

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; he has poured down for you abundant rain.

Jeremiah 2:23

The river of God is full of water.

Psalm 65:9

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength.

2 Timothy 4:17

All who humble themselves will be exalted.

Luke 18:14

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit (3x)

A great longing is upon us to live again in a world made of gifts.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Holy Love

*+Hymn 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer to Calm Our Fear

“Lord, help!” we cry to you in our trouble.

God, wake us to your presence today.

You saved us from our distress.

God, wake us to your presence today.

You calmed the storm to a whisper, and stilled the waves.

God, wake us to your presence today.

+Response (3x)

Let things ripen and then fall.

Force is not the way at all.

Just let go and we will see

The way to do is to be.

Declaration of Gace and Gratitude

*+Response 843 (3x)

My soul is at rest in God alone;

my salvation comes from God.

*Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Lesson

1 John 4:16-18

Interlude

Reflection & Skit

“Wholly Loved by Holy Love”

*Hymn 821

“My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing?)”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“I’ll Fly Away”

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*Acclamation

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

*Sending 448 (2x)

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.

Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

*Postlude

Love is a piece of toast and a diamond. It is a sturdy and imperfect shelter, all around and deep inside.

Anne Lamott

Beneath the many choices we have to make, love, like water, flows back into the world through us.

Mark Nepo

Tá brón orm. Sadness is on me. Padraig O’Tuama

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised
Standard Version

Call to Holy Love & Prayer
Psalm 107

Reading

Mary Oliver

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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.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

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

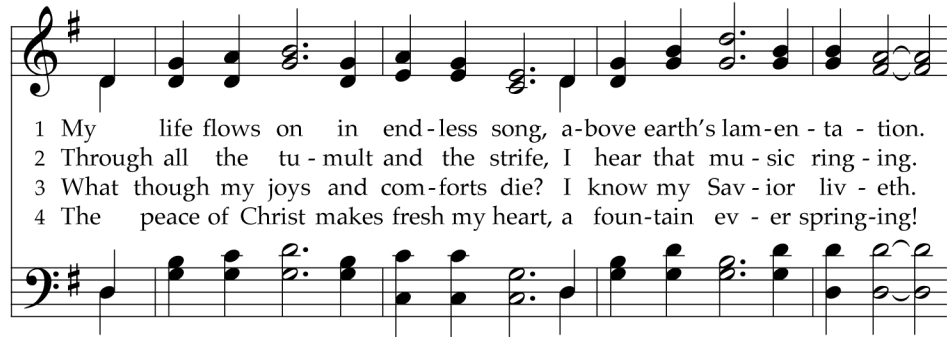
All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
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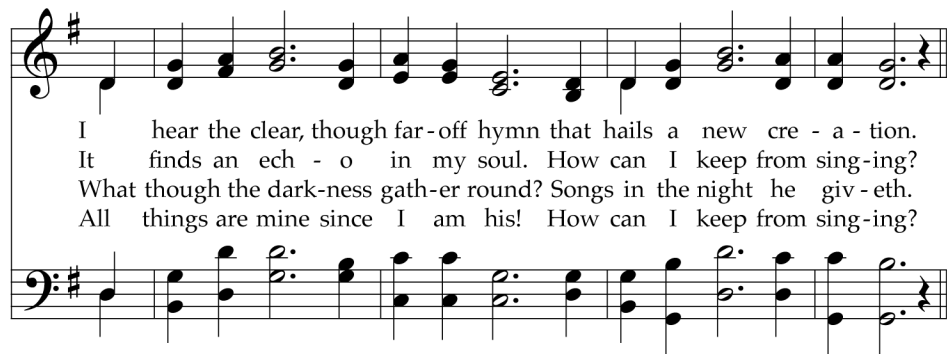
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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

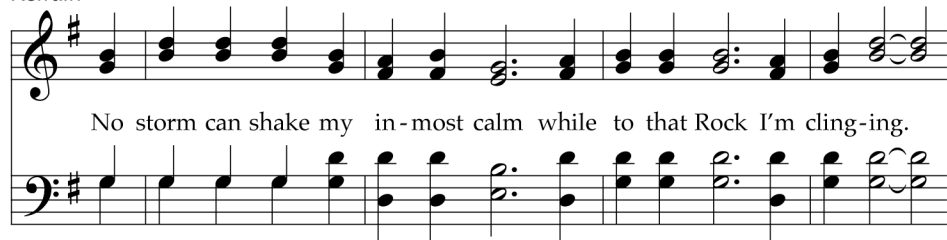


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

Staying the Course

SPC 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Based on input from the congregation, the SPC Session has adopted budget priorities for the near and mid-term future.

