



July 28, 2024 at 9:30am

Leading us in worship this morning:

- Leo Ortel, Deacon
- Patrick Rode, Elder
- Kathy Engle, Liturgist
- The Rev. Dr. Randall Engle, Minister
- Mary Baker, Organist
- Carol Kenney, Pianist
- Sarah Lawlis, Soloist
- Zak Konik, Technician

The flowers on the Communion table are given by Robin Zurla in memory of Helen Nieman.

Gathering Music concluded with *Be Still and Know* arr. Marion Verhaalen

Our Call to Worship: *Be Still* Karen Marrolli

Be still and know that I am God
 Let peace embrace your heart
 Let fear and anguish now depart
 Though the earthquakes rage, though the tempests roll
 Though the storms conspire to destroy
 Be still and know that I am God
 The earth shall rise again in joy

Be still and know that I am God
 Let tranquil hope fill your mind
 Let grief and trouble be left behind
 Though shadows fall, though the darkness cries
 Though the night seems endless and dire
 Be still and know that I am God
 The morn shall rise in holy fire

-Psalm 46:10ff, adapted

***Our Opening Hymn:** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hymnal 599

***God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings**

A common greeting, used by Christians for millennia, is "The Lord be with you,"
or "The peace of Christ be with you." The response: "And also with you."

***A Psalm of Praise:** *You Are Before Me, Lord* (Psalm 139) Hymnal 336

We Remember God's Law

Our Call to Confession: *Come to the Savior Now* Hymnal 613

Litany: The Ten Commandments 1 Hymnal 715

***Our Response:** *Love God with All Your Soul and Strength* Hymnal 716

***Our Statement of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed* Symbolum Apostolicum, 390AD

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**



One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

We Speak to God

The Morning Prayers

Our Morning Offerings

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture Lessons: Galatians 5:22–25 *The Bible*, page 1816
I Corinthians 15:58–16:8 *The Bible*, page 1792

One: This is the Word of the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem: *But the Lord is Mindful of His Own* (from the oratorio *St. Paul*) Felix Mendelssohn

The Lord is mindful of His own
He remembers His children
Bow down before Him, ye mighty
The Lord is near us!
Yea, the Lord is mindful of His own, He remembers His children

The Sermon: *Faithfulness*¹

The Sermon Prayer

God Sends Us

***God's blessing is given and received**

***The Closing Hymn:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Hymnal 348

***The Postlude:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Gayden Sikes

Please sign and pass the blue Friendship Register located at the end of your pew.

About our Worship Environment:

For summer worship our Sanctuary is filled with all shades of green—the color of growth and life. Organic leaf forms found on the lectern and pulpit paraments lead all attention to the open Bible. The summer paraments were designed by the late Chris Stoffel Overvoorde, Calvin University professor of art, and appliquéd by Mrs. Jean Engle, Pastor Engle's mother.

¹ Today's sermon is the 8th in a summer-long sermon series on the fruit of the Spirit. Previous sermons in the series (the introduction, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness) are archived on our website.



They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

~Lamentations 3:23

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

G C G Am/C G/D D7 G

1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high; al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain; al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

C G Am/C G/D D7 G

Loud praise to Christ our King; al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

C D G Am D

Let all with heart and voice be - fore his throne re - joice;
 Christ is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

G C D G Am/C G/D D7 G

praise is his gra - cious choice: al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 his love shall ne - ver end; al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

Words: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843, P.D.

Music (MADRID 6.6.6.6 D): Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)
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You Are Before Me, Lord

PSALM 139

G D G G/F#
 1 You are be - fore me, Lord; you are be - hind,
 2 Then from your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go,
 3 If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,
 4 If I should say, "Let dark - ness cov - er me,
 5 Search me, O God, search me and know my heart:
 and o - ver me you have spread out your hand.
 and from your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?
 >if I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,
 and I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"
 try me, O God, my mind and spir - it try;
 C G/B D Em
 Such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,
 If I as - cend to heav - en you are there,
 >your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,
 sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to you:
 keep me from an - y path that gives you pain,
 C6 G/D D G
 too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
 and still are with me if in hell I lie.
 >and your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.
 the night is as the day, the dark - ness, light.
 and lead me in the ev - er - last - ing way.

