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paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
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my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
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all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
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Two O'clock in the Afternoon
Wesley United Methodist Church
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Noah Willoughby

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