

*Order of Worship for Sunday, May 31st, 2020*

*Worship through Adoration*

**OPENING SCRIPTURE READING**

*Lamentations 3:19-33*

Remember my affliction and my wanderings,  
the wormwood and the gall!

My soul continually remembers it  
and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for a man that he bear  
the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone in silence  
when it is laid on him;  
let him put his mouth in the dust—  
there may yet be hope;

let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,  
and let him be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not cast off forever,  
but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not afflict from his heart  
or grieve the children of men.

**SONG OF ADORATION**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness (next page)*

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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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!*

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*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,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*(Refrain)*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

At this point you can pause to offer your own prayer of adoration and praise to God. To help prompt you to pray a prayer of praise ask yourself one of the following questions:

- What Scriptural passage about who God is can I turn into a prayer of praise? (e.g. Psalm 102:25-28)
- What character or attribute of God can I focus on and give Him praise for? (e.g. His Faithfulness, Steadfast Love, Righteousness, Unchangeability, etc.)

*Worship through Confession and Thanksgiving*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Prov. 11:2, John 15:5, Romans 12:3*

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

## EXPLANATION OF GOD'S LAW

*The Pride of Self-Sufficiency*

One common way that pride manifests itself is in *self-sufficiency*. Self-sufficiency is when we fail to live with a constant awareness that “apart from Christ we can do nothing.” It is when we think we have enough strength, ability and wisdom to live and manage life on our own. A common expression of self-sufficiency is prayerlessness and a refusal to ask for help from others.

*Reflect on the passage and explanation above and ask God to search your heart and try your thoughts and confess the ways that you have fallen short of His glory in thought, word, and deed.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Our Heavenly Father,*

You have told us in Your word that apart from Christ we can do nothing.

Yet, we have lived as if we were sufficient in ourselves.

Instead of trusting in You, we have leaned on our own understanding.

We have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought and have become puffed up with pride.

Cause us to decrease that You might increase.

And help us to know that Your power is made perfect in weakness and that Your grace is always fully sufficient for us.

*In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE IN CHRIST

*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me (next page)*

## YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**READING OF GOD'S WORD**

Mark 14:32-42

**MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD**

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***“The Agony of Gethsemane”***

1. The cup as the *source* of Christ's suffering
2. The will of the Father as the *reason* for Christ's suffering
3. The frailty of His followers as the *motivation* for Christ's suffering

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

***What Wondrous Love is This*** (*next page*)

## WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*New City Catechism Q. 24*

*Why was it necessary for Christ the Redeemer to die?*

Since death is the punishment for sin,  
Christ died willingly in our place  
to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin  
and bring us back to God.

By his substitutionary atoning death,  
he alone redeems us from hell  
and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

**PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

- Pray for all the governing authorities that they would wisely and justly navigate the decisions ahead of them.
- Use the church directory to pray for some of the other members of our church family.
- Pray that the Lord would use the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions to bring the church back together in unity and celebration.

**CLOSING SONG**

*Gloria Patri*

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.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*Romans 15:13*

May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may abound in hope.  
Amen.