



*Gracious God, we praise you for the continuous cycle of seedtime and harvest and the order of nature. We bless you for the beauty of autumn and its generous yield. We thank you that you are mindful of us and supply our needs. Accept our thanksgiving and our praise for the cycle of life and for all the joys of living. And ever and always we will give thanks in all circumstances because Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen.*

## Sunday Schedule

9:00 Christian Formation

10:00 Worship

*Nursery for Ages 0-5 and Mother's Room:* We have a safe and fun nursery located at the end of the hall in the Veritas Cafe. Please follow the signs. We use a Kid Check program for security.

*Video:* There is a video feed of the worship live-streamed to the Conference Room at the end of the hallway for anyone who needs to step out of the service.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 18, 2018 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

## Call to Worship

### From Psalm 67:4-6

Psalm 67 is a psalm of thanksgiving for a fruitful harvest. But it also includes a prayer that God will bless his people Israel so that the rest of the world may come to know the true God. The desire of this psalm is, "Let all the peoples praise you!" Reciting this helps God's people keep its own calling in view: God's blessings on their lives is not simply for themselves but for the good of others too.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

**Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

# LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

KATHERINE K. DAVIS, 1939



1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.



His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us, a  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing, with



pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

## Opening Prayer

## Scripture

### Psalm 100

Children's voices in worship are a declaration to our enemy that God's victory is sure! Psalm 8 declares that, "Through the praise of children and infants the LORD has established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger".

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

# WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

JULIA CADY CORY, 1902



1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring.  
through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.  
to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel \_\_\_ and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape \_\_\_ you will make us,  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God \_\_\_ is be - side us;



we bless your ho - ly name, \_\_\_ glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, \_\_\_ our bat - tles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

## Confession of Sin

### Confession

Since we are created in God's image, we are to be fruitful, or creative. This is often called the "creation mandate" or "cultural mandate." God brought into being a flawless creation, an ideal platform, and then created humanity to continue the creation project. "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth'" (Gen. 1:28a). God could have created everything imaginable and filled the earth himself. But he chose to create humanity to work alongside him to actualize the universe's potential, to participate in God's own work. It is remarkable that God trusts us to carry out this amazing task of building on the good earth he has given us. Through our work God brings forth food and drink, products and services, knowledge and beauty, organizations and communities, growth and health, and praise and glory to himself.

God Almighty, you who have made mankind in your image and have given us the task to have dominion over other creatures; you have also given us the duty to cultivate the earth that it might yield riches to supply our needs: we thank you for the blessing of labor whereby we are made both workers and stewards:

### **Thank you, Good Lord.**

By selfishness and wayward practices, by ignorance and greed, by idleness and oppression, the curse of the Garden has spread through the world; we have wasted and misused your gifts, and the joy of mankind in work has departed from many. For whatever our part in these sins, we ask your forgiveness, Heavenly Father:

### **Father, forgive us.**

From pride and greed, from the misuse of our bodies and minds; from the hard heart which disregards the need of a fellow servant, and from the dishonest labor which withholds the fullness of promised service; from laziness, and self-indulgence, and inhumanity:

### **Good Lord, deliver us.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

## Assurance of Pardon

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

This is the good news: Christ has died for our sins, according to the Scriptures and has risen from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one (1 Thessalonians 3:3).

**Thanks be to God!!**

### Luke 17:11-19

Jesus tells them to go and show themselves to the priests and according to Leviticus chapter 14, if you were a leper, the only reason to go and present yourself to the priest was if and when you had been already healed. The priest would check you out and if you truly were clean, then an offering was made to signify and celebrate your purification. So the fact that they start out in search for a priest even when they are still leprous clearly signifies a real and true faith. Jesus makes explicit this judgment when the lone leper returns and says, "Your faith has saved you". So we might say that all ten had real faith; but only one had real gratitude.

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM, 1923



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that's en - dur - ing, your own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; you nev - er change, your com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as you have been you for - ev - er will be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

## Chorus



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed your hand has pro -



vid - ed, great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me! *3rd x repeat chorus*



great is thy faith - ful - ness, great is thy faith - ful - ness, \_\_\_



Lord, un - to me! Lord, un - to me. \_\_\_\_\_



# Welcome and Announcements

## Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

## Prayers for the Church and World

Why do Christians need to pray?

**Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

## Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "The peace of Christ be with you."

## Sermon

- I love you, O Lord, my strength.  
2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
3 I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

**Heidelberg Catechism  
Q 116**

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**Psalm 18:1-19, 49-50**

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*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the Lord, who addressed the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:*

4 The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;  
5 the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
to my God I cried for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

7 Then the earth reeled and rocked;  
the foundations also of the mountains trembled  
and quaked, because he was angry.

8 Smoke went up from his nostrils,  
and devouring fire from his mouth;  
glowing coals flamed forth from him.

9 He bowed the heavens and came down;  
thick darkness was under his feet.

10 He rode on a cherub and flew;  
he came swiftly on the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him,  
thick clouds dark with water.

12 Out of the brightness before him  
hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds.

13 The Lord also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Most High uttered his voice,  
hailstones and coals of fire.

14 And he sent out his arrows and scattered them;  
he flashed forth lightnings and routed them.

15 Then the channels of the sea were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were laid bare  
at your rebuke, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

16 He sent from on high, he took me;  
he drew me out of many waters.

17 He rescued me from my strong enemy  
and from those who hated me,  
for they were too mighty for me.

18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity,  
but the Lord was my support.

19 He brought me out into a broad place;  
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

49 For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,  
and sing to your name.

50 Great salvation he brings to his king,  
and shows steadfast love to his anointed,  
to David and his offspring forever.

“Theological Hindsight”  
Rev. Brian Frey

# The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.

## Communion

Wine is available in the inner two circles; grape juice is available in the outer ring. Gluten-free wafers are available in a basket on the back table.

We hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served in order to eat and drink together.

*We ask that you dispense with your cups by the back door following the service.*

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

# MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

KEITH GETTY, STUART TOWNED, 2003



1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain;
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be - side;
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a - bove;



Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;  
Who floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus - es fears to fly;  
Whose wis - dom is my per-fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.



Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his light,  
Whose ev - 'ry prom-ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take;  
For — ev - 'ry day I have on earth is gi - ven by the King,



and wrote his law of right-eous-ness with pow'r u - pon my heart.  
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.  
So — I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low him. *repeat last line*

# DOXOLOGY

THOMAS KEN, 1674

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Benediction

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

And may the God of peace sanctify you completely, and may you be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.