#### June 6, 2021

**Order of Worship** 

10:30 am



## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements			
Time of Silence			
Prelude	Voluntary	Cuthbert Harris	
	Will Benton, organist		
Call to Worship			
On this Sabbath day, we gather with tha	nksgiving in our hearts.		
For God's love is ever constant in our	lives.		
On this day of worship, we would talk of	all that is ours.		
Grace upon grace has been poured in	ito our lives.		
On this day of days, we would speak of w	what we believe.		
We will sing glad songs for all that Go	od has done.		
Prayer of Praise and Adoration			
Hymn No. 39	Great is Thy Faithfulness		
Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 8 (selected verses)	Pew Bible, O.T., page 233	
Call to Confession			
We know what it is like to be rejected, b	out we also remember turning our t	backs on others. We have	
experienced conflict, as well as caused	pain to others. Let us confess our fc	olish lives to the One who seeks	
to forgive us on this day, and every day			
Unison Prayer of Confession			
Everybody else does it, Watching Go	d, and we confess that we do as we	ell. We listen to those whose	
promises are sold to the highest bide	ler. We idolize celebrities as if the	y were teachers of ethics. We	
long for that one person who will ma	ike everything right, once again, or	ice and for all.	
Is it any wonder we are a disappoint	ed people, God of Hope? Forgive u	s for turning our backs on you,	
even as you continue to stretch out y	your arms to us. Forgive us for trust	ting in those who prove to be	
false, rather than having faith in you	r love. Forgive us, and fill us with t	he Spirit of faith which is given	
to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Sa	vior. Forgive us for failing to love a	is you have loved us.	
(silent prayers of confession)			
Declaration of Forgiveness			
Do not lose heart! God wants to strengt	hen our souls, filling us with forgive	ness, wonder, and joy!	
Glory to you, God of mercy and grace			

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Response No. 693

Though I May Speak

Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

### THE WORD

#### Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

Blessing of Childrentune - Hymn No. 748, Tallis CanonGo with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day,That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.

Scripture Reading Sermon	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Influencers		Pew Bible, N.T., page 169 Dr. Helen DeBevoise
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version)		Hymnal Page 17
I believe in God, the Father Al creator of heaven and earth	• 1.	I believe in the Hol the holy catholic	
who was conceived by the H born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilat was crucified, died, and was he descended to the dead; the third day he rose again fro he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right han	uffered under Pontius Pilate, vas crucified, died, and was buried; descended to the dead; third day he rose again from the dead;		of saints, of sins, of the body, asting. Amen.
Offertory	Nearer, My God, to Thee Robb Ross, soloist		Arr. Tom Trenney
	THE EUC	CHARIST	
The Celebration of the Lord's Support Invitation Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution Sharing of Bread and Cup Prayer after Communion	er		
Hymn No. 726	Will You Come The Sur		
Charge and Benediction Postlude	Toccata P Will Bentc	ontificale on, organist	Gordon Young



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923 Text and Music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

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# Great is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)





As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.



The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.