

Pre-service Song

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 awaits.
Still in the 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.
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)

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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 145:1-3, 10-13, 21 (ESV)

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man
your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name
forever and ever.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
'Til the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth. (Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
To all who call upon His name.

**We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
'Til the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight. (Repeat)**

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Daniel 9:4-5, 9-10, 18-19a (ESV)

I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession,
saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God,
who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,
we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled,
turning aside from your commandments and rules.

**To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,
for we have rebelled against him
and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God
by walking in his laws, which he set before us
by his servants the prophets.**

O my God, incline your ear and hear.
Open your eyes and see our desolations,
and the city that is called by your name.
**For we do not present our pleas before you
because of our righteousness,
but because of your mercy.
O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive.**

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

Romans 3:23-24; Psalm 18:2, 46 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by his grace as a gift,
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**
The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

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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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 gabcame.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

James 1:1-4 (ESV)

¹ James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials
of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let
steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and
complete, lacking in nothing.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

James 1:1-4 - "Steadfast in Trials" - 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?

It is Well With My Soul (Distribution Song)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!
It is well, (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, I will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

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Blessing

Jude 24-25 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence
of his glory with great joy,
**to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.**

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: James 1:5-8