Pre-service Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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.

Chorus

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!

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. (Chorus)

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! (Chorus)

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Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10 (ESV)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, The Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Our Sung Call to Worship

How Great is the Greatness of God Chorus:

How faithful the Father above. How wondrous the work of the Son. How sweet is the Spirit given to us. How great is the greatness of God.

Morning by morning with ev'ry dawn My soul with a new song awakes.

Even in evening my praise goes on. Forever my God is the same. (Chorus)

When my heart gazes on Calvary, At all of Your mercies arrayed, Oh, that my Savior would die for me, I sing out with infinite thanks. (Chorus)

Oh, what a comfort in ev'ry trial; His presence is all that I need. Power that brought resurrection life, That power is living in me. Oh that power is living in me.

How faithful the Father above. How wondrous the work of the Son. How sweet is the Spirit given to us. How great is the greatness of God. (Repeat)

How great is the greatness of God. How great is the greatness of God.

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

1 John 1:8-9, 2:1-2 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Galatians 3:10-13, 2:20, 6:14 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them."

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.

Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? He is!

Does the Father truly love us? **He does**.

Does the Spirit move among us? **He does**.

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does**.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does**.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

You may give electronically at <u>gabcames.org/giving/</u> or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 12 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to The Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man.
- ² Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
- ³ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts,
- ⁴ those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"
- ⁵ "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan,

I will now arise," says the LORD;

- "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."
- ⁶ The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.
- ⁷ You, O LORD, will keep them;

you will guard us from this generation forever.

8 On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of man.

This is the word of the Lord.

The grass withers and the flower falls but the word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

Psalm 12 – "When Vileness is Exalted" – Pastor Dean VanEvery

Sermon Discipleship Questions

- 1. What encouraged you?
- 2. What convicted you?
- 3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

He is the King (Distribution Song)

When man's dominion is a prison, lords of war have trampled peace, when those in power make us cower, violent chaos floods our streets, we will not hope in what is broken:

governments that fade or fail; we stand united, undivided with our King who shall prevail.

Chorus:

He is the King who serves His people, the Prince who shares His wealth, the Judge whose mercy never fails, the Lord who gives Himself.
He is the Warrior who surrendered, the Sov'reign who obeyed, the Man who crushed mortality, the God who rose to save;
He is the Lord of lords, King of kings!
To Christ alone our praise we bring.
He is the Lord of lords, King of kings!
To Christ alone our praise we bring.

When we know plunder, pain and hunger, leaders steal to fund their feasts or when a party or an army gives prosperity and peace, we will not trust in earthly justice, finite words from mortal men; we give to Jesus our allegiance for His kingdom never ends. (Chorus)

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

<u>Sending</u>

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)
I cast my mind to Calvary,
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears. They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus

O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
Oh Lord, Oh Lord, our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. (Chorus) He shall return in robes of white. The blazing sun shall pierce the night. And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Chorus)

Oh Lord, Oh Lord, our God. Oh Lord, Oh Lord, our God

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Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 13