



The Lord's Day in Worship

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The only true bond of Church unity is Christ the Lord, Who has reconciled us to God the Father.

— JOHN CALVIN

*Every time you sing in the covenant fellowship of God's people,
Jesus Christ is holding your hymn book, and He's singing, as it were,
with you and over your shoulder and leading you in the worship of God.*

— DR. EDMUND CLOWNEY



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

9:55 a.m.

The Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us
Robert Scott, flute

arr. Charles Callahan
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*So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice,
and wait continually for your God.*

Hosea 12:6

The Striking of the Hour

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him Who is seated on the throne, Who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who is seated on the throne and worship Him Who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”

† The Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**(see page 10)*

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we unceasingly transgress Your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more. But we are sorry for this and desire Your grace and help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely, and please You in a new, godly life. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

† The Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

(see page 11)

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-212 (Kindergarten) after the service.*

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Offertory Anthem

I Will Arise
Women's Chorus

RESTORATION, arr. Patti Drennan

Come, ye sinners poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

*[Refrain:] I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. *[Refrain]*

The Prayer of Loving Intercession and Humble Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 15:5-7

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Sermon

UNITY IS SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL
Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace
Psalm 133

Mr. McRoberts

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Sermon outline on pages 7-9.

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(see page 12)

† The Sending

Our Great Peacemaker is dependably steady; a personal God working in you what is well-pleasing in His sight. Therefore, go from this place into the world, and get along with others; reach out and welcome one another to the glory of God. Jesus did it for you, now you go and do likewise. And you will so honor Jesus with one voice like a choir singing in harmony a stunning anthem to the glory of God, and you will draw others to Him.

† The Benediction of God's Grace

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*)

† The Postlude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 531

J. S. Bach

*So you shall know that I am the Lord your God,
who dwells in Zion, my holy mountain.
And Jerusalem shall be holy,
and strangers shall never again pass through it.
Joel 3:17*

UNITY IS SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL

Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace

Psalm 133

INTRODUCTION

I. UNITY IS GOOD AND PLEASING ~ 133:1

A. Self-Awareness Check/Exercise RE: Unity

1. In what ways do we promote unity?

a. Prayer for others. _____

b. Encouragement. _____

c. Protect unity. _____

d. Discourage disunity. _____

e. Reconciliation. _____

f. Restoration. _____

g. Seek counsel. _____

h. Hospitality _____

i. Confession. _____

j. Appreciate times of unity. _____

2. In what ways do we suppress unity?

- a. Gossip. _____
- b. Lying. _____
- c. Shifty. _____
- d. Persnickety. _____
- e. Adultery. _____
- f. Slander. _____
- g. Envy/Jealousy. _____
- h. Being untrustworthy. _____
- i. Anger. _____
- j. Holding a grudge. _____

B. Reasons to Be a Unity Seeker

- 1. *He reconciled with you ~ Romans 5:8; II Corinthians 5:18-20*
- 2. *He re-created you for unity ~ Romans 15:5-7*
- 3. *Jesus' desire for His Bride ~ John 17:11*
- 4. *The example of the early church ~ Acts 2:42-45*
- 5. *Seek what is good and pleasing ~ Psalm 133:1*

II. UNITY IS A LAVISH GIFT FROM GOD ~ 133:2-3A

A. The Lavishness of the Blessing

B. The Path of the Blessing

C. The Scope of the Blessing

III. UNITY IS AN ABSOLUTE COMMAND OF GOD ~ 133:3B

A. Christ Will Build His Church ~ Matthew 16:18

B. God the Father Will Answer the Pleas of God the Son ~ John 17:20-23

C. The Lord Will Answer the Call: *Life Forevermore!* ~ Psalm 133:3b

CONCLUSION

For Further Study and Encouragement: II Samuel 5:1; I Chronicles 12:38-40; Ezekiel 11:19; Acts 4:32; Romans 5:8; II Corinthians 5:18-19; Ephesians 1:22, 2:15-16, 4:3, 15; Colossians 1:18-22, 2:19



