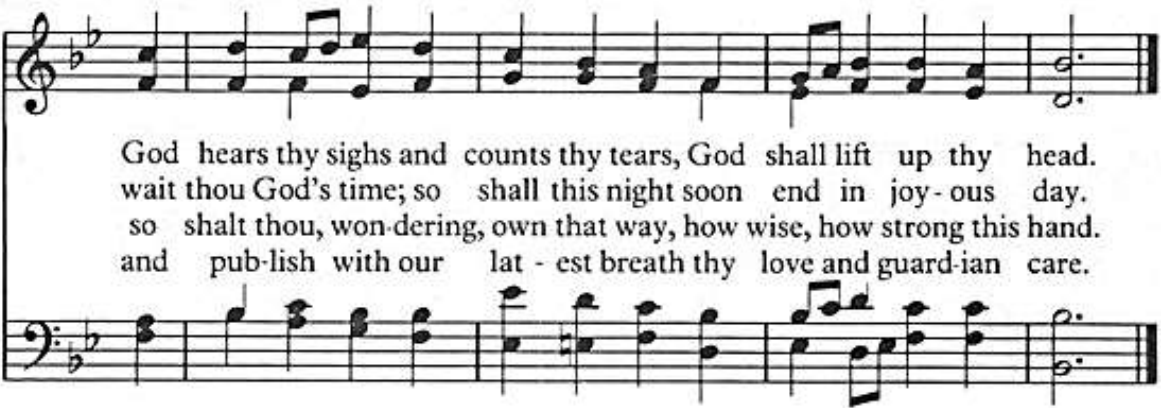
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Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
3. Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and to com - mand;
4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de - clare,



God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
so shalt thou, won - dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
and pub - lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard - ian care.

WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG
SM

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM with Refrain