

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
Hymn Story

Thomas Chisholm, the author of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and 1200 other poems, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866, and he lived a pretty unremarkable life: he worked as a school teacher, a newspaper editor, and insurance agent, then he retired and spent his remaining days at the Methodist Home for the Aged in New Jersey.

Unlike many hymns that have heart-wrenching stories behind them (for instance "It Is Well With My Soul"), "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is inspired by the simple realization that God is at work in our lives on a daily basis.

He wrote, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

The hymn reminds us that God doesn't only work in dramatic or miraculous ways, but also in simple, everyday ways.

It also reminds us that Jesus has never failed us in the past, so we have no reason to doubt his faithfulness in the future.

As we move to a new chapter of God's blessings at ECBC into another, we trust this new chapter and "New Sunday" will be marked by God's continuing faithfulness.

God is good.
All the time.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
HENDON

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

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!

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!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY
THE GIFT OF GRACE
ECBC HANDBELLS

CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

THE "NEW SUNDAY" VIDEO

BABY DEDICATIONS
LOIS GREGORIE KUHL
CHARLOTTE RUTH HENSON
EMILIA JANE HENSON
SELAH PEARL RAINS

DEDICATION SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 26!

Pray for and be a part of our Dedication Celebration Sunday, March 26, as we dedicate our new Sanctuary and Welcome Center and celebrate God's blessings!

• Sign up for a slot in our 24-hour prayer vigil leading up to the opening of our doors on dedication Sunday. Prayer vigil is from 8 am Saturday, March 25 to 8 am Sunday, March 26. Sign up sheets in morning Bible Classes, Community Groups, Men's and Women's Groups, etc. next two weeks.

• Everyone is asked to gather outside the New Sanctuary Main Front Doors early on Dedication Sunday for prayer before both services and we will process in the Sanctuary together through the main doors at each service hour.

Dedication Services 9:00 am and 10:45 am

• Fellowship Time in Welcome Center all morning - come early, fellowship in-between services, stay late!

CSO Brass Quintet Concert 4:00 pm

• Dedication Sunday will conclude with a **4:00 pm** free concert with the **Charleston Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet**. A one-hour program of religious and secular works from the 16th to 21st centuries. This free concert for the Charleston community is in celebration of the dedication of the beautiful new sanctuary of East Cooper Baptist Church. Bring a friend!

A NEW SUNDAY
GIVE YOUR SUNDAY MORNING TO THE LORD
AS WE RECOMMIT OURSELVES
TO THE LORD'S DAY

- Worship with your family
- Be involved in a Sunday Morning Bible Class or Serve in a ministry
- Engage in community in our new welcome center and hallways

*NEW BUILDING... NEW WORSHIP TIMES... NEW OPPORTUNITIES...
A NEW SUNDAY! STARTING APRIL 2!*



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EAST COOPER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Please use the following prayer to prepare your hearts for worship:

As we mark our last Sunday worshipping in our current Worship Center, and anticipate the move into our new Sanctuary next Sunday, we marvel at the goodness and faithfulness of God in the past and seek His face for blessings in the days ahead.

Soli Deo Gloria

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us - even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the light of the world to show us your way of truth.

In sending Christ you revealed your glory to the nations.

Jesus is the center point of history, and his presence is our new beginning.

Center our lives on your lavish grace that not only saves but renews us to be like Jesus.

May our godly living be a fitting testimony of thanksgiving that draws others to the joyful reign of Jesus the king.

We praise you that by his life and death we become your children, baptized into your service.

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Amen!

-- Keith Getty

-- George Herbert

Thou hast given so much to me, Give one thing more - a grateful heart; Not thankful when it pleaseth me, As if thy blessings had spare days, But such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.

GOD'S GREAT LOVE For Reflection

John 3:16-17; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; Isaiah 53:6; I John 4:10

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

MORNING WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO

JESUS PAID IT ALL ECBC WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

PRAISE THE LORD, YE HEAVENS' ADORE HIM HYFRYDOL

WHO AM I? CAMERON WILSON AND KITTY WEAVER, DUET

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth Would care to know my name, Would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star Would choose to light the way For my ever wandering heart?

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done But because of who You are.

THE SCOTS' CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession of Faith was an important document which explained what the Reformed church believed.

It was drawn up by the 'six Johns': Knox, Willock, Winram, Spottiswoode, Row and Douglas at the request of Parliament - in only four days.

It contained 25 articles on subjects such as God, Creation, Sin, Faith, Good Works, the Church and the Sacraments and was influenced by the theology of the French Reformer John Calvin.

It was accepted by Parliament in 1560 and was used as a summary of what the Church of Scotland believed for over eighty years until the Westminster Confession of Faith was drawn up and accepted in 1647.

I am a flower quickly fading, Here today and gone tomorrow. A wave tossed in the ocean. A vapor in the wind. Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling. And You've told me who I am. I am Yours, I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin Would look on me with love and watch me rise again? Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me?

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH SCOTS' CONFESSION, ART. 1

LEADER: Let us confess our faith together:

CONGREGATION: We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. He is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. By him we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness and justice have appointed and to the manifestation of his own glory.

PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON CHRIS TOMLIN

O sov'reign God, O matchless King- The saints adore, the angels sing And fall before the throne on grace To you belongs the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide Under Your wings I will abide, And every enemy shall flee; You are my hope and victory.

Praise the Father, Praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, Three in One. Clothed in power and in grace The name above all other names.

To the valley, for my soul; Thy great descent has made me whole! You Word my heart has welcomed home; Now peace like water ever flows.

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power. Your is the glory forever. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power. Your is the glory forever.

PRAYER TIME FOR DEDICATION SUNDAY AND "A NEW SUNDAY"

Information on Dedication Sunday and our "New Sunday" emphasis, including points to pray for in preparation this week, are printed on the back page.