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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “This is My Father’s World” by Maltbie Babcock

This is my father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my father's world I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas his hand the wonders wrought

This is my father's world, the birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white declare their maker's praise
This is my father's world, he shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass, I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere

This is my father's world, oh, let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet
This is my father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring, God reigns, let the earth be glad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come to worship our Lord this morning with confidence in his goodness.

People: We believe our faith is strengthened because of our confidence in Christ.

Pastor: And yet we often question whether or not Christ is able to do his work through us because our faith is not as strong as we would like.

People: May our confidence in Christ strengthen our belief that he will do great things through all who surrender to him.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we know you are more than able to accomplish your will by any means you desire. As we worship you this morning, open our hearts and minds to recognize the work you wish to accomplish through us. Bolster our meager faith by drawing us closer to you and one another through faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. For it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PETITION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, hear us as we confess our need for a more holy and courageous faith. We believe in your goodness and power, but we too often fail to believe in your ability to accomplish your will through us. Forgive us for our doubt and forgive us for allowing our unbelief to hinder your work on this earth. Grant us the faith to trust completely in your divine power and authority. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION "Amazing Grace" by John Newton

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-33

SERMON "Mustard and Yeast"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF SENDING “Great is Thy Faithfulness” by Thomas Chisholm

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 will be.

Chorus:

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.

(Chorus)

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!

(Chorus)

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH