



From the  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: Lowell Mason - HAMBURG

Alternate Setting: Edward Miller - ROCKINGHAM

*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Today (February 21, 2024) I attended a Lenten service in Wilson, NC, and heard the above text. The music was familiar to me, and may have been familiar to you! The choir presented that same arrangement from Mary McDonald's Tenebrae service titled *It Is Finished* two years ago on Good Friday.

When you see the text above, you probably start humming the tune we sing in church. That tune was written by an American composer in the 19th century named Lowell Mason. Mason is also known as the "Father of American Church Music" as he composed and or arranged many different tunes that we use to this day.

While researching the text and tune, I came across another tune that is also associated with this text, written by an English composer in the 18th century named Edward Miller.

If you have ever looked at your hymnal, you will notice names that are in all caps at the bottom right of each hymn. This name is there to identify the tune or the music. The actual title of the hymn is meant to identify the text. When you look up *When I Survey...* which is hymn #144 in our hymnal, at the bottom right of the hymn you will see

HAMBURG. That is the name of the tune that we sing when we sing *When I Survey...* These tune names are given by the composers, and the names they choose could come from anywhere, like a person, or a location.

The other tune that I referenced, written by Edward Miller, is called ROCKINGHAM. I checked our hymnal and unfortunately, that tune is not used at all!! What a shame! If you have access, I encourage you to look it up and give it a listen.

I pray that over this next month, you will ponder this text and tune. Let the words be a reminder to us as we journey through the Lenten season and make our way to the Cross.

Blessings,  
Blaine Pittman  
Director of Music and Education

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*Holy Week @ NBE*

Maundy Thursday Service - 3/28 @ 6 p.m.

Holy Week Musical Presentation - 3/29 @ 6 p.m.

Easter Schedule - 3/31

-Sunrise Service, Forest Hills Cemetery @ 7 a.m.

-Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

-NBCU Classes @ 9 a.m.

-Easter Celebration Worship Service @ 10 a.m.



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

**During the Lenten Season, the sanctuary will be adorned with banners depicting scenes from the Stations of the Cross. These images are taken from the last hours of the life of our Savior. Please take time to read the descriptions to further your Lenten worship.**

# FROM THE PASTOR

What do you have a passion for in life? Someone once shared with me that their son's value system centered on his big-screen TV and Sunday afternoon NFL Football at present. People do seem to become fanatical over sporting events.

While in college, I attended University Baptist Church, which sat on the corner of Franklin and Columbia Streets in Chapel Hill. Each year, the college students would lead the worship services from time to time. One Sunday morning, I remember a student named Battle Watkins giving a testimony.

Battle spoke with great passion about longing for the day that we would see people lining up and camping out on the church property to get into worship services. Seeing people with the drive to attend church in the same way they passionately sought to get into college basketball games. His words have stayed with me, and his enthusiasm impressed me.

I, too, would love to see people excited about worshipping the Lord. As we are drawn into this basketball season frenzy known as March Madness, we see the enthusiasm of people plastered in newspapers and on television. People get excited about sports because they are passionate about them.

Do we find this passion in the church, especially at Nashville Baptist Church? We might find glimpses of it here and there, but do we have it consistently? This opens a deeper search in the hearts of those who are a part of the NBC family. Who are we as a baptized body of believers?

Until we can answer that question and passionately proclaim to the world, "THIS IS WHO WE ARE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST!" There is much soul-searching to do. Where is your passion in life and in the life of the church? Is 80% of the work being done by 20% of the people? Are many of those claiming to be committed only claiming? Find your passion for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, and step forward in faith.

Peace,

*J. Kenneth Byrd, Jr.*

A thought for the Journey . . .

*Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.*

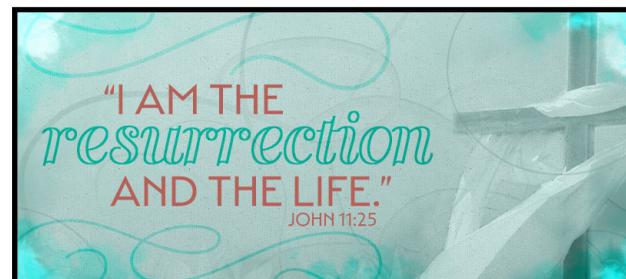
~Howard Thurman, American Theologian and Author~

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**The Fellowship Hall  
will be unavailable  
Tuesday, March 5**



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**Office Hours:** Mon. - Thurs.  
9 am - 2 pm  
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