

Order for the Worship of God
July 26, 2020
8th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: In the midst of life's confusion, God calls out to us, saying "trust in me, and I will make straight your paths. Follow my light, and I will bring hope to your life."

All: So let us worship today in faith and commitment, ready to listen for Christ and to follow where he leads.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Ain't-a-That Good News"

arr. Susan T. (Nelson) Sylvester

Handbell Quartet:

Robert Wood, Stephanie Carson, Linda Feller & Pam Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #269

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
hence forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

O God who travels with us, you know who we are. We long for life that is full and free. We long to know the truth, and we want to leave behind all the things that hold us back. We want to move forward in faith, but the way often seems fraught with problems and dangers. We stand in helpless fear before the complexities of our past and the hiddenness of our future. Stand beside us, gentle Christ. Walk before us, brave Jesus. Call us into life, Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

VOLUNTARY

"Gather Us In"

arr. Mark Albrecht

Heather Wood, Clarinet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #801

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

CRIMOND

**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for his own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 13:25-33 (NRSV)

SERMON

“The Grasshopper Syndrome”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #815

(stanzas 1&2)

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

FESTAL SONG

**Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

arr. David Cherwien

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

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 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
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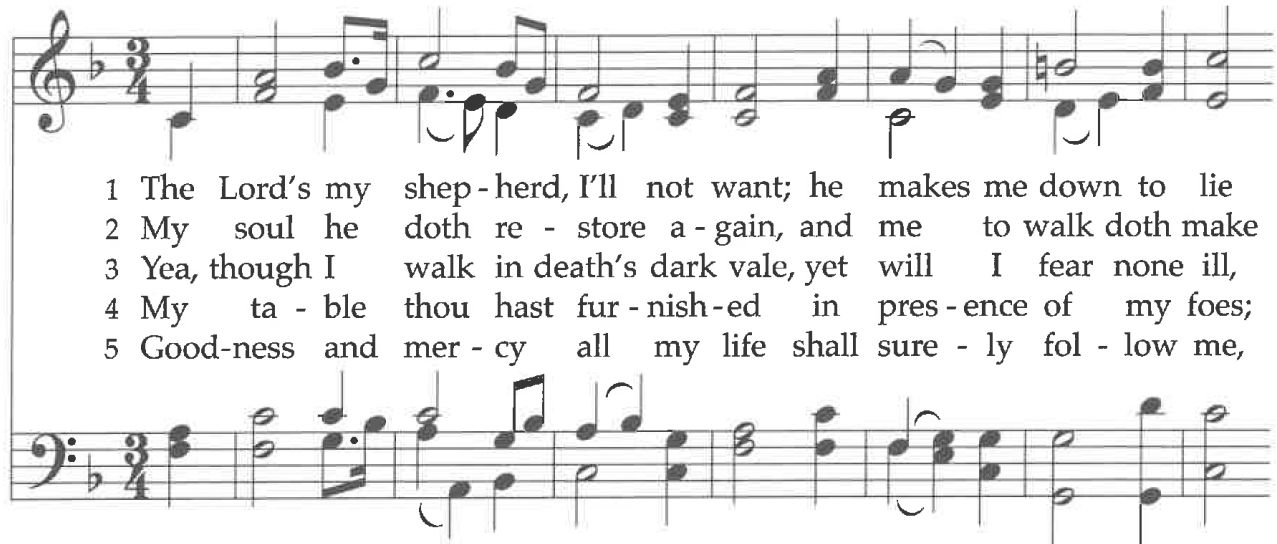
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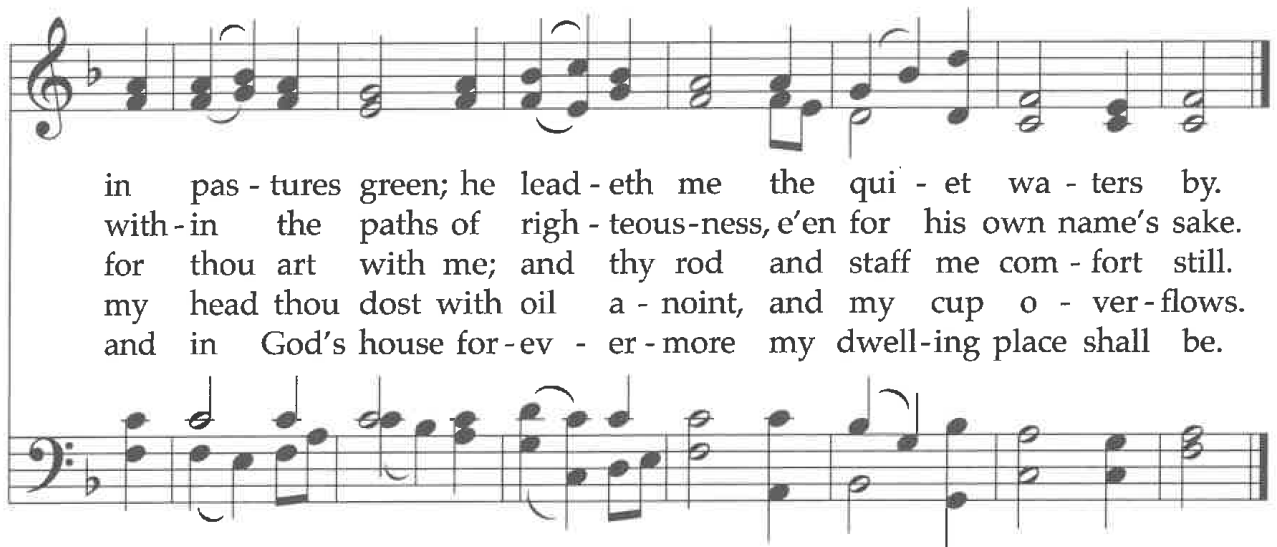
Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)

