



# The Worship of God

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 14, 2020

## PRELUDE

*Faith Is Patience in the Night*

John D. Horman

Wayne Tillman, tenor; Jon-Jon Braxton, acolyte

Faith is patience in the night, waiting for the morning light, never giving up the fight. Spirit God give us faith. Faith is laughter in our pain, joy in pleasures that remain, trust in one we can't explain. Spirit God give us faith. Faith is steadfast will to live, standing firm and positive, being ready still to give, Spirit God give us faith. Faith is courage under stress, confidence in hopelessness, greatest gift we can possess. Spirit God give us faith.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve & Debbie Winfield

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

The God of creation makes us one in body!

**Let us give witness in faith, hope, and love!**

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

**Let us worship God in joyful praise!**

## HYMN

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

***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!***

***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)***

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PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things:

**behind the energy of the storm,  
behind the heat of a million suns.**

Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds:

**behind the ability to think and reason,  
behind all understanding of the truth.**

Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:

**behind the weakness, the torture and the death,  
behind unconquerable love.**

**O changeless God, under the conviction of your Spirit,  
I learn that the more I do, the worse I am.**

**The more I know, the less I know;  
the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am;  
the more I love, the more there is to love.**

**My heart is full of affection, yet full of leaks.**

We are your Body, and yet we lose track of how we are knit together.

**Our memory is faulty; we easily forget the lessons learned  
and so your truths seep away. Give us broken hearts that—  
even still—carry home the waters of grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

What more could be done than what Christ has done? His death is our life, his resurrection our peace, his ascension our hope, his prayers our comfort. Friends, hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.**

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.***

***Amen, amen.*** (TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-12; 12:1-2

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

William Marion Runyan

Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

SERMON

“The Church Is...  
A Community of Faith”

Rev. Laura Viau

HYMN

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

ELLECOMBE

*The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.  
If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.*

*True faith will open up the door and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.*

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005 TUNE: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868,  
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*[from the Scots Confession, section 3.16; “The Kirk” (“The Church”)]*

**As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of men chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.**

**This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power  
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.  
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

When injustice strikes down your children,  
**when hatred overwhelms conscience,**  
when violence tears apart human hearts,  
**when ignorance seems to win the day...**

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise!  
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,**  
**for the living of these days.**

When turmoil is greater than our stamina,  
**when abusive power grows even stronger,**  
when the innocent grieve in oppressed silence,  
**when hopelessness makes a home in us...**

God of hope, and God of justice, we will find our rest in you.  
May we never leave unfinished, work that you have called us to.  
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,**  
**for the living of these days.**

When wars and violence rage in the daylight,  
**when bitterness has a seat at the table,**  
when blame pits us against one another,  
**when selfishness makes us cowardly...**

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,**  
**lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

We will persevere in faith.  
**We will persevere in love.**  
We will persevere in wisdom.  
**We will persevere in your call to justice.**

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore..  
**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee, whole we adore,**  
**serving Thee, whom we adore.**

We offer these prayers, along with all our celebrations and hopes, all our concerns  
and petitions to and through Christ, who taught his disciples to pray, saying:

**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.**

**BENEDICTION AND CHARGE**

**CLOSING RESPONSE**                      *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*                      **ABBOT'S LEIGH**  
Gail Thomas, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Ken Curry, bass

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend.

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