Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service **October 25, 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
- Brad Huggins /online giving, directed giving, and distributions from an IRA

PRELUDE *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* arr. *Joel Raney*

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is our dwelling place:

All: God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

One: God is our dwelling place:

All: God gathers us into community with all people to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

One: God is our dwelling place:

All: God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony, to grow new gardens.

*HYMN #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**unison**)

God our light and our rescue, our fortress in times of trouble, when human powers seek to crush us, protect us in the hidden places of your heart. Ease our fears and let us rest in you. Forgive us when we do not trust in your mercy or your power to redeem. Forgive us when we are comfortable in our safety while watching the lives of others who remain threatened. Gather us, one and all, into your house - one family - so that we may enjoy your beauty forever. Amen.

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Jesus loved those to whom he was near and to those who wished to take his life. Jesus shows us the way of peace so that we may adopt his way and practice his truth. Friends, may 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**) Jackie Milam

Open to us your Word, O God, that hearing we might listen, and by listening grow to understand. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (OT- p.184)

ANTHEM *Ave Verum Corpus* arr. Muller

TIME FOR CHILDREN Kaylee Hilston

SECOND READING Matthew 22: 34-46 (NT- p.24)

SERMON *The Greatest Commandment* Rev. Thomas

to Respond to the Word,

*HYMN #766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **(unison)** The Confession of 1967 (9.20,22)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation of [all humans]. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all [people].

The new life takes shape in a community in which [humanity] knows that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP – Worship Committee Bev Sanford

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. David Nevue

*DOXOLOGY #698 *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 #720 *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

*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 *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. Mark Hayes

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the **Glory of God** by Dave Westlake in memory of his sister, Debbie Hagan, honoring her birthday on October 24.

The yellow rose is placed in the sanctuary today to welcome Allen and Ronda Cooper's new grandson Lucien "Luc" Phillips born on October 19.

We welcome back and thank our guest accompanist Joni Hanna. Joni earned both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. Her passion is accompanying and she has accompanied choirs, soloists and musical theatre productions throughout North Carolina in performance and festivals. A lifelong church musician, Joni currently plays for weekly vespers services at Arbor Acres and Bermuda Village. As a piano teacher and vocal coach, Joni teaches all ages and she currently has students ranging from ages 6 to 95.

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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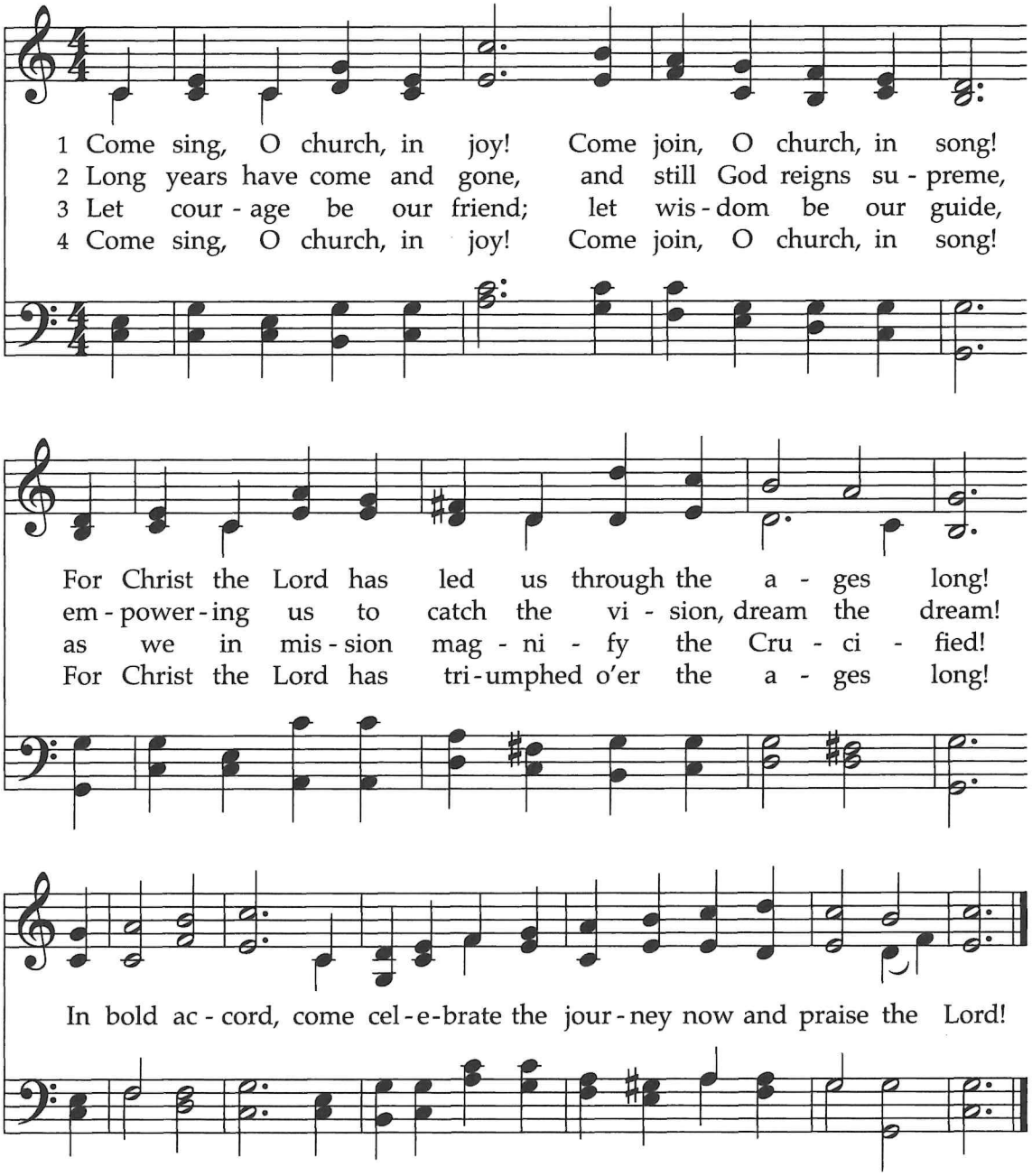
This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
Text © 1989 Brian Dill