For another setting of Ps. 139 see 337

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Come to the Savior Now

E^b B^b A^b B^b E^b

1 Come to the Sav - ior now, he gent - ly calls to you;
 2 Come to the Sav - ior now, all who have wan - dered far;
 3 Come to the Sav - ior now, he of - fers all to you,
 4 Come to the Sav - ior, all, what - e'er your bur - dens be;

A^b E^b F B^b

in true re - pen - tance bow, let him your heart re - new.
 re - new your sol - emn vow, for his by right you are;
 and on his mer - its you can plead for life a - new.
 hear now his lov - ing call, "Cast all your care on me."

E^b A^b

Christ came that you may know sal - va - tion, peace, and love,
 come like poor, wan - dering sheep re - turn - ing to his fold;
 No vain ex - cus - es frame, re - spond to Christ to - day!
 Come, and for ev - ery grief, in Je - sus you will find

B^b7 E^b E^b/B^b B^b7 E^b

true joy on earth be - low, a home in heaven a - bove.
 his arm will safe - ly keep, his love will ne'er grow cold.
 None who to Je - sus came were ev - er sent a - way.
 a sure and safe re - lief, a lov - ing friend and kind.

I am the Lord your God,
 who brought you out of Egypt,
 out of the land of slavery.
 You shall have no other gods before me.
**I sincerely acknowledge
 the only true God,
 trust him alone,
 look to him for every good thing,
 humbly and patiently,
 and love him, fear him,
 and honor him with all my heart.
 In short, I will give up anything rather
 than go against God's will in any way.**

You shall not make for yourself an idol
 in the form of anything in heaven above
 or on the earth beneath
 or in the waters below.
**I will in no way make any image of God
 nor worship him in any other way
 than he has commanded in his Word.**

You shall not misuse the name
 of the Lord your God,
 for the Lord will not hold anyone
 guiltless who misuses his name.
**I will use the holy name of God
 only with reverence and awe,
 so that I may properly confess him,
 pray to him, and praise him
 in everything I do and say.**

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
**I will regularly attend
 the assembly of God's people
 to learn what God's Word teaches,
 to participate in the sacraments,
 to pray to God publicly,
 and to bring Christian offerings
 for the poor.**
**Every day of my life
 I will rest from my evil ways,
 let the Lord work in me
 through his Spirit,
 and so begin already in this life
 the eternal Sabbath.**

Honor your father and your mother.
**I will honor, love, and be loyal
 to my father and mother
 and all those in authority over me.
 I will obey and submit to them,
 as is proper,
 when they correct and punish me;
 and I will be patient with their failings—
 for through them God chooses to rule us.**

You shall not murder.
**I will not belittle, insult, hate,
 or kill my neighbor—
 not by my thoughts, my words,
 my look or gesture,
 and certainly not by actual deeds—
 and I will not be party to this in others;
 rather, I will put away
 all desire for revenge.
 I will not harm
 or recklessly endanger myself either.**

You shall not commit adultery.
**God condemns all unchastity.
 I therefore thoroughly detest it
 and will live a decent and chaste life.**

You shall not steal.
**I will do whatever I can
 for my neighbor's good,
 treating others as I would like them
 to treat me,
 and I will work faithfully
 so that
 I may share with those in need.**

You shall not give false testimony
 against your neighbor.
**I will love the truth, speak it candidly,
 and openly acknowledge it.
 And I will do what I can to guard
 and advance my neighbor's good name.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to
 your neighbor.
**With all my heart I will always hate sin
 and take pleasure in whatever is right.**

For alternate versions of the Ten Commandments see 718, 722

Text: based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A's 92, 94, 96, 99, 103-105, 108, 111-113; Deuteronomy 5:6-21,
 Exodus 20:1-17

716 Love God with All Your Soul and Strength

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Love God with All Your Soul and Strength'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the lyrics 'Love God with all your soul and strength, with all your heart and mind.' The second system contains the lyrics 'And love your neighbor as yourself; be faithful, just, and kind.' Above the vocal line, chord symbols are provided for each measure: F, Bb, C, F, G7, C in the first system; and F, Gm, C, Dm, C, F, Bb, Csus, C, F in the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18; vers. Isaac Watts, 1715, P.D.

Music (FARRANT 8.6.8.6): English, 16th c.; adapt. Edward Hodges, ca. 1835, P.D.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

D G6 A D G

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 en - dur - eth, thy own dear

D E A A7 D

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy 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

G6 E7/G# D/A A7 D

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

Refrain A D B7 Em A7

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

D A E A A7 D

morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

G6 E7 D/A A7 D

hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!