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Whoever you are, wherever you are
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
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A LIFE OF THANKS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION (silently pray)

UMH Hymnal #535

Like an ant on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin haunts me. Graciously look upon me. Thy love is my refuge. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we ask you to calm our fears.

People: Take heart, be not afraid, for God is here.

Leader: Lord, we ask that you lead us to You.

People: Come, reach out, for God is near at hand.

Leader: Lord, we ask that you increase our faith.

People: Walk with strength and hold the hand of grace.

+OPENING HYMN #140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* United Methodist Hymnal

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

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!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness, to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Chorus**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

+OPENING PRAYER (join in prayer)

God, how easy it is for us to shy away from being faithful! There is so much tumult in our lives, so much uncertainty. When you come to us in an opportunity, we are fearful, and we cry out in resistance. When you call us forward to life, we see only

the difficulties and trials in store for us. We forget that your hand is ever ready to save and preserve us. God, forgive us our fears and doubts, and free us to walk boldly in faith. In the name of the One who leads us to life we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

With Endless Praise
Chancel Choir

N. Price and D. Besig

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (join in prayer)

Lord God, renew our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love through every word that comes from Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 91

New Revised Standard Version

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense. You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

CHILDREN'S TIME (Young people are invited to come forward)

Pastor Roy

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Roy

PRAYER HYMN #347

Spirit Song

UMH

○ let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. ○ let him have the things that hold you.
And his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

○ come and sing this with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. ○ give him all your tears and sadness,
Give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

