Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service **October 18, 2026**

A warm welcome is extended to all.

CHIMES

Three chimes initiate our worship representing the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who calls us into being and worship.

WELCOME Rev. Troy Thomas

THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION and THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Exodus* arr. *Childers*
Sanctuary Bells

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this place,

All: friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary welcomed.

One: In this moment,

All: the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause. This is God's time.

One: In this sanctuary,

All: God's goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.

*HYMN #401 *Here in This Place* GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**unison**)

Holy One, have mercy on us. You created us in your own image, but we hurt and dishonor one another. You planted us in a garden of good things but we exploit and abuse the earth. You gave us your word to guide us, but we sin and fall short of your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Clothe us in your righteousness, fill us with the fruit of your Spirit, and send us forth in your service, that we may be a source of healing in this world you love so much; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: There is a river that flows from the throne of God - the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, washing away our sin. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you.** (*Worshipers are now invited to turn to their neighbor and to the camera extending the peace of Christ. Please be considerate of others who may choose to sign or elbow bump with concerns of passing illness and infection.)*

*HYMN #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (**unison**) Bridget Hollomon

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 33:12-23 (OT- p.77)

ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Rosewall

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more!

TIME FOR CHILDREN Kaylee Hilston

SECOND READING Matthew 22:15-22 (NT- p.23)

SERMON *Things that Belong to God* Rev. Thomas

to Respond to the Word,

*HYMN #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **(unison)** The Apostles' Creed (hymnal page 35)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Cindy and John Phelps

Welcome The people respond, saying:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP – Youth Committee Brittany Harold

OFFERTORY *Courage and Grace* arr. Michael Joy
Sanctuary Bells

*DOXOLOGY #708 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (hymnal page 35)

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES

Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship sending us forth into a new week of service.

POSTLUDE *Royal March* Paul Fey

***Please stand as you are able – in body or spirit.**

We Welcome You in the Name of Christ whom we believe guided you here to be with us today. We are honored that you're here! We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, study, and service. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership at Clemmons Presbyterian Church. Please take a moment to let us know a bit more about you by filling out a visitor card from the pew pocket nearest you or on the friendship pad as it is passed.

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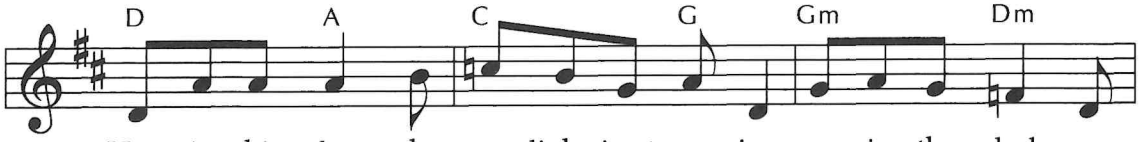
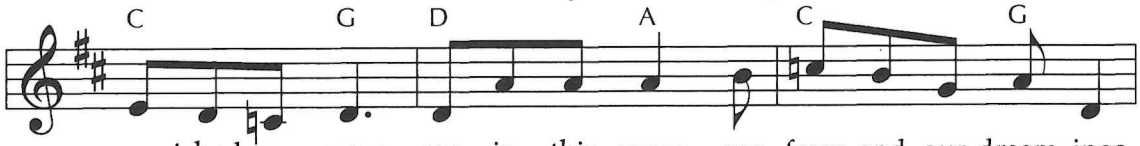
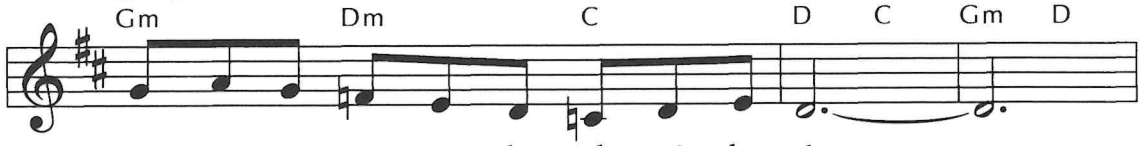
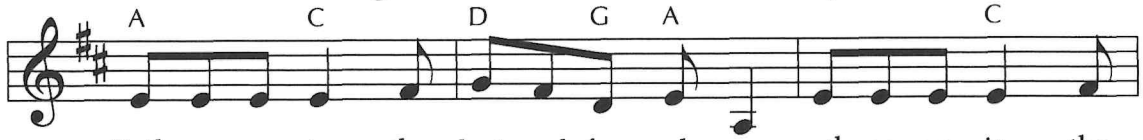
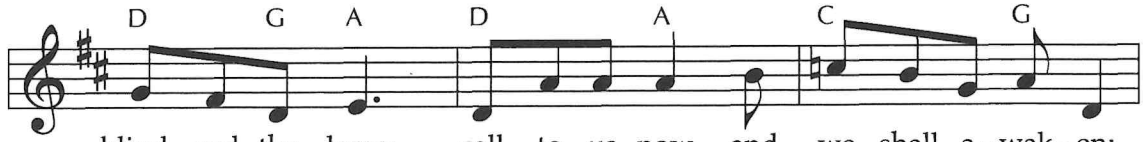
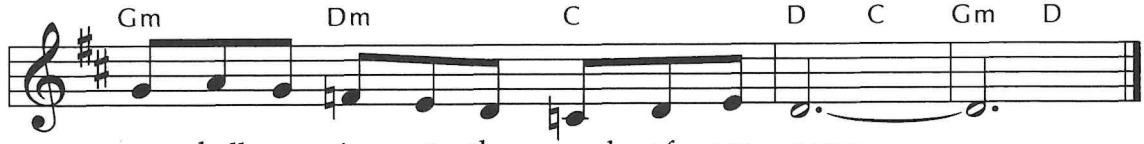
Here in This Place 401

