

Sunday, November 8, 2020

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PRELUDE

Voluntary in C, Adagio

GF Handel

Michael Barker, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Katherine Robinson

PATHWAYS TO FEARLESS GENEROSITY IMPACT STORY

Margaret Fouse

CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.

We are witnesses to Your grace!

We have sworn to teach God's promises to all generations.

We are witnesses to Your covenant!

The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.

We are witnesses to Your love!

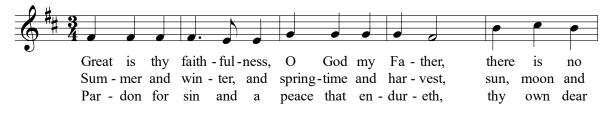
Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.

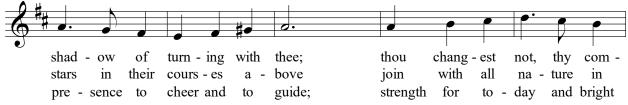
We will worship and witness together!

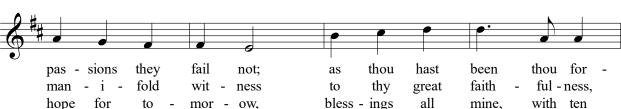
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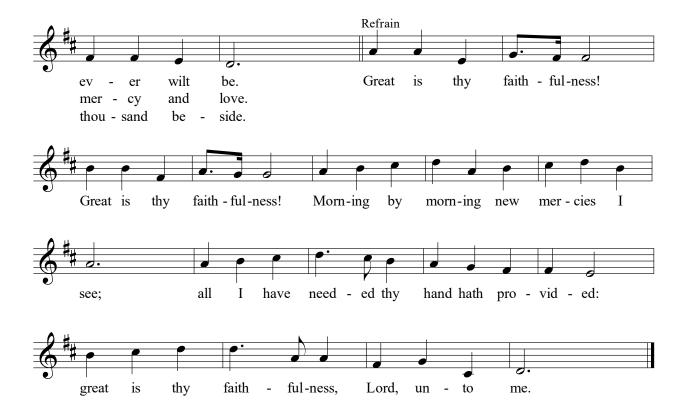
Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS









CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Israel and God of Jesus Christ,

we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love.

We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person - in your son, Jesus Christ.

Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not.

Every day we are faced with choices of whom we will serve....

Forgive us, merciful God,

when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness.

Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.

Strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit so that the choices we make clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

STEADFAST LOVE



The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev-er come to an



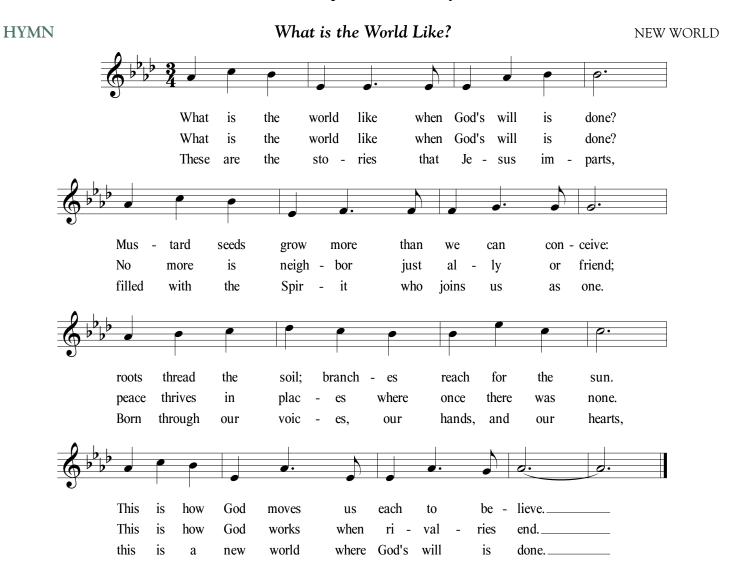
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:14-15

SERMON

Promise and Purpose: Whom will you serve?



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Offertory

He's Always Been Faithful

Sara Groves

David Joseph, soloist

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

Sam Webber, percussion



POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C, Fugue

GF Handel



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Sara LeVan who entered God's Church Triumphant on November 7. Plans for an opportunity to witness to the resurrection and give thanksgiving to God for the gift of Sara's life are incomplete at this time.

Evelyn Bannerman, very ill with covid

Family and friends of Glenn Bannerman who died on October 30

Maggie Hughes (Cindy Hile's mother) is critically ill

Polly Miller recuperating at son Eddie's home now

Kristi Morgan and family following the death of her father

Paul Scouten family (especially his mother Karen) following the death of his father Charles on October 19

Allen Smith (pastor at Kenilworth Pres and Judy Hollins' son) as he undergoes testing for muscular weakness

Margie Tyas, ill with covid

Susan and Mary McElrath following the death of their close friend, Sissy Rymer

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: Frank Dimmock Seminary Student: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Nancy Murray, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Margie Tyas, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy God, the milestones of your mercy mark the ways we have walked with you;
you have chosen us and bound us to you and to each other in holy covenant.
So, by your Spirit's help we choose you this day! Help us to turn from lies to truth,
from greed to generosity, from violence to the justice that makes for peace.
Heal all our brokenness and renew in us the joy of your salvation! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Our Church's Vision Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

Session

Mike Ballard, clerk

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