

## Welcome & Call to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

**If today we hear God's voice  
we must not harden our hearts, we must follow Him.  
Come, everyone, let's sing to the Lord.  
Let us tell the world that God has saved us.  
Let us thank him from the bottom of our hearts.  
Let us sing songs of praise to him.**

-based on Psalm 95

## Songs of Praise

### Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness,  
Great is Your faithfulness,  
You never change,  
You never fail, O God.

True are Your promises,  
True are Your promises,  
You never change,  
You never fail, O God.

*So we raise up holy hands  
To praise the Holy One  
Who was and is and is to come.*

Wide is Your love and grace,  
Wide is Your love and grace,  
You never change,  
You never fail, O God.

You were, You are,  
You will always be.

## How Can I Keep From Singing

There is an endless song  
Echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring,  
And though the storms may come  
I am holding on; to the rock I cling.

*How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough?  
How amazing is Your love!  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King,  
And it makes my heart want to sing.*

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,  
For I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You,  
Knowing You'll see me through,  
And sing the songs You give.

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win,  
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again.  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.  
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer.  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know,  
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne!

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Loving God, we are afraid to live by faith. We want to live by what we can see and touch. We want certainty where you do not provide it. We want answers when you choose not to give them.

**Forgive us for trying to know and control our lives by what we can grasp with our senses.**

Loving God, we believe it is easier to live by sight and strive to order our world that way. Help us to walk by faith and not by sight.

**Merciful Jesus, forgive us. Touch our eyes that we might see your grace, touch our mouths that we might worship you.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God...how great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

II Corinthians 5:21 and I John 3:1

### Amazing God

We can hear it growing louder,  
Songs from ev'ry nation, rising to Your throne.  
Saints in ev'ry generation, singing for Your glory,  
Telling what You've done.

*'Cause You're amazing God, You're amazing God,  
You can bear the weight of ev'ry heavy heart.  
You can heal the pain, You can clean the stain,  
You can turn our tears into songs of praise,  
You're amazing God.*

Beauty rises from the ashes,  
Sorrow turns to gladness when our God is near.  
You speak light into our darkness  
You heal the broken-hearted, You wipe away our tears.

### Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise His name! I'm fixed upon it,  
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast brought me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, Lord,  
Take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

## Scripture Reading

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. <sup>19</sup>You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder.

<sup>20</sup>You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup>Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup>And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.

<sup>25</sup>In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup>As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

James 2:14-26

**Sermon-** Todd Jones  
Anatomy of Faith

**Offering**

**Song for Reflection**

**Faith To Be Strong**

Give us faith to be strong, Father, we are so weak,  
Our bodies are fragile and weary.  
As we stagger and stumble to walk where you lead,  
Give us faith to be strong.

*Give us faith to be strong, give us strength to be faithful,  
This life is not long, but it's hard.  
Give us grace to go on, make us willing and able,  
Lord, give us faith to be strong.*

Give us peace when we're torn,  
Mend us up when we break,  
This flesh can be wounded and shaking.  
When there's much too much trouble for one heart to take,  
Give us peace when we're torn.

Give us hearts to find hope,  
Father, we cannot see  
How the sorrow we feel can bring freedom.  
And as hard as we try, Lord, it's hard to believe,  
So, give us hearts to find hope.

## **Communion**

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, please feel free to not participate or to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included below). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

### **Prayers For Reflection**

#### *Prayer for those searching*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise.

#### *Prayer of belief*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

#### *Prayer for those struggling with sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

#### *Prayer for renewal and commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, to love God and neighbor, and to a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, to pursue forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, and to live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## **Sending Song**

### **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 will be.

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.

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!

## **Community Life**

### **Blessing & Sending**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

**And also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Musicians**

Todd Jones, lead pastor

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