DARWALL'S 148TH
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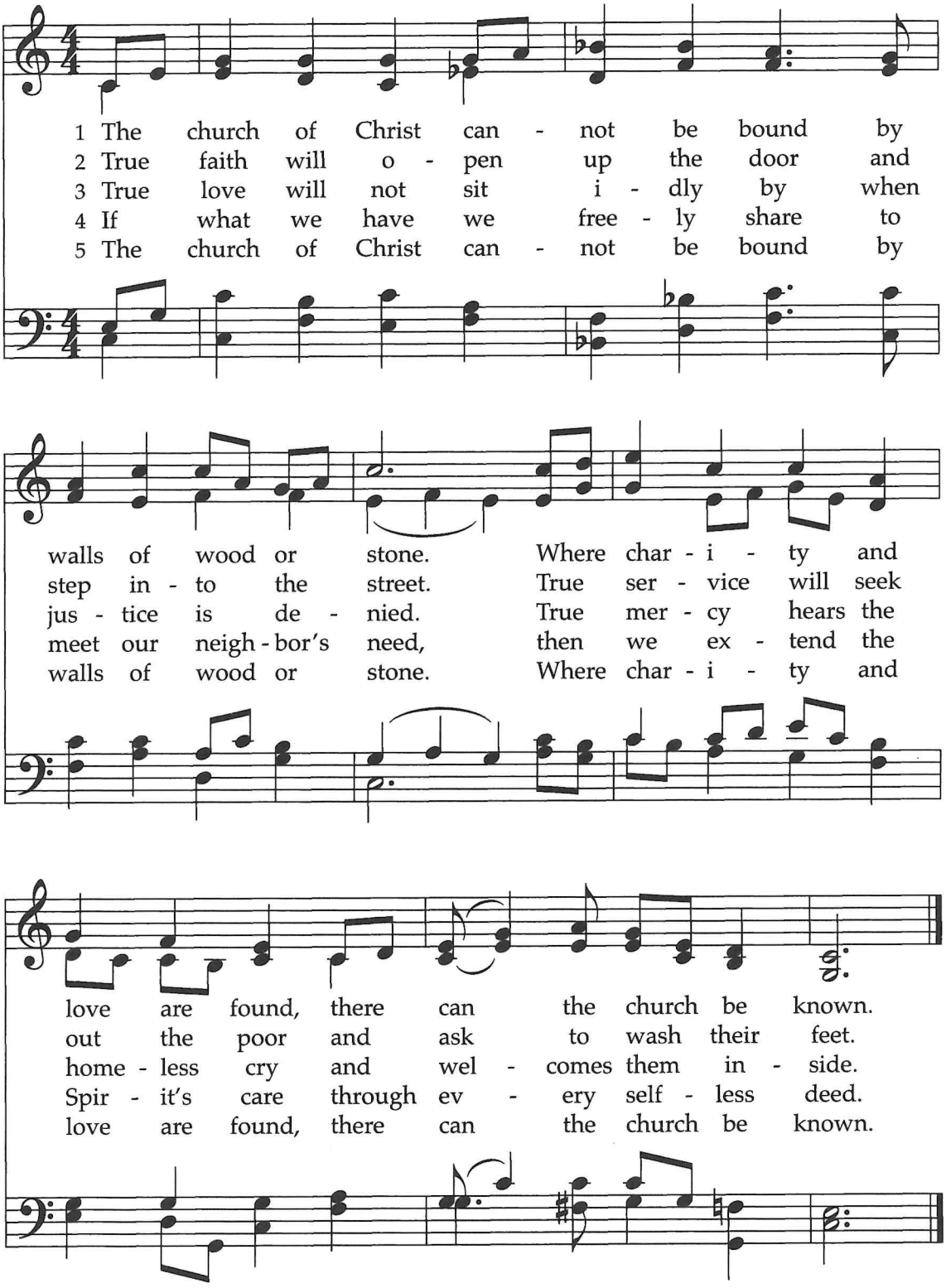
766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005
MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940
