



August 27, 2023
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mason

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

*Call to Worship (from John 1:14, 16-18)

Sandy Bruner

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

We have seen God's glory, full of grace and truth.

From God's fullness we have all received grace upon grace,

Grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God, but we have experienced the Son,

For Christ is God's heart, made known to us.

As we enter this time together, focus your heart on Christ,

Be prepared to live into God's love within and beyond this time and space of worship.

*Opening Prayer

Sandy Bruner

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN.

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***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Sandy Bruner

We greet one another as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship by saying, 'Christ's peace be with you.'

And we respond with, 'And also with you.'

Children's Time

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Ala by Joep Beving

Abigail Winn

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Sandy Bruner

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father

knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

We Gather Together

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Sermon

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Pastor Larry

John 6:51

As followers of Christ,

We believe that Jesus is the living bread that came down from heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

And the bread that He gives for the life of the world is His flesh.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Larry

Offertory Invitation

Sandy Bruner

In gratitude for all that you have done for us and given to us; we return a portion of these gifts that they may be used in service to others. Let us receive our morning offering.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Steal Away

Spiritual

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Sandy Bruner

Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Bless these gifts, offered through the ministries and mission of this church. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

* Closing Hymn

Great is thy Faithfulness

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Benediction

Pastor Larry

Choral Benediction

Sanctuary

TFWS 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Postlude

Cry Aloud and Shout

Price

GREAT IS THE LORD

Refrain

***Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By his mercy he proves he is love.***

*Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! **Refrain***

*Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! **Refrain***

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great is the Lord! **Refrain***

WE GATHER TOGETHER

*We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.*

*2. Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining*

*his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!*

*3. We all do extol thee,
thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still
our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation
escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!*

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.*

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! Refrain*