These budget priorities lead us to an annual budget of roughly \$390,000.

Last year's pledged income was \$242,000. Additional large one-time donations totaled \$80,000.

(Other sources of income include non-pledged general giving and building use giving)

We have enough money in reserves to maintain our annual budget for 2-3 years.

For the long term we need to increase our annual pledged income and major one-time donations by 5% per year.

Where Do the Dollars Go?

Work in the World: \$30,250 (8%)

Includes gifts to Jefferson County Community Ministries, Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center, LGBTQIA+ support and more!

Property: \$55,250 (14%)

Includes general maintenance, landscaping, heating/cooling, custodial service, insurance, etc.

[An additional Building Fund is operated separately in order to provide resources for major expenses such as roof repair]

Ministry Programs: \$61,250 (16%)

Includes children and youth programming, worship and music, adult education, hospitality, office supplies, etc.

Pastor and Staff: \$243,250 (62%)

Includes Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Director of Children and Youth Formation, Choir Director, Accompanist, Tech Support and Nursery Attendants

[Includes commitments to equity in compensation, expansion of and training for the Director of Children and Youth Formation, and benefits for those working more than 20 hours per week]



According to God's view,
which man prayed the right way?



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Ages 7+

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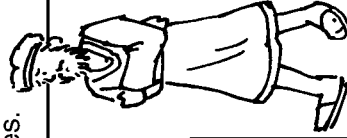
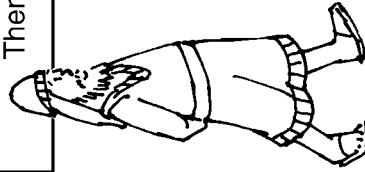
The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Jesus told a parable about 2 men.

