

“The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.” - Tom Clancy

Bulletin (continued)

Offertory

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21 liturgist
 Matthew 10:24-39 (Pastor Darick)

Message Pastor Darick

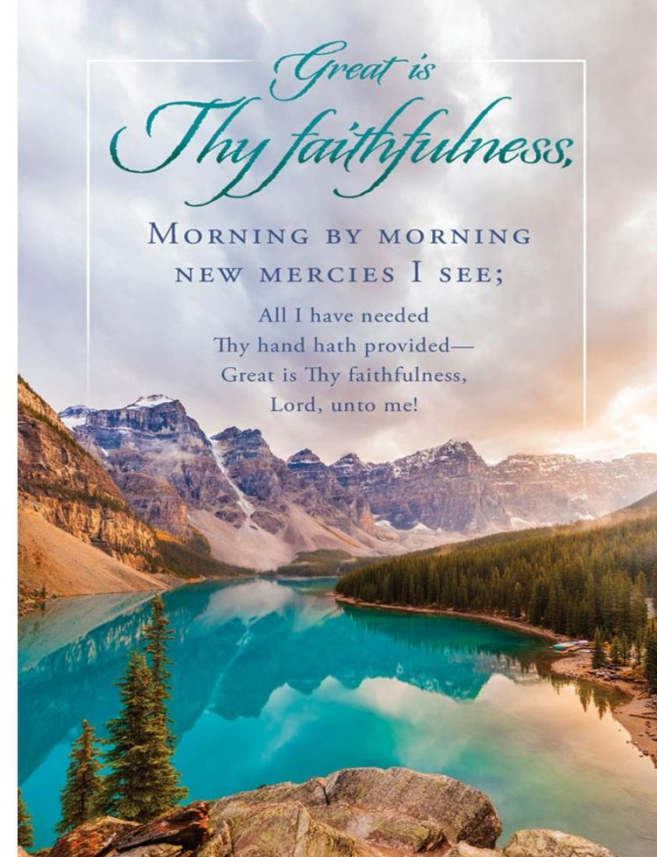
Prayer of Confession: **Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from You. We confess that we allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN**

Holy Communion

*Hymn “FAITH OF OUR FATHERS” P. 710

*Benediction

*Postlude “ALL BOW DOWN” Praise Team



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Gathering "THE BLESSING" Praise Team

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "ALWAYS" Praise Team

*Call to Worship

L.. When we feel abandoned and alone, unable to find a way out of the wilderness that surrounds, we cry out to God....

C. and God listens to us.

L. When we feel discouraged and defeated, unsure we will ever really be able to make ends meet and worried that no matter how hard we work, it will never be enough, we cry out to God...

C. and God listens to us.

L.. When we feel lost and forgotten, unable to find the words for the grief, isolation, and despair that we feel, our hearts cry out to God...

C. and God pays attention to us.

L. As we gather in this place and time, remember: you are not alone. God knows where you are, and God listens to the cries of our hearts.

C. May we also listen to one another as God guides us toward the cool, refreshing waters we need to continue on our journey as the family of God.

Prayer Concerns or Joys

Prayer for Today (Intercessory Prayer)

You, O God, love us from the moment of our conception; you know us and you love us in the womb; you love us and you call us from before the moment of our first breath and you love us when we first see the light of day. As a parent loves a child before they ever see it, and then embraces it gently from the moment of its birth, so you love us...and we thank you. Help us dear God to love one another in this way..

(pause) **Lord, hear our prayer...**

You love us, O God, from the time of our naming; you love us in our growing and hold us as we take our first steps. You love us and walk beside us as we explore the world with eager hands and eyes. As a parent loves their child as they see it grow and develop, so you love us...and we thank you. Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way...

(pause) **Lord, hear our prayer...**

You love us, O God, as we mature and seek our way; you love us as we become aware of the world around us; you love us as we smile and play; you even love us when we say no and when we begin to stray. As a parent loves their child as they see it become proud and tall so you love us even when we sin and fall. Help us dear God, to love one another in this way...

(pause) **Lord, hear our prayer...**

We thank you God, for loving us when we are unloving, for caring for us when we are uncaring, and for calling to us when we go far away. Help us, dear God, to love one another in this way...

(pause) **Lord, hear our prayer...**

Lord, hear our prayers of love this day for those around us, for those we have held before you in our time of sharing, and for those we have thought of in our moments of caring:

(pause) **Lord, hear our prayer...**

We ask all these things in the name of Christ Jesus.

AMEN

*Hymn "WHEN JESUS CALLED YOU FATHER" p. 545
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