

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Meditation: “To progress is always to begin
always to begin again.”** Martin Luther

PRELUDE *All People Sing Thy Praises* Bach
Jolie Drury, Meg Becker,
Steve Birmingham, Greg Mills



OPENING HYMN *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 has 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!

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*

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*

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.”

We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the light. If you know me, you know God.”

We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.

Jesus said, “Ask me for anything, and I will do it.”

Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

O God, you come to us this morning not in the chaos of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in the silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting you will prepare the way. Hear our prayers, *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 glory forever. Amen.*

REFLECTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We Have Been Told

Haas

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:6-10

Jesus prayed for his disciples, ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.’

MESSAGE “Sanctification Prayer”

MORNING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm XVII

Marcello

Greeter is Evelyn Johnson.

Ushers are Grace Day & Cathy Holmes .

Lay reader is John Honey.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Lou & Lee Turner in memory of Lee’s brother, Henry Robinson, and Lou’s brother, George Turner.

Jr. Deacon is Carolyn Dreyer.

Words for today’s prelude:

“All people sing thy praises, O Lord on heaven’s high throne,
For all thou hast ordained, through Jesus Christ thy son,
O hear thy children’s prayer, a year of blessing send us,
From every ill defend us, and keep us in thy care.”

This week’s calendar:

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group

9:00 a.m. – Men’s Group (Dennis McGillicuddy will give a presentation on WHOI research in the southern ocean

10:00 a.m. – Friendly Circle

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 p.m. – Church Council