



August 16, 2020

9:30 Worship

"Faith Integrity"

*\* indicates those who are comfortably able may stand*

*"...how good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"*

*-Psalm 133:1*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Kristy Odneal

Prelude

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Amy Crousore  
Cindy Berry

Carrying in the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship

*(adapted from Psalm 135)*

Matt Lucas

Praise God! Praise God's name!

Give praise to God, O servants of the LORD!

**Sing Praise to God, who has shaped all creation!**

**Sing Praise to God, in complete adoration!**

You that stand in the house of the LORD;

You who take comfort in the courts of God's house,

**Sing Praise to God, for the LORD is good;**

**Sing Praises to God, for God is most gracious!**

We know that God's will is made manifest in the world;

God's pleasure is unrestrained, in heaven and on earth!

**God's name endures forever!**

**Blessed be the LORD!**

**Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"Great is Your Faithfulness"

*NCH #423*

\*Opening Prayer

Matt Lucas

**God of justice and integrity; you share your wisdom with us through the presence of Jesus Christ, telling us to speak and act with integrity in the world as well. You point out that it is not the food we eat that defiles us, but words of hatred and oppression that we speak. Yet often we speak words that defile, when fear and frustration overcome us. Especially in this stressful time, loving God, we find it hard to speak with integrity. Forgive us these sins of separation. Inspire us to speak in words that are Truthful, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind; that we may live together as kindred in unity. Most of all, loving God, teach us to speak with integrity, following the example set by Jesus; for it is in Jesus' name we pray; Amen.**

\*Assurance of Blessing

Quinn Rosenthal

The Psalmist expresses how good it is when Kindred live together in unity; for there, God's blessing is ordained. Yet even when we fall short of this vision, God blesses us and forgives us. We are all God's children, blessed and beloved, forgiven and free! Praise be to God!

\*Prayer Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

NCH #283

**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me!**

Children's Time

Quinn Rosenthal

Response

"This Little Light of Mine"

**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Anthem

Tummons Family

New Testament Lesson:

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Matt Lucas

*In Paul's letter to the Christian Church in Rome, he assures them that they are all children of God, and no earthly concerns can take that away from them.*

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 15:10-20

Matt Lucas

*Jesus talks about speaking with integrity; and how faith expression is seen in all that we say and do. This is contrary to the popular laws of the time that dictated what foods were "clean" and "unclean;" essentially, what you put into your mouth is what justifies you, (according to the laws of the day) not what comes out.*

Sermon:

Quinn Rosenthal

\*Meditation Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

NCH #42

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response                   “Grant Us Peace”  
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!**  
**Hear our prayer, O Lord!**  
**Hear our Prayer, O Lord!**  
**And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!**



Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Kristy Odneal

Presenting our Gifts

“Here I Am, LORD”

Amy Crousore  
*Schutte/Carter*

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\*Response                   “We Praise You, O God”

*NCH #420*

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your Holy name, glad praises we sing!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Matt Lucas

**God of integrity and assurance; we give these gifts to maintain the integrity of our relationship with you. Your example of integrity was so great you sacrificed yourself for our relationship; our small sacrifices are inspired by your example. Take these gifts and let them be used to bring integrity to your world; through acts of justice. May these gifts be used to lift up the oppressed, as we seek to serve your will; Amen.**

\*Benediction

Quinn Rosenthal

\*Response:                   “Let There be Peace on Earth”

**Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!  
With God our Creator, Children all are we!  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!**  
**Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!**

\*Postlude

“Look, Ye Saints”

Amy Crousore  
*Thomas Chesterton*

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No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;  
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;  
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;  
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Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;  
Building a supportive church family;  
Transforming both the congregation and community  
through service and outreach*

thank you, Je - sus, my Sav - ior God, for you brought me, yes, you  
 been my sis - ter, my broth - er, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might - y, a might - y long way, a might - y long way.  
 brought me from a might - y, a might - y long way, a might - y long way.

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease  
 4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 Is mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!  
 By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for *The Wesleyan Hymn Book*, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.  
 Carl G. Gläser, 1828  
 Adapt. in *L. Mason's Modern Psalmody*, 1839  
 Alternate tune: RICHMOND

*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

\*originally "my Father"

*This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.*

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

THANKSGIVING

*Refrain*

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

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!