

# SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

First Presbyterian Church

Tallahassee, Florida

August 1, 2025, 11:00 AM

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*In Memoriam*

**Sandra “Sandy” Greer Burkholder**

March 13, 1944 – July 21, 2025

# GATHERING

Voluntary	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, BWV 147	J. S. .Bach
Greetings		Rev. Glenn Hodges
*Procession		
*Opening Sentences		
*Prayer		
*Hymn 39	Great is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
*Call to Confession		
*Prayer of Confession		

**God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness.**

**We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ.**

**Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence, we make our confession to you.**

**A time of silence is kept. Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others; heal us from the pain of self-condemnation; free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected; renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.**

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

# PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture	Psalm 23	Greer Burkholder
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Epistle	Romans 8:14–23, 31-39	Janet Fixel
	This is the Word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

*\*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.*

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Sermon

## RESPONDING

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Words of Remembrance

Adam Burkholder  
Jonathan Burkholder  
Mary Kutter

Prayer of Supplication

Rev. Glenn Hodges

With all the saints,  
let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ  
who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;  
draw near to us those who mourn for Sandy, and dry the tears of those who weep.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend;  
comfort us in our sorrow.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life;  
give to Sandy eternal life.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the repentant thief;  
bring Sandy to the joys of heaven.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Sandy was washed in baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit;  
give her fellowship with all your saints.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Sandy was nourished at your table on earth;  
welcome her at your table in the heavenly kingdom.  
**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of Sandy;  
let our faith be our consolation and eternal life our hope. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*Hymn 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

\*Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you always. Alleluia!

\*Procession

Voluntary

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

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## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDER AND PREACHER  
ORGANIST  
VIDEO TEAM  
CUSTODIAN

Rev. Glenn Hodges  
Dr. Judy Arthur  
Carl Morse  
Becky Brown

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Reception:** Sandy's church family welcomes you to a reception in the Westminster Room following the service. Please feel free to enter without forming a line, greeting the family as the opportunity arises.

**Restrooms** are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor sanctuary aisle.

**An induction loop system** is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T—telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

**Large print versions** of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

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# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

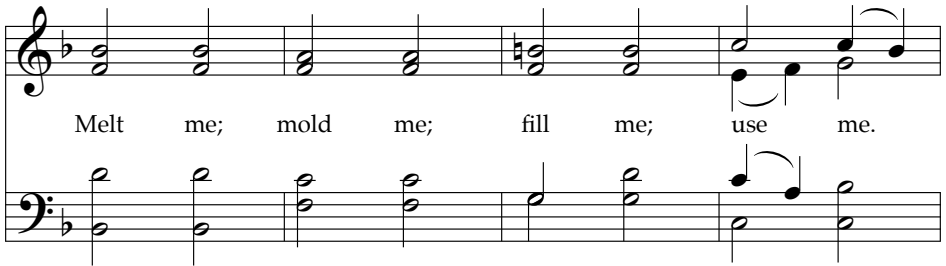
# Spirit of the Living God 288



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 빛으시고 채우소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

## SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.  
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

## 819

## Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.



# LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.