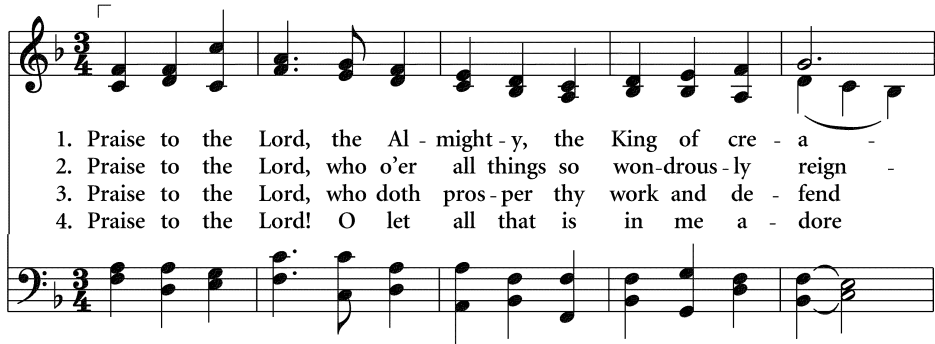
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Who has reconciled us to God the Father.*

– John Calvin

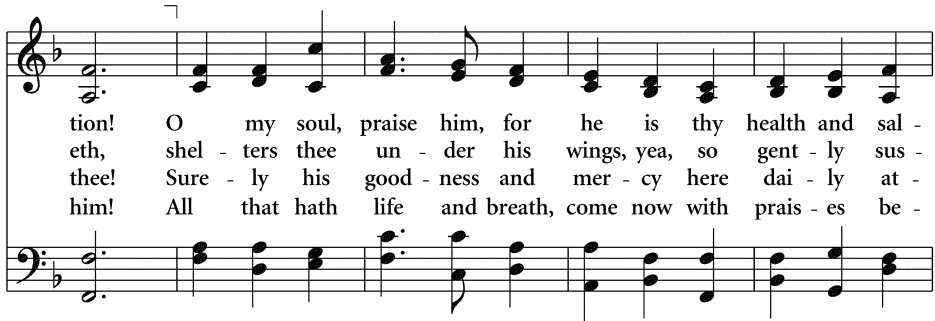
*The “Come!” of Christ separates us from the world to His Name;
the “Go!” of Christ sends us to the world in His Name.*

– Edmund Clowney, *Called to Ministry*

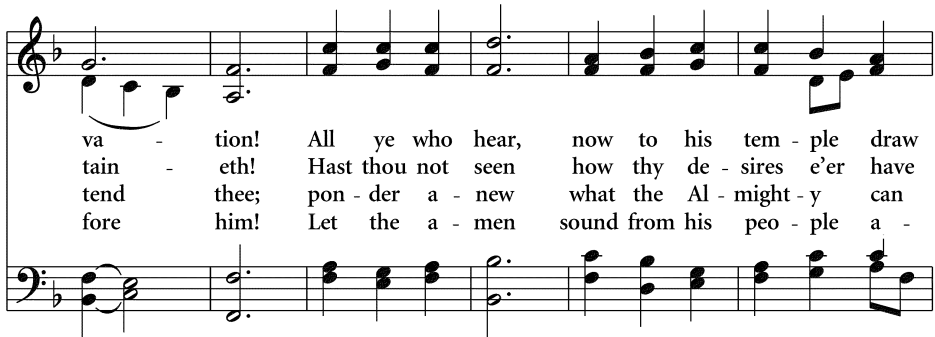
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore



tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
 thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -