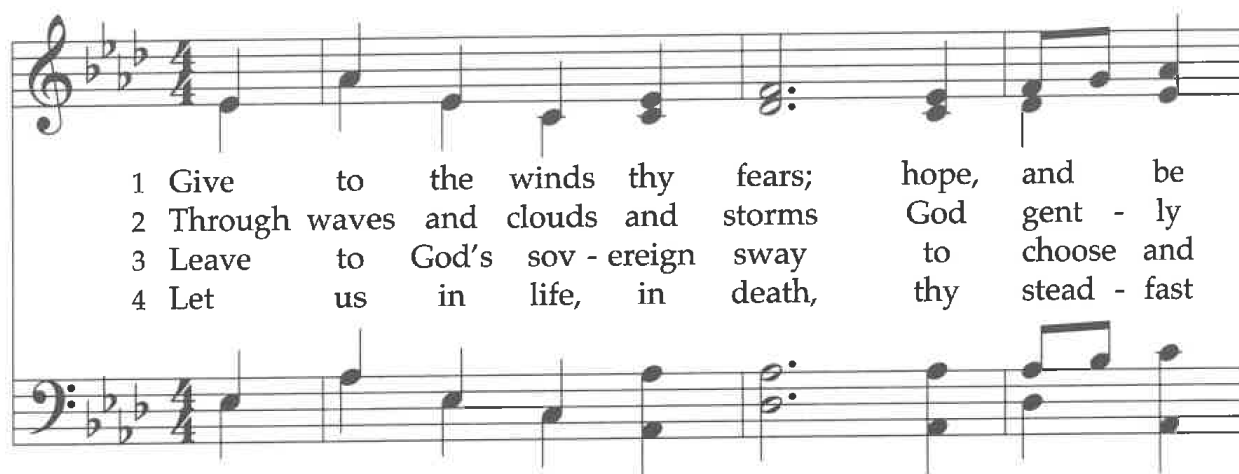


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 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

