



# The Worship of God Sunday, November 15, 2020

**Invitation to Worship** ..... Greg Stahl, Assoc Pastor for Worship & Music

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore, we will not fear, even though the earth be removed,  
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;  
though its waters roar and be troubled,  
though the mountains shake with its swelling.

The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.

~ *Psalm 46: 1-3, 11*

**Instrumental Prelude** ..... Kathleen Wilkins & Joseph Fuller

## Proclaiming the Majesty of God

### *O Worship the King*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
And gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## Morning Prayer

**Words of Welcome**.....Christian Johns, Minister of Youth

## Songs of Assurance

***As the Deer***

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

***Refrain:***

You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend, you are my brother, even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything,

***Refrain***

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye,

***Refrain***

***Speak to My Heart***

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, speak that my soul may hear;  
speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, calm every doubt and fear.

***Refrain:***

Speak to my heart, oh, speak to my heart, speak to my heart, I pray;  
yielded and still, seeking Thy will, oh, speak to my heart today.

**Pastoral Prayer** ..... Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

**Song of Promise**

***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!

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***

**Lessons from Scripture**

***Psalm 56 excerpts***

**Choral Worship** ..... ROBC Choral Ensemble

***Father of Light!***

Allen Stowe & Gabrielle Reed, Soloists  
Lyrics by Susan Bentall Boersma & music by Craig Courtney

*Father of Light* was written in memory of Jonathan White, a teenager who lived with chronic clinical depression and eventually took his own life. The day after Jonathan's death his family found his journal and Bible, both of which demonstrated the depth of his faith and the difficulty of his struggle. It was clear that he had turned to the Psalms often and he had marked several verses of Psalm 56 in particular. Many in our midst today are in difficult circumstances and experience hopelessness similar to what Jonathan felt. We can claim the hope and assurance that God offers through the words of Psalm 56 and find the strength to cry out to the Father of Light, confident that He will hear and answer.

**Sermon** ..... Dr. Brewer

***Nevertheless***

**Ezekiel 16:59-60; Luke 5:4-8**

**Closing Song**

***Grace Greater Than Our Sin***

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

***Refrain:***

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that is greater than all our sin!

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide;  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

***Refrain***

**Benediction** ..... Dr. Brewer