

Welcome and Announcements:

Congregational Meeting for election of officers – **TODAY after worship.**

Final Chapter (ch. 10)- “Delivered Out of Empire” by Walter Brueggemann book discussion today (Sunday) at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Kerra. Faith formation will take a summer break and resume in September.

Zoom info for Faith Formation: Meeting ID: 873 0172 3949 Passcode: 801633

In person worship for July 4 – 10 a.m. in the Memorial Garden. Prayers for the nation.

Crystal Varner Parker will be preaching from July 11 – August 8 online while Pastor Kerra is on vacation/renewal leave. The Rev. Amanda Hill will preach August 15 online.

In person worship in the Sanctuary will resume on August 22 when Pastor Kerra is back from her time off. Masks will be required to care for all our church family. Videos of worship will continue to be posted to our Facebook page as our way of continuing to serve beyond the walls of the church.

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude: * *Chanson* – Charles Gounod

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Opening Reading: Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Opening Prayer:

O God, you come to us in the depths of our darkest despair. Every morning you bring new light to guide us. Wake us up. Fill us with your grace. Redeem us from a past that we regret, and guide us with hope into our future. Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

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THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture – Lamentations 3:22-33

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Response: *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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SENDING US OUT TO BE GOD’S WORD IN THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. “Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude: **Joyous Song of Praise* – Samuel Wesley

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