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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

Be Glad In The Lord

Wihla Hutson

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GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

* Opening Prayer

* Opening Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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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!

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]*
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

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Song

Here I Am to Worship

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Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain:

*Here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God;*

*You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor. *[Refrain]*

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross. *[Refrain]*

Here I am to worship.
Here I am to worship.

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(After the song children may leave for Children's Church.)

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

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It's easy to say we care about others. However, our words don't mean much if they aren't backed up with action. While none of us alone can erase poverty, each of us can do something to help someone in need. That might mean paying the difference if someone is short on cash when paying for groceries. It could look like helping someone with their resume as they look for work. Loving someone might mean bringing by meals when they're sick. Showing love doesn't have to be complicated or expensive ... but it does mean it should involve action.

One tangible way you can show love today is by giving your tithes and offerings. Each week we pool our resources to further the gospel and serve our community. Let's work together to put action to our words today.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Special Music

We Are Called

David Haas

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Scripture Lesson

Genesis 32:22-30 (NRSV)

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is

your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”

Sermon

“Wrestling with God”

Confession of Sin

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Leader: Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, whose dwelling is with the humble and contrite heart, bear your children’s confession of sin and grant us mercy. For all that has been evil in our lives; for unholy thoughts and impure motives, for any scorn of goodness, trifling with truth, and indifference to beauty, for being petty when we could have been gracious,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: For lack of love toward you, whose love has never failed; for doubt in your providence, for acts of ingratitude, and for disobedience to visions we have been able to see,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: For the wrong we have done to our neighbors; for silence in the face of war, for neglect of charity and failure in justice, for forgetfulness of others’ pain, and for advantage taken of another’s weakness,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: For our faulty following of the Master; our slow faith in his power to save, our timid, hesitant answers to his call for service, our insensibility to the meaning of the cross; for all that mars our discipleship and makes it difficult for others to believe in him,

People: forgive us, O God.

Leader: May God, who is almighty and merciful, forgive our sins, empower us to overcome temptation, and enable us to love as Jesus loved.

People: AMEN

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Closing Song

Blessed Assurance

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1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

* Benediction

As we go from here to face the joys and challenges of the coming week, remember this: The faithful love of God never ceases; it is inexhaustible! God's mercy and compassion is new every morning! Great is God's faithfulness! So go into the week ahead with courage, and with joy. Trust in God, and wait patiently for God to act. For God is good to all who seek; and God's loving presence goes with us.

* Please stand as able and led



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