

Gospel Worship

UNITED VOICES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 8:45 A.M.

INVOCATION

THANKSGIVING

Hallelujah, You're Worthy to Be Praised

Judith McAllister

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25–34

NRSVUE

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

CALL TO SHARING

Negro Spirituals Royalties Project

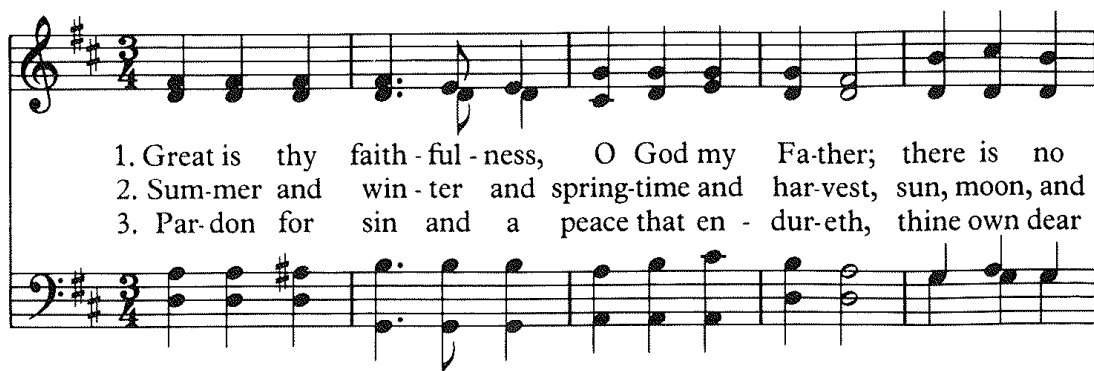
NEGRO SPIRITUALS ROYALTIES PROJECT

In recognition of the African American composers and hymnwriters whose Negro Spirituals are in the public domain and who have never received royalties for these sacred songs that contribute so much to Christian worship, we invite you to support the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project.

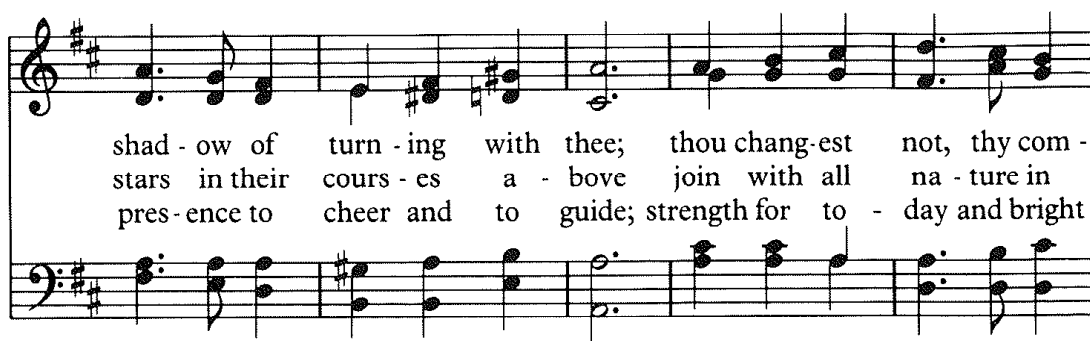
All donations will be given directly to our 2026–2028 NSRP partner, **BUMP: The Triangle**, to support its mission of providing mentorship and multidisciplinary arts education to young creators through music, theater, movement, and visual art rooted in African-diasporic culture.

NSRP envelopes can be found at the deacons’ stand, or donations can be made online at “onrealm.org/ucch/give/now” (select the Negro Spirituals Royalties Project fund).

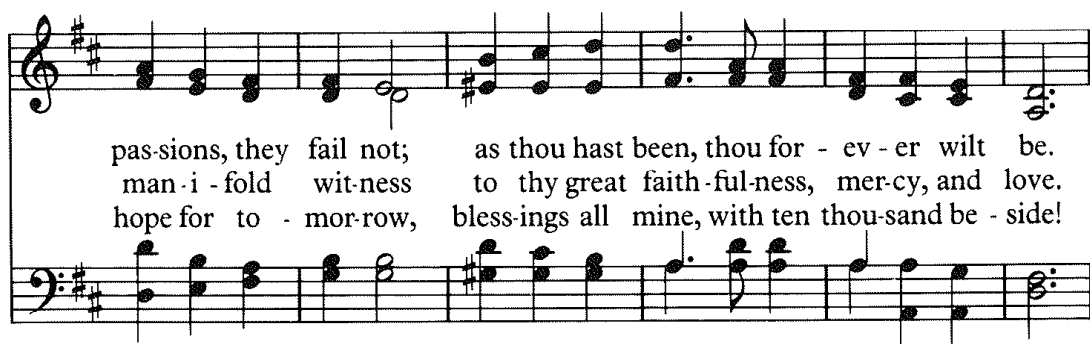
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**NEGRO SPIRITUALS
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1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace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



