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You've Got a Friend in Me

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Today's Lay Reader: Melissa Wilson

Welcome

Prelude

The Faithful Shepherd

Handel

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from near and far; in-person and virtual, live on Sunday and all week long! Come! Come and prepare to take your next step in faith. Come and worship Jesus Christ together!

People: **We come, ready to be the Church of Acts 2, seeing each other as ministry partners, as fellow believers and as friends!**

Leader: You've got a friend in me! You've got troubles? Well, I've got them too! There isn't anything I wouldn't do for you.

People: **If we stick together, we can see it through! You've got a friend in me!**

Hymn

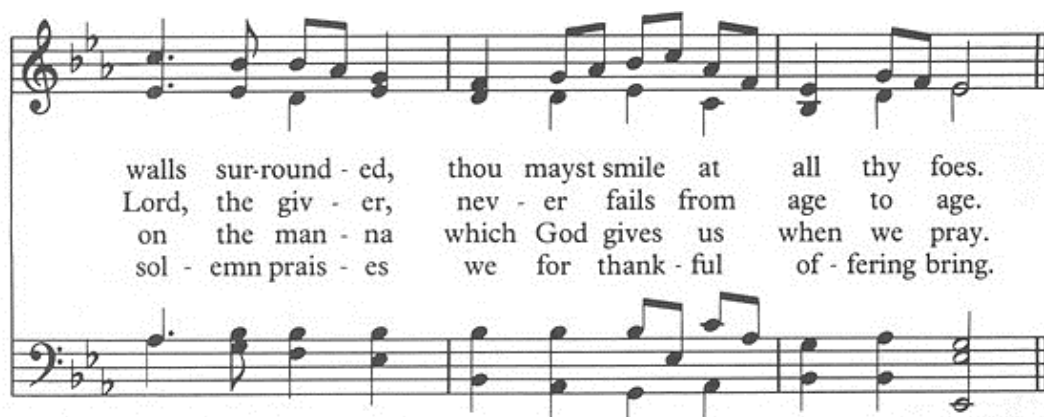
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y
 2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-
 3. Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering, see the cloud and
 4. Blest in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on, washed in our Re-

of our God; God, whose word can-not be bro-ken,
 ter-nal love, well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters,
 fire ap-pear for a glo-ry and a cov-ering,
 deem-er's blood; Je-sus, whom our souls re-ly on,

formed thee for his own a-bode. On the Rock of A-ges
 and all fear of want re-move. Who can faint while such a
 show-ing that the Lord is near! Thus de-riv-ing from our
 makes us mon-archs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he

found-ed, what can shake thy sure re-pose? With sal-va-tion's
 riv-er ev-er will their thirst as-suage? Grace which like the
 ban-ner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed up-
 rais-es, rul-ers o-ver self to reign, and as priests his



Opening Prayer

Lord, help us to hear the voice of Jesus saying “you’ve got a friend in me”. Help us to respond “as the years go by, our friendship will never die. You’ve got a friend in me, too, Jesus! With Jesus as our example of friendship, help us to go out into the world making even more friends for Christ! Amen!

Pastor’s Preview

Young Disciples Chatting with The Rev

Chorus

Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
 Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
 Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!
 Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!
 Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
 Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Glory to the King of kings!

Senior Choir

Sing Praise, Sing Joy

Allan Robert Petker

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and

generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

You've Got a Friend in Me

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Lamb of God

arr. John Carter

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The first system of musical notation for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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

The second system of musical notation for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

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!

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary in D

George Dyson