



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**Liturgist:** Sharon Bryan

### CALL TO WORSHIP —Psalm 89:1-4

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

**People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

Leader: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

'I will establish your descendants forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'"

**People: Praise the Lord!**

### \*OPENING HYMN #60

*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!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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

### \*OPENING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN #50

*1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills  
And every grief he gently stills:  
To God praise and glory!*

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
*2 What God's almighty power has made,  
In mercy he is keeping; by morning glow or  
evening shade his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might,  
There all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!*

3 We sought the Lord in our distress:  
O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our savior saw our helplessness  
and came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord,  
Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!

4 Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast every idol from its throne,  
The Lord is God, and he alone:  
To God all praise and glory

## GUIDED PRAYER

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Confession of Faith 34.3

We believe that the Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their comforter and sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of adoption and prayer, and performs all these gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption. Amen.

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Karey Garrison

## ANTHEM

**"Rejoice the Lord is King"**

Charles Wesley

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

\*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SCRIPTURE:

2 Kings 12: 1-3; Psalm 121: 1; Cor.10: 6-13

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord*

***People: Thanks be to God***

## SERMON:

***"Removing the High Places"***

**SERIES: DID JESUS DRINK COFFEE?**

*God is faithful, and he will not let you  
be tempted beyond your ability. — 1 Cor. 10:13*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #227**

1. *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.*

2 *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.*

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

3 *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.*

4 *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.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**