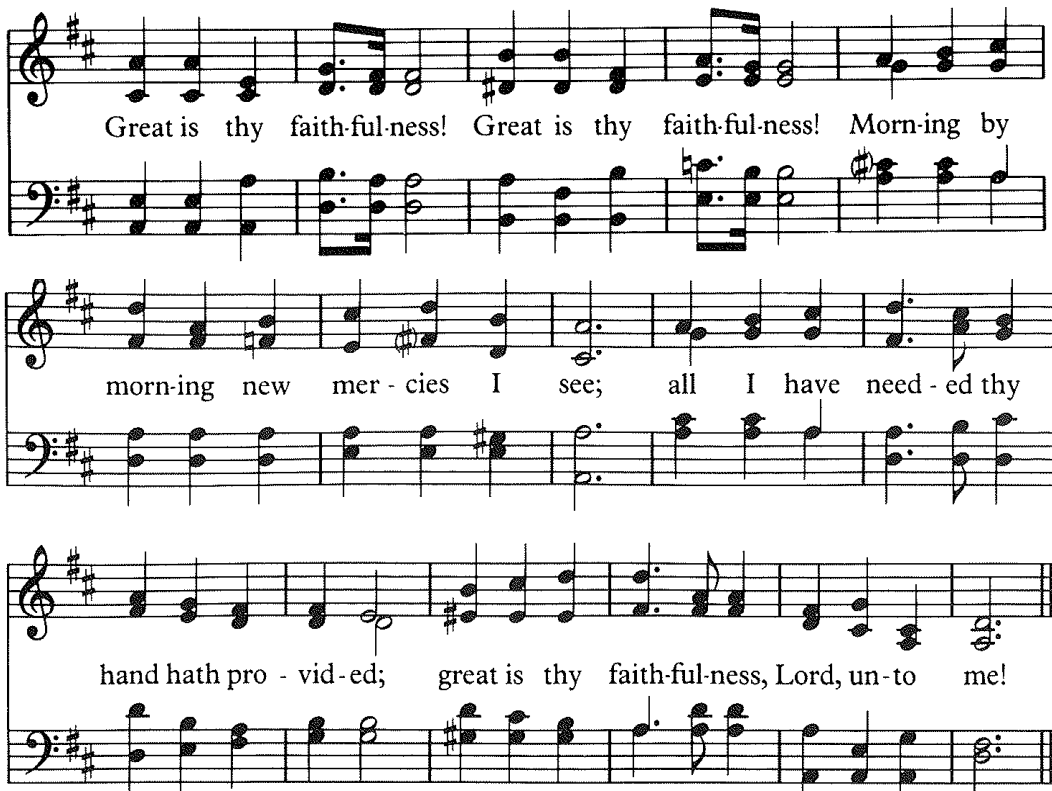
shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



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!

(continued)

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!

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Holy is the Lamb

Oleta Adams

BENEDICTION

GRATITUDE CORNER

Submissions needed! If you can name something about our church community that makes you want to give thanks and sing in less than 200 words, we'd love to share your thoughts in our weekly worship bulletins and newsletters. Send your submission to mmee@unitedchurch.org.

SERVICE NOTES

MUSICIANS: United Voices of Praise Gospel Choir; Vera Bradley & Charles Bradshaw, Directors; Brad Kintner, bass; Minister Larry Duncan, drumset

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MORE GOSPEL WORSHIP: Sundays at 8:45am - November 15; February 14; March 14; April 11; May 9.

COMMUNITY FORUM TODAY AT 9:15AM

SACRED GROUND: AI INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND THE FUTURE WE CHOOSE

Every time we prompt our favorite chatbot, a whole world of data, machines, electricity, water, and people is set in motion. AI is being built out at a speed and scale few technologies in history have matched. Data centers are rising at a feverish pace, including here in North Carolina, and they are changing the landscapes, power bills, and water supplies of the communities around them. The build-out has also sparked growing resistance from local communities, leading to restrictions and moratoria across the country.

Dan Vermeer, a former UCCH member and Duke University professor, will explain what AI actually runs on, where and how it's being built, who bears the costs, and who gets a say. He will also explore the role faith traditions can play in this high-stakes debate: What do we owe our neighbors and the land we share? What does real consent look like? How might our faith help shape a technology that is already shaping us? This presentation is an invitation to think more deeply about the political, societal, economic, and spiritual implications of a technology transformation unfolding in front of our eyes.

ZOMBIES



THE MUSICAL

OCTOBER 25, 2026 · 10:30AM
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NEXT SUNDAY: ZOMBIES! THE MUSICAL

Join us for “Zombies! The Musical,” a funny, family-friendly story about Hunter, who dreams of a school full of zombies and learns lessons about bullying, friendship, and belonging.

This junior musical, led by and featuring the youth and children of UCCH, will be part of our 10:30am joint worship service on October 25. Spanish and ASL translation/interpretation will be provided.

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