

### 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**

*1 Peter 1:3-4, 6-7 (ESV)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy,  
he has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
**to an inheritance that is imperishable,**  
**undefiled, and unfading,**  
**kept in heaven for you.**

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while,  
if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,  
**so that the tested genuineness of your faith—**  
**more precious than gold that perishes**  
**though it is tested by fire—**  
**may be found to result in praise and glory**  
**and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

#### Our Sung Call to Worship

#### **Come Thou Fount**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise:  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home:  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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### **Confession**

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

### **Our Spoken Confession**

*Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12 (ESV)*

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

*Time of silent confession.*

### **Our Sung Confession**

### **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

### **Chorus**

**He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast. (Chorus)

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last! (Chorus)

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### **Assurance and Peace**

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

### **Remember the Gospel**

*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 (ESV)*

Remember the Gospel!

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
**He who did not spare his own Son but gave  
him up for us all, how will he not also with him  
graciously give us all things?**

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?  
**It is God who justifies.**

Who is to condemn?  
**Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that,  
who was raised—who is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed is interceding for us.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?  
**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

#### **Our Sung Profession of Assurance**

##### **God is For Us**

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.  
We will walk the valley with You by our side.  
You will go before us, You will lead the way.  
We have found a refuge, only You can save.

##### **Chorus**

**Sing with joy now, our God is for us.  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us.**

Even when I stumble, even when I fall.  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake.  
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace. (Chorus)

Neither height nor depth can separate us,  
Hell and death will not defeat us.  
He who gave His Son to free us  
Holds me in His love. (Repeat)

**Sing with joy now, our God is for us.  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater.  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us. (Repeat)**

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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.*

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#### **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 31 (ESV)

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
    let me never be put to shame;  
    in your righteousness deliver me!

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;  
    rescue me speedily!  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
    a strong fortress to save me!

<sup>3</sup> For you are my rock and my fortress;  
    and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
    for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
    you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

<sup>6</sup> I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
    but I trust in the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
    because you have seen my affliction;  
    you have known the distress of my soul,

<sup>8</sup> and you have not delivered me into the hand of the  
    enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
    my eye is wasted from grief;  
    my soul and my body also.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow,  
    and my years with sighing;  
    my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
    and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup> Because of all my adversaries I have become a  
    reproach, especially to my neighbors,  
    and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
    those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
    I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many—  
    terror on every side!—  
    as they scheme together against me,  
    as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD;  
    I say, “You are my God.”

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
    rescue me from the hand of my enemies and  
    from my persecutors!

<sup>16</sup> Make your face shine on your servant;  
    save me in your steadfast love!

<sup>17</sup> O LORD, let me not be put to shame,  
    for I call upon you;  
    let the wicked be put to shame;  
    let them go silently to Sheol.

<sup>18</sup> Let the lying lips be mute,  
    which speak insolently against the righteous  
    in pride and contempt.

<sup>19</sup> Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
    which you have stored up for those who fear you  
    and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
    in the sight of the children of mankind!

<sup>20</sup> In the cover of your presence you hide them  
    from the plots of men;

you store them in your shelter  
from the strife of tongues.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed be the LORD,  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love  
to me when I was in a besieged city.

<sup>22</sup> I had said in my alarm,  
"I am cut off from your sight."  
But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy  
when I cried to you for help.

<sup>23</sup> Love the LORD, all you his saints!  
The LORD preserves the faithful  
but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

<sup>24</sup> Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

Psalm 31 - "Covenant Confidence and Covenant Faithfulness" - 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?

### **Sending**

*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**

#### **Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling.  
Naked come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace.  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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**Blessing**

*Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)*

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 32