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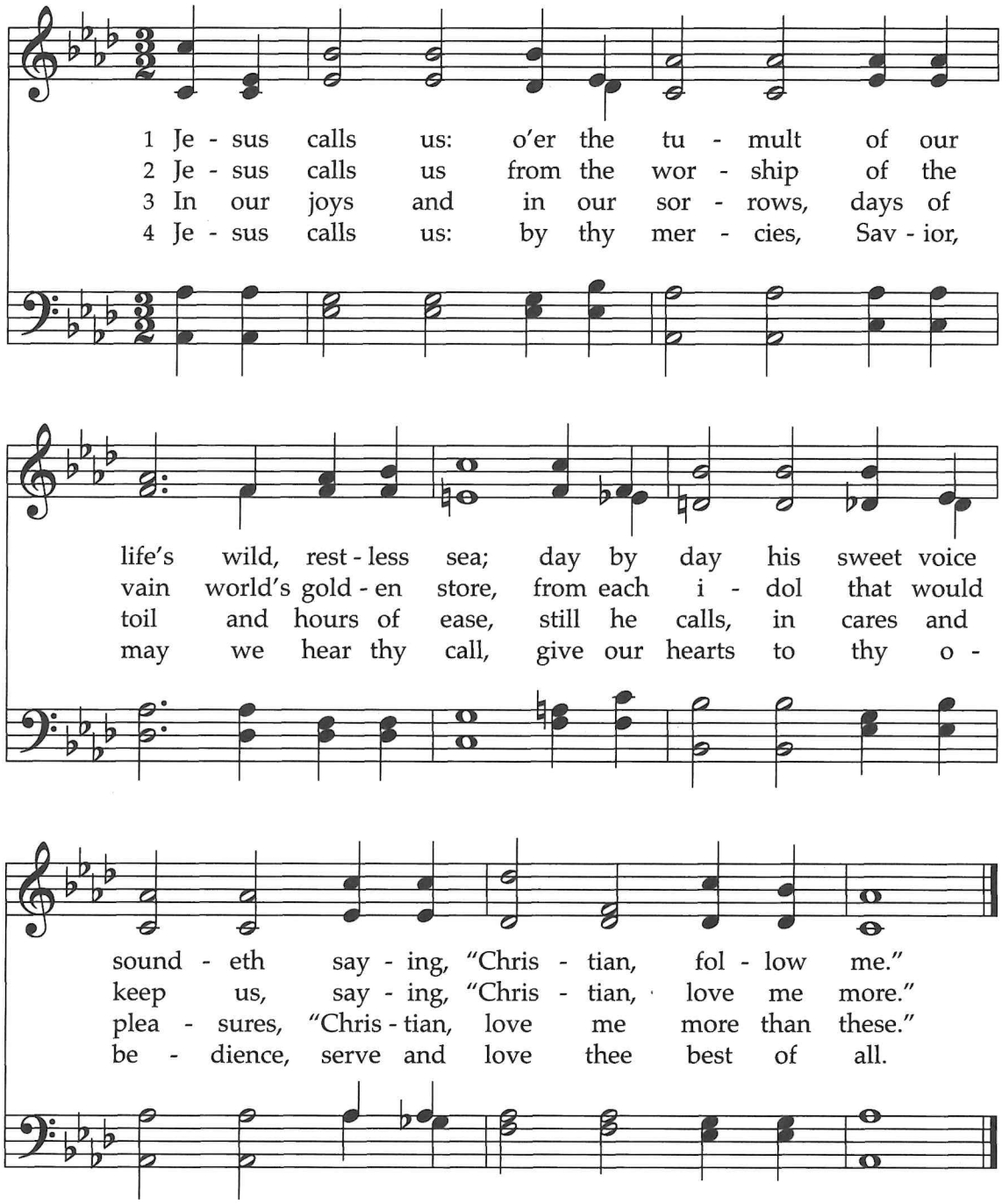
Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852
MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

GALILEE
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