va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -



near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

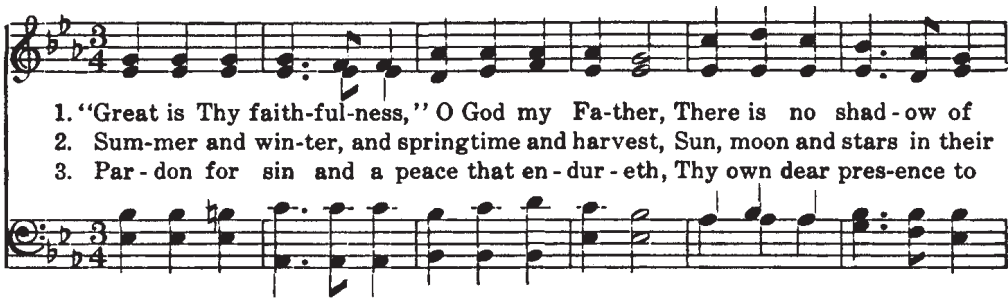
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure;
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

that he should give his on - ly Son, to make a wretch his trea - sure.
 a - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scof - fers.
 but I will boast in Je - sus Christ; his death and res - ur-rec - tion.

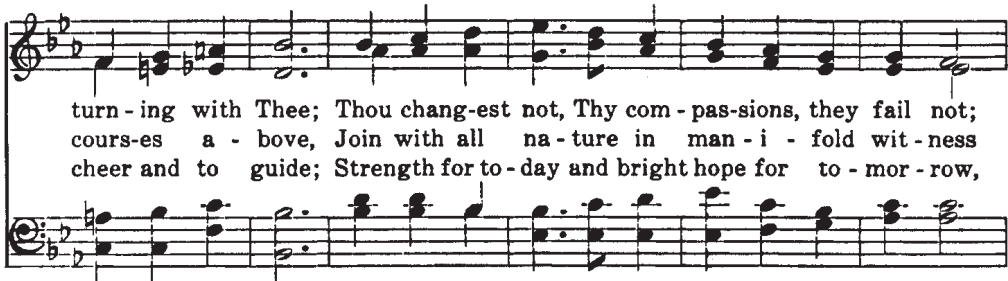
How great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
 It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
 Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can-not give an an - swer.

as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

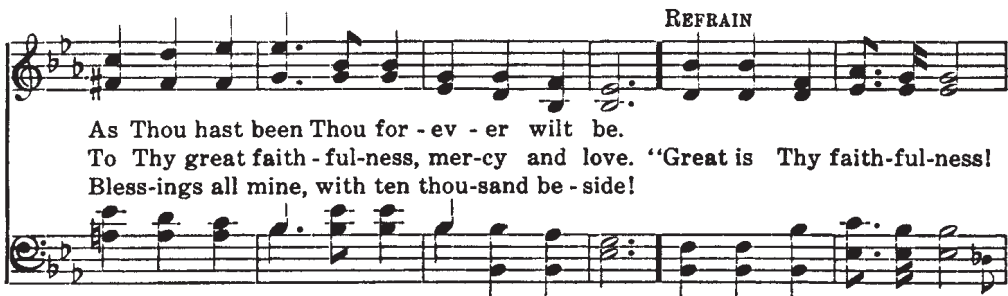
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness," O God my Fa-ther, There is no shad-ow of
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thy own dear pres-ence to



turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
cours-es a-bove, Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

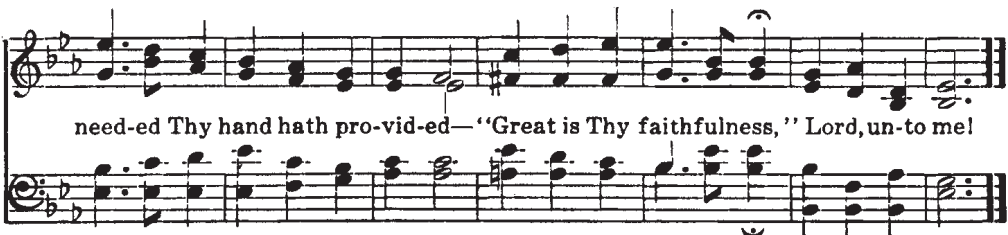


REFRAIN

As Thou hast been Thou for-ev-er wilt be.
To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is Thy faithfulness!" Morning by morning new mer-cies I see; All I have



need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, un-to me!