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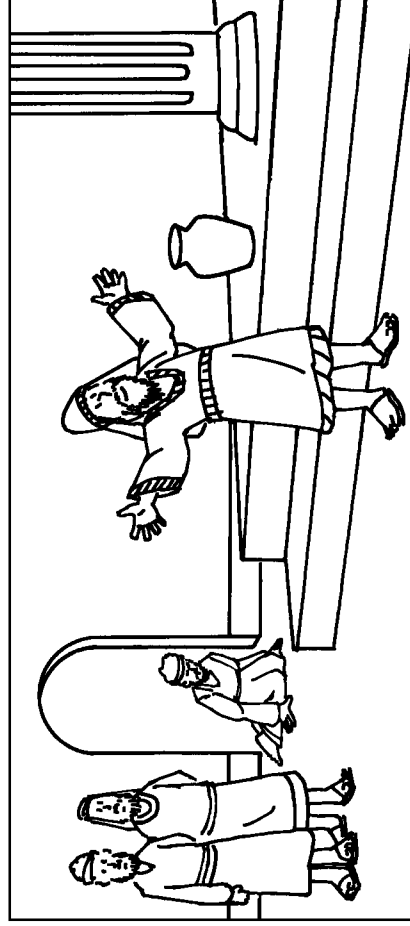
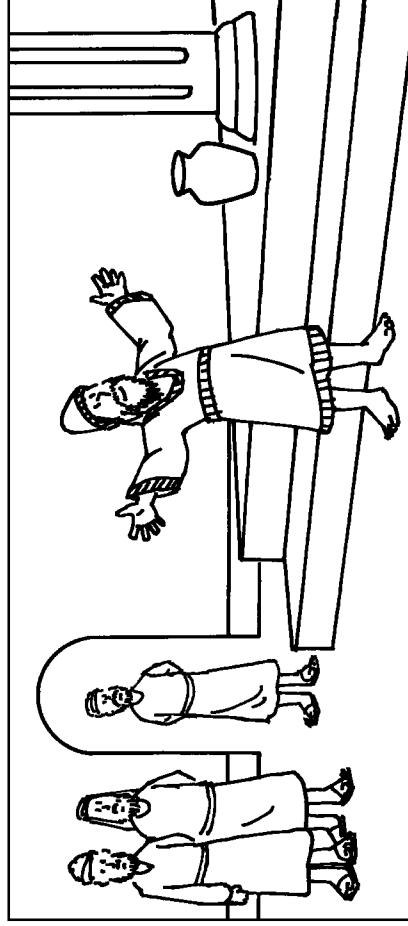
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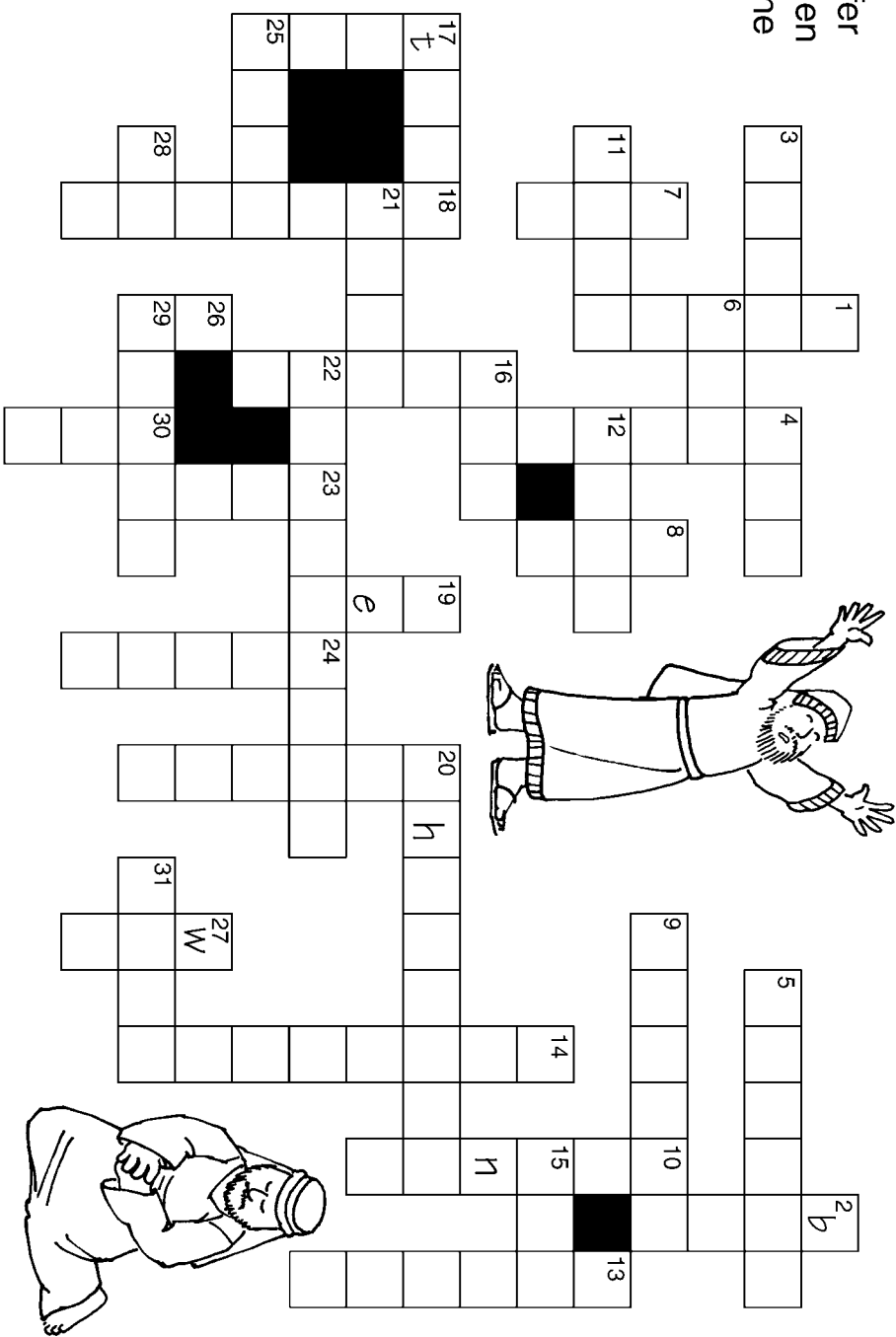
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Find 10 differences in the 2nd picture.



Fit the words into the puzzle. Transfer the words to the numbered lines. Then read the parable Jesus told about the Pharisee and the tax collector.

- | Word List | | |
|-----------|-------|-----------|
| me | pray | mercy |
| so | hear | others |
| see | that | temple |
| was | down | breast |
| two | like | people |
| men | told | looked |
| one | good | sinner |
| how | beat | thanked |
| not | have | distance |
| tax | other | Pharisee |
| him | stood | collector |
| went | could | |



4A _____ to the _____ to _____ a _____; the _____

29 _____ a _____ 8 _____ 22 _____ The _____ 20A _____ 1 _____ 26 _____ 13 _____

24 _____ 19 _____ 21 _____ 30 _____ 18 _____ God _____ he _____ 17A _____ 27 _____ 15 _____ 23 _____

29 _____ 20D _____ He _____ God _____ 7 _____ 11 _____ 27 _____ 8 _____ 22 _____

1 _____ at a _____ He _____ He _____ 5 _____ and _____ his _____ He said, "God,

31 _____ 16D _____ 28 _____ 10 _____