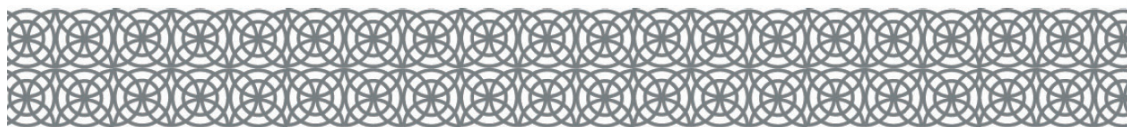




SUNDAY EVENING

Vespers



CONCLUDING THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Lord's Day Vespers

EVENING WORSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.

EVENING VESPER MEDITATION

Almighty God, we give You thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore You in Your great mercy that, as You enfold us with the radiance of Your light, so You would shine into our hearts the brightness of Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by Your brightness we may know You to be the true God and Eternal Light, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.



Call to Preparation

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Prelude

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. Peter Hilliard

Mary Clare Johnson, *violin*; Kim Steen, *flute*; Chip Lasseter, *guitar*

† Call to Worship

Psalm 85:1-2, 7, 10-13

LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

You covered all their sin.

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

and grant us Your salvation.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

ALL: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

† Prayer of Invocation

† Hymn 56

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Evening Prayer

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

O God, most high, most glorious,
the thought of Your infinite serenity cheers us, for we are troubled and distressed,

but You are forever at perfect peace.

Your designs cause You no fear or care of unfulfillment,

they stand fast as the eternal hills.

Your power knows no bound, Your goodness no limit.

You bring order out of confusion, and our defeats are Your victories:

The Lord God omnipotent reigns.

We come to You as sinners with cares and sorrows.

Revive us by Your Spirit;

Let us live near to You, great Shepherd;

Let us hear Your voice, know its tones, follow its calls.

Keep us from deception by causing us to abide in the truth;

Keep us from harm by helping us walk in the power of the Spirit.

Let us never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel,

**that we may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence,
and know in it the power of the Spirit.**

Lord, help us, for we are often lukewarm, even cold toward You;

Unbelief mars our confidence, sin makes us forget You.

Let the weeds that grow in our souls be cut at their roots;

**Grant us to know that we truly live only when we live to You,
that all else is trifling.**

Your presence alone can make us holy, devout, strong and happy

Abide in us, gracious God. Amen.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

† Hymns

384 (verses 1, 2, and 4)	<i>My Faith Has Found A Resting Place</i>	LANDÅS
28 (verses 1, 3, and 4)	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	HOW GREAT THOU ART
209 (verses 1, 3 and 5)	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	HAMBURG
577 (verses 1 and 4)	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	IN CHRIST ALONE

At the last stanza of "In Christ Alone"

1st through 5th grade children are dismissed to attend their classes.

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 3:19-27

¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! ²⁰ My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Homily

God's Faithfulness

Rev. Bill Clark

Closing Prayer

† Benediction

† Benediction Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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.

Postlude

Variations on HAMBURG

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE READINGS

EXODUS 34:6 — The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and *faithfulness*.”

PSALM 100:5 — For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His *faithfulness* to all generations.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 — God is *faithful*, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 — No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is *faithful*, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24 — Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is *faithful*; He will surely do it.

1 JOHN 1:9 — If we confess our sins, He is *faithful* and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A Devotion from Paul David Tripp's *New Morning Mercies*

God has covenantally committed himself to be faithful to you forever, unleashing His wisdom, power, and grace for your eternal good. Think about this. The One who created and controls the world, the One who is the ultimate definition of what is loving, true, and good, and the One who alone has the power to finally defeat sin has chosen, because of His grace, to wrap His arms of faithful love and protection around you, and He will not let you go.

You can take your life off your shoulders because God has placed it on His. This doesn't mean that it doesn't matter how you live, but that your security is not found in your faithfulness, but in His. He can be trusted even when you cannot. He will be faithful and good even when you're not. He will do what is right and best even when you don't. And He is faithful to forgive you when convicting grace reveals how unfaithful you have been. Rather than giving you license to do whatever, this truth should give you motivation to continue. His grace calls you to invest in the one thing that will never come up short, and that one thing is the faithfulness of your Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERMON NOTES

God's Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:21-25 and Various Texts



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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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