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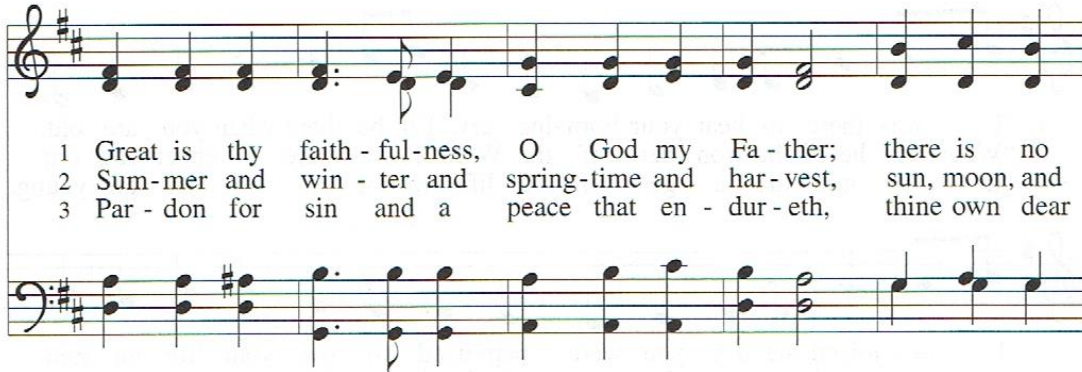
September 20, 2020 – 10:30 AM In-Person Worship
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Prelude “Amazing Grace” - Scott Gaun, Soloist

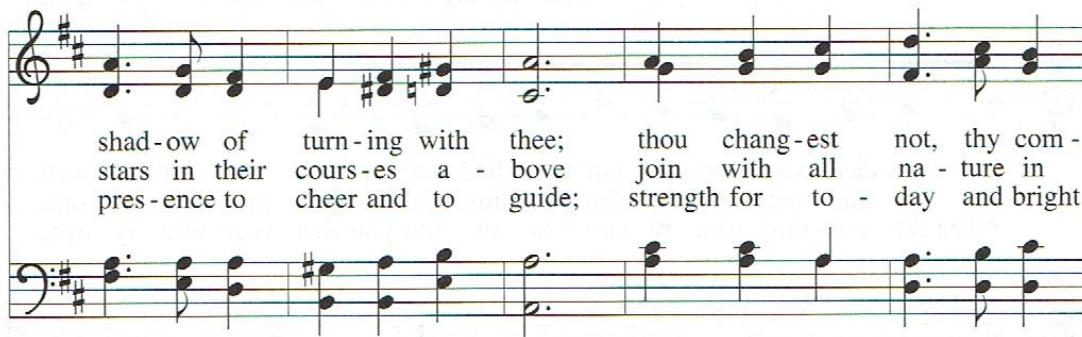
Welcome

Announcements and Introduction to Today’s Worship

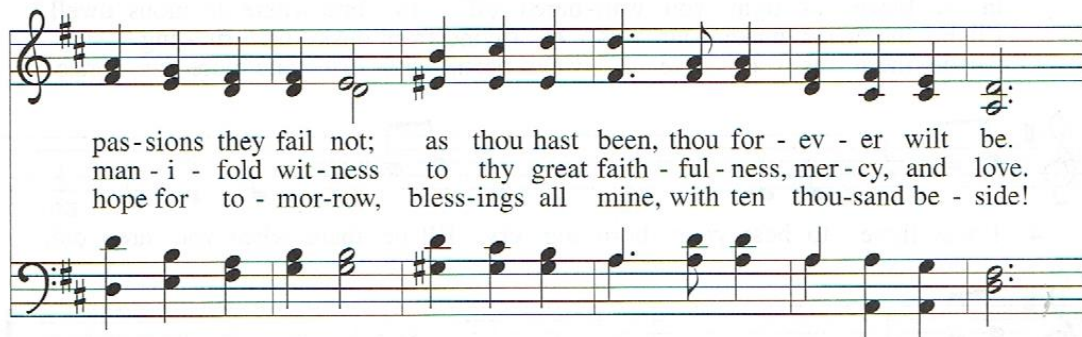
Hymn – ELW # 733 - “Great is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

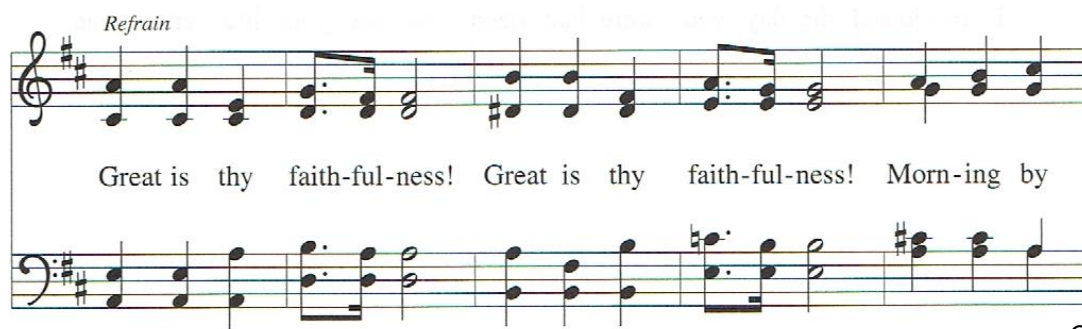


shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

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morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day - Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Jonah 3:10-4:11 Joseph Forgives His Brothers

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Jonah's Anger

4But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

Jonah Is Reproved

9 But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Psalm 145:1-8 The Greatness and the Goodness of God - Praise. Of David.

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16 The Laborers in the Vineyard

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

Message

Hymn - ELW #535- "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Prayers and Intercessions

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

A Sign of Peace

Blessing

Postlude

Helping in Worship

Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Addyson Mammana
Users/Guides	- Joe Hlavaty, Dean Litzenberger, Stan Czeck
Lector	- Tom Gaun
Secretary	- Ann Wong
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

Announcements

- Virtual "Whirl" Sunday School for Sunday, September 20 is available on our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran.

- The September Outreach offering will be designated for Lutheran Disaster Response.

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; George Kreitz; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Marci Boettger; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Frannie Brooks; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Gregory Chubrik; Josie Crown; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Douglas Harris; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Kara Kline; Aleena Lang; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Steven Neff; Kyle Newman; David Parker; Jeff Petrino; Lisa Pezzino; Les Pross; Donnie Pyne; Sarah Rhine; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Trebek; Alex Ulrey; Rudolf von Watzdorf; and Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck; and Elfriede Marschewski.

For the Grieving: The families of Lea Kneebone; Gerry Seipt; Manfred Marschewski; and Helen Ballek.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

New Baby: Please keep Kristi Lee and Dane Reiman and their newborn son, Dane Charles, in your prayers. Dane Charles was born early and remains in the NICU until his breathing improves.