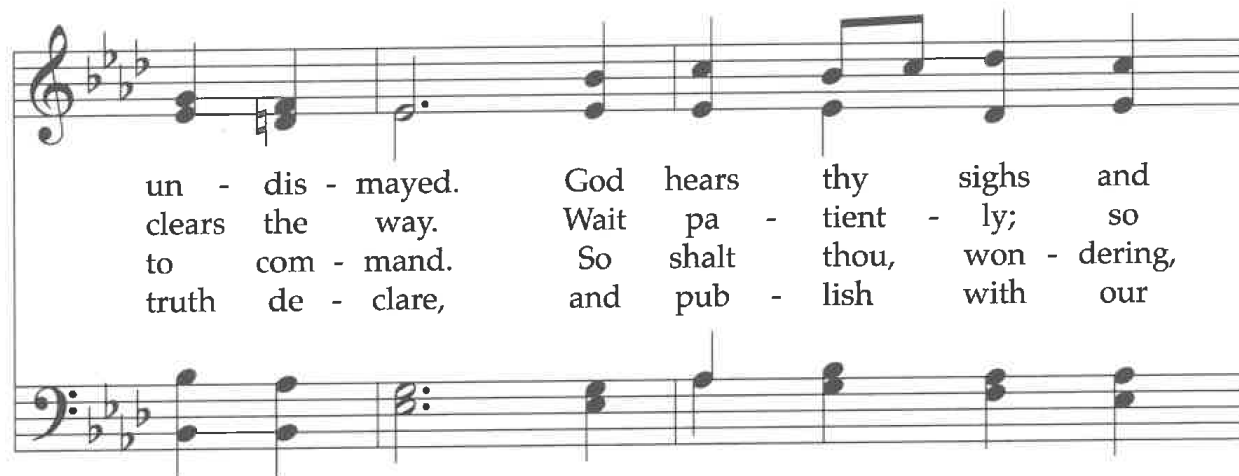


in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

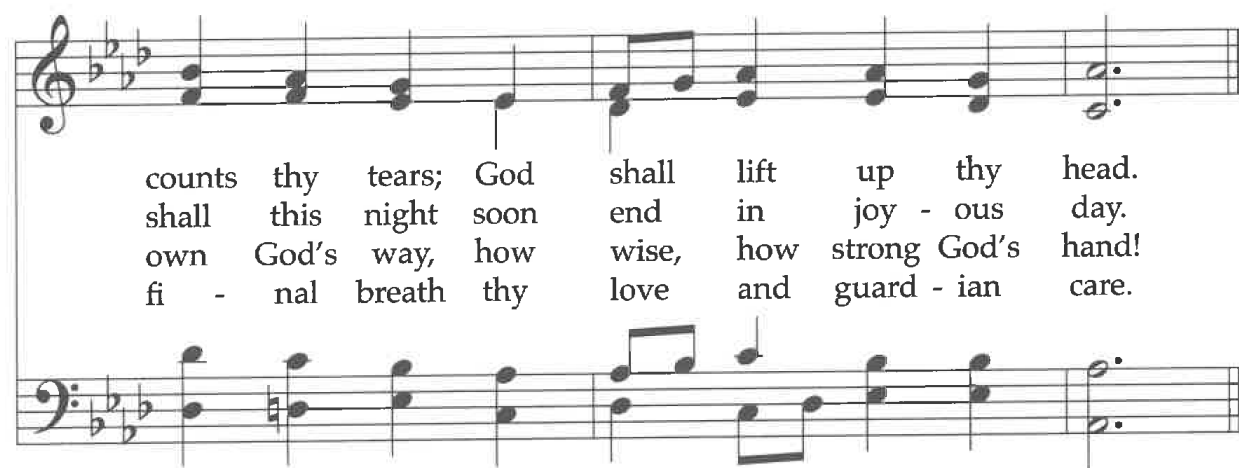
815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



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3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast



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