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13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Friends and guests, welcome to worship  
in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior  
and Friend and who welcomes all.

## Welcome

## Welcome Table and Centering

## Opening Song

### *The Table Song*

Crissman/Yoder

*The Table Song* by Seth Thomas Crissman and Greg Yoder  
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C C/E F G Amsus2 Am Fsus2 C C/G Gsus G

Je - sus, Ho - ly One, you are ev - er faith - ful.

5 C Em F G Amsus2 Am Fsus2 C G E/G# Amsus2 Am

Je - sus, draw us near; ga - ther'd at your ta - ble,

9 Fsus2 C/G G F/C C

ga - ther'd in your love.

## Liturgy

# GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

## \* Call to Worship

Based on Romans 16 and Ephesians 4

One: As we gather, welcome one another in a way worthy of God's people.

All: **We have been called to this space to be a community of faith.**

One: Then walk with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: **Lead us, O God, as we strive to walk in a manner worthy of the called.**

One: There is one body and one Spirit.

All: **One God of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.**

One: This is our sacred calling, to welcome one another in a way worthy of God's people.

## \* Morning Prayer

### \* Song

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

# 25 <sup>VT</sup>

Verse 1: Brethren, we have met to worship;  
sisters, let us praise our God.  
Will you pray with all your power?  
Will you hear and preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the holy One comes down.  
Christians, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Verse 2: Kindred, will you come and help us?  
Moses' fam'ly aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners

who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior.  
Tell them that he will be found.  
Christians, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Verse 3: Is there here a trembling jailer,  
seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary,  
pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them;  
sisters, let your prayers abound!  
Pray, oh pray, that holy manna  
will be scattered all around.

Verse 4: Let us love our God supremely,  
let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners  
till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven,  
at his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us  
with sweet manna all around.

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Children's Time

#### New Testament Reading

Romans 16:1-3 NRSVUE

**16** I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus,

Verse 1: My life flows on in endless song,  
 above earth's lamentation.  
 I catch the sweet, though far off hymn  
 that hails a new creation.

*Refrain No storm can shake my inmost calm  
 while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
 Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,  
 how can I keep from singing?*

Verse 2: Through all the tumult and the strife,  
 I hear that music ringing.  
 It finds an echo in my soul.  
 How can I keep from singing?

*Refrain*

Verse 3: What though my joys and comforts die,  
 I know my Savior liveth.  
 What though the darkness gather round?  
 Songs in the night he giveth.

*Refrain*

Verse 4: The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
 a fountain ever springing!  
 All things are mine since I am his!  
 How can I keep from singing?

*Refrain*

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

### Offertory Thoughts

John Calvin

There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments which we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbor.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

Galatians 3:28-29 NRSVUE

<sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Sermon

"A Smörgåsbord of Annual Conference Nuggets"

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* Song

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

# 419 <sup>VT</sup>

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,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

### \* Benediction

\* Postlude

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*\* Please stand as able and led*



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