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979
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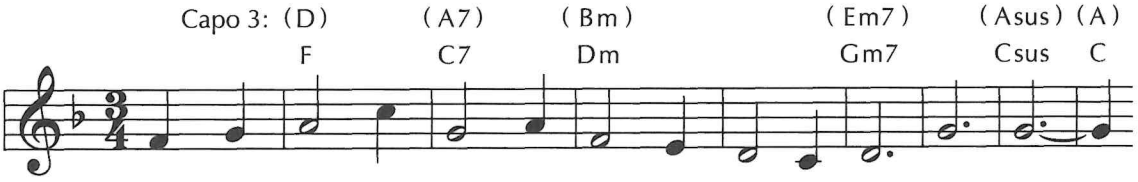
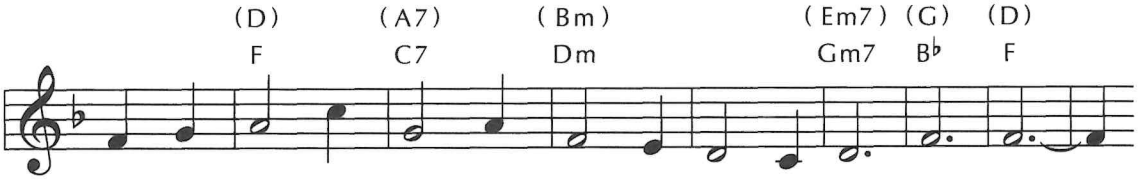
726 Will You Come and Follow Me

