

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
Carlisle United Church
Sunday, July 26, 10 am

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Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6

contentment: free from worry and restlessness, state of satisfaction and happiness,
content with current life situation, inner peace and ease of mind

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Introduction to Morning Theme

Prayer

Gathering Song: MV 4 – All Who Are Thirsty

This contemporary Christian worship song was co-composed by Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson in 1998, and the following YouTube recording is from Brown's 2010 album *Adoration*. Brown (b. 1973) is a South African and American musician and worship pastor who has worked extensively with Vineyard Music UK, which holds the copyright for this song.

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (x4)

All who are thirsty,
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come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
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be washed away
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as deep cries out to deep.
We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (x4)

Holy Spirit come. (x4)

As deep cries out to deep.
We sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (x4)

Old Testament Scripture:

Isaiah 55: 1-2

Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Hymn: VU 635 – All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

On this 1925 Edison Record, American soprano Olive Marshall and American contralto Amy Ellerman perform Fanny Crosby and Robert Lowry's beloved 1875 hymn. While I didn't discover much about Marshall, I learned that Ellerman (1887-1960) had an active concert career on the national stage in the 1910s-40s, performed as the contralto soloist at First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan for 26 years, and taught voice in New York. Most interestingly, in 1916-1929 she made many recordings for Edison Records, even touring with Thomas Edison to demonstrate his recording technology by displaying how well her real singing voice matched her recordings.

[All the Way My Saviour Leads Me - Olive Marshall and Amy Ellerman](#)

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.
- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!
- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way!"

New Testament Scripture:

1 Timothy 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by

prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Message: Finding Contentment in God

Hymn: VU 288 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Composed in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm (words) and William Runyan (music), "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is given fresh life in a new jazz-inspired version. A gospel singer from Kentucky, Jordan Smith began singing in his church choir and in 2015 gained national recognition when he won the singing competition *The Voice*. He sang this hymn during the competition, and he reimagines it on his 2025 album *The People's Hymnal*, a collection of live gospel performances.

[Jordan Smith - Great Is Thy Faithfulness \(Live\) \(Official Music Video\)](#)

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
 great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. R
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
 wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. R

Closing Prayer

Benediction:

May the peace of God that transcends all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Online Postlude: What a Friend (Medley)

For fans of Jordan Smith, here is another live gospel performance from his newest album, *The People's Hymnal*, published under the Gaither Music Group label. It is part of a longer track titled "The Sing-A-Long."

Jordan Smith - The Sing-A-Long (Live At Gaither Studios, Alexandria, IN 2025)