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SUMMER HYMN SING – 2017

Sunday, August 6

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 harv - est sun, moon, and

sha - dow of tur - ning with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cour - ses a - bove join with all na - ture in

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - e - ver wilt be.
 ma - ni - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Mor - ning by

mor - ning new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vi - ded. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

What a Friend we have in Jesus

Ireland-born Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886) composed this poem to comfort his mother during a time of sorrow, never intending that anyone else should see it. Sometime later, while visiting Joseph during an illness, a friend saw the manuscript and asked to publish it. Scriven desired an army career but poor health prevented that. Joseph's first fiancée drowned the evening before their wedding. Following a move to Canada, a second fiancée died suddenly following a brief illness. He then joined the Plymouth Brethren and devoted his life to caring for the physically handicapped and poor. Charles Converse (1832-1918) composed the tune which bears his name. Massachusetts born, Charles studied music at the Leipzig Conservatory and graduated with a law degree from Albany University, New York. He worked most of his life in Erie, PA and was a strong musical force in the Sunday School and Revival movement in the United States.

I Know Whom I Have Believed

Daniel Whittle (1840-1901) composed this text based on 2 Timothy 1:11-12. A cashier of the Wells Fargo Bank, he joined the 72nd Illinois Infantry in 1861 and participated in Sherman's march to the sea. Dwight Moody convinced him to enter evangelistic work in 1873. Under the pseudonym "El Nathan" (the name of the tune) Whittle wrote over 200 hymn texts. Pennsylvania born James McGranahan (1840-1907), evangelist, song leader, and composer of this tune, joined Whittle in 1877 as his tunes writer and colleague traveling the United States and Britain as evangelists.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Writer and Methodist minister Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960) was born near Franklin, KY. In 1923, he sent this text to fellow Methodist pastor, composer, and life-long friend, William Runyan. Runyan composed the tune and included it in a publication that same year. Rev. Runyan (1870-1957) became a church organist at the age of 12 and began his music teaching career as a teenager. At 21 he was ordained as a Methodist minister, serving churches in Kansas, Arkansas, The Moody Bible Institute, and Hope Publishing Company where he reviewed all manuscripts for 22 years. Although both text and tune were written by Methodists, it was not included in any Methodist hymnal until the Brethren requested it to be included following the creation of The United Methodist Church in 1968 by the merger of The Methodist and United Brethren churches.

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we trials and temp-ta - tions? ____ Is there trou-ble a - ny- where?

What a pri - vi - lege to car - ry eve - ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?

all be - cause we do not car - ry eve - ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our eve - ry weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

1 I know not why God's won - drous grace to me he has made known,
 2 I know not how this sav - ing faith to me he did im - part,

nor why, un wor - thy, Christ in love re - deemed me for his own.
 nor how be - liev - ing in his Word wrought peace with - in my heart.

Refrain

But "I know whom I have be - liev - ed and am per - suad - ed that he is

a - ble to keep that which I've com - mit - ted un - to him a - gainst that day."