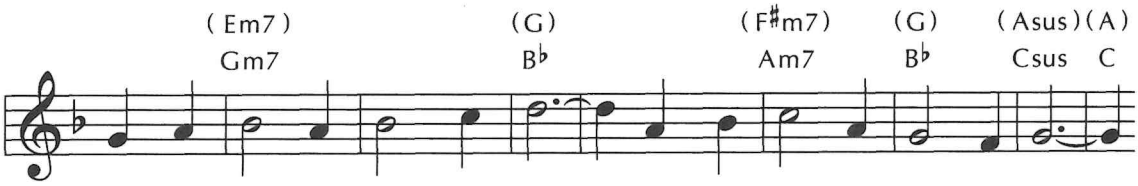
The Summons



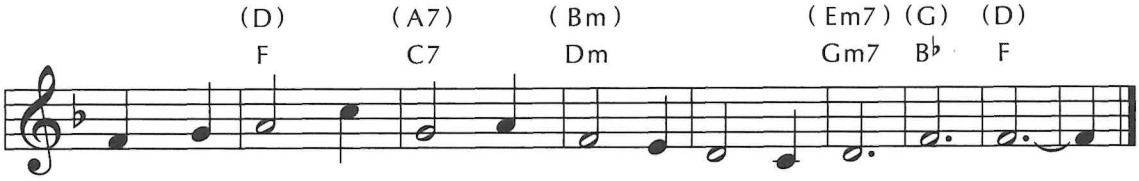
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com-pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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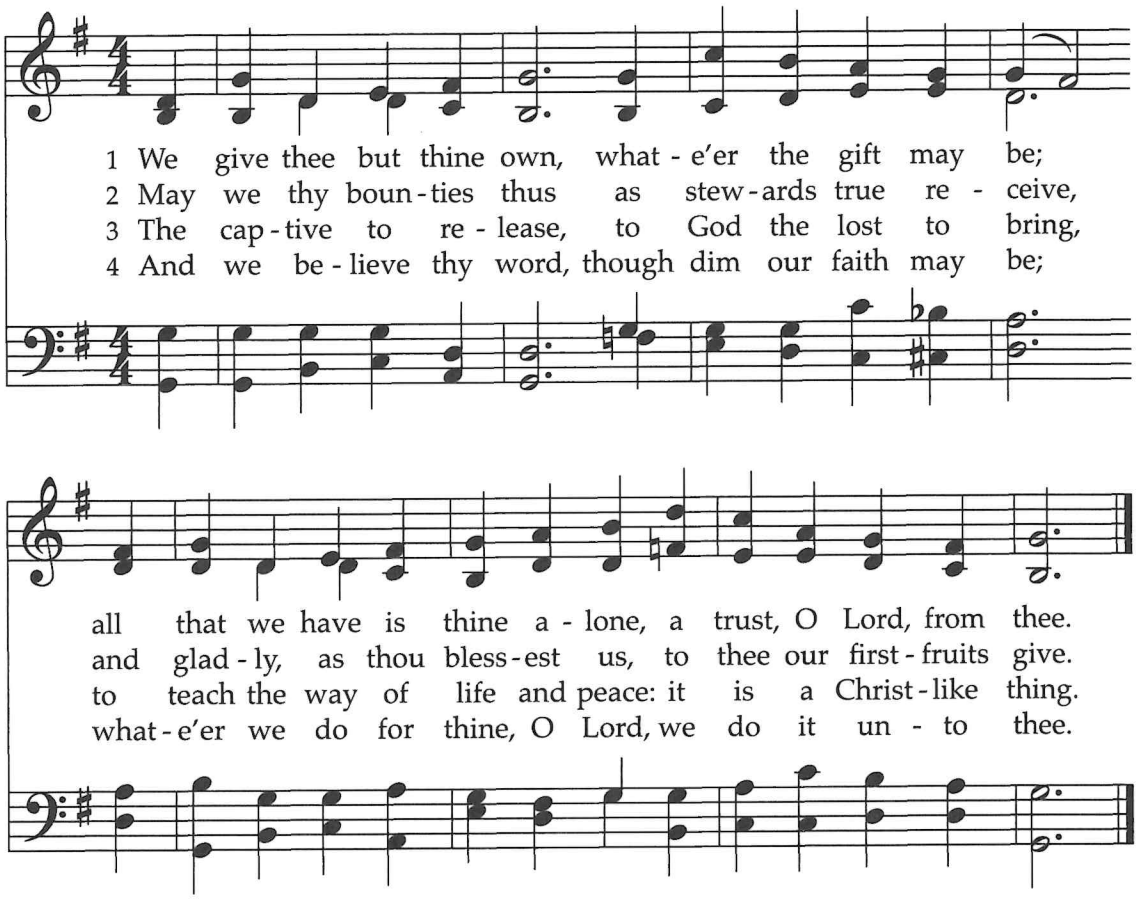
We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

TEXT: William Walsham How, c. 1858
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis,* 1850

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