

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

September 26, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*“The heart of Christianity, its innermost sanctuary, its most dazzling glory,
and the chief source of its power, is more than the cross. It is the open grave.”
– Sir Arthur Gossip*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE “Forever” by Chris Tomin

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: We bring before the Lord this morning

People: Our restless spirits, our dull hearts, and our wandering attention,

Leader: Remembering the words of Jesus that give us hope:

People: “Behold, I make all things New!”

Leader: Let us worship God.

SONG OF PRAISE “You Are My All in All” by Dennis Jernigan

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we waver and hesitate, the love of God remains steadfast. Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that our Redeemer longs to make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Word and for Your eternal truths which guide us. We thank You most of all for the living Word, Jesus Christ. Through Him we know how much we have fallen short of the truth which He revealed. Teach us how to turn to You so that Your thoughts may be our thoughts, and Your ways our ways. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 622

CHILDREN’S SERMON / MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG AT HEART

ANTHEM “It Is Good to Sing Thy Praises” arr. John Carter

SCRIPTURE I John 3:1-3; Eph.1:3-6
(translation by Eugene Peterson)

SERMON “He Won’t Leave Us Alone!”

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God” (I John 3:1).

*HYMN No. 43 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

PRAYER TIME: THANKS AND PASTORAL SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

* HYMN No. 379 (stanzas 1-2, 5-6) “Take My Life and Let It Be”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” v. 3
by Helen H. Lemmel

POSTLUDE “Danish Lord’s Prayer” by Dietrich Buxtehude

* Those who are able, please stand

Congregational Meeting

In keeping with the by-laws of our church, a congregational meeting is being held immediately following worship today, Sunday, September 26. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers of the church.

Hayride and Bonfire

Come out to Carpenters (2265 Dryden Rd.) for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, October 23. We'll start with a fun hayride up past the solar field to "observation hill"! A Chili dinner and bonfire with songs and s'mores will follow. If you are able to bring chili, corn bread, green salad, or beverage, sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or let Brenda know (btc62020@outlook.com). Gather any time after 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.

Prayers

The Jan Hollenbeck family
The Dawn Horner family
Dave Gross
Bob Sincerbeaux
Jim Krebs
Jackie Ryan

Order of Worship

October 3, 2021 (**Worldwide Communion Sunday**)
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:11-24
SERMON: "If Your Heart Condemns You"

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary minister, are
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
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Forever

Verse 1:

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2:

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, and ever, forever.

Verse 3:

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, and ever...
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, and ever, forever.

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You Are My All in All

Verse 1:

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jew'l,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all.

Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!

Verse 2:

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all.

Chorus (3x):

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!

Worthy is Your name! (3x)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 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.

Refrain:

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!

Verse 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.

Refrain

Verse 3:

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

Refrain

Text: Thomas O. Chisolm
Music: *Faithfulness*, William M. Runyan
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Take My Life and Let it Be

Verse 1:

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days –
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2:

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Verse 5:

Take my will and make it Thine –
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart – it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Verse 6:

Take my love – my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself – and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: *Frances Ridley Havergal*
Music: *Hendon*, Henry A. César Malan