

## Gathering

### \* Call to Worship

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is faithful. **He is a faithful Lord, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations**

**of those who love him and keep his commands.**

His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations on into eternity.

**We therefore praise the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying, "Great is your faithfulness!**

**We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things.**

**Great is your faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God."**

### \* Opening Prayer

### \* Congregational Favorites

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Q & A 2-5 pg. 862 (PH)

**What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?**

Three things:

first, how great my sin and misery are;

second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;

third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

**How do you come to know your misery?**

The law of God tells me.

**What does God's law require of us?**

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22—

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

Love your neighbor as yourself.

All the Law and the Prophets hang

on these two commandments.

**Can you live up to all this perfectly?**

No, I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

## Responding

**Offering:** Mission and Outreach Fund

### Evening Prayer

#### \* *Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken*

Thanks to God whose Word was written  
In the Bible's sacred page,  
Record of the revelation  
Showing God to every age.  
God has spoken, God has spoken;  
Praise Him for His open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered  
By the Spirit's voice within.  
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,  
Life redeemed from death and sin.  
God is speaking; God is speaking;  
Praise him for his open Word.

## Listening

\* **Scripture:** *Daniel 1:17-21 (ESV)* pg. 922

<sup>17</sup>As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. <sup>18</sup>At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup>And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. <sup>20</sup>And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers that were in all his kingdom. <sup>21</sup>And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *God's Faithfulness to the Faithful*

### Prayer

\* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** #98:1,2 (HFG)

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. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* 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. *Refrain*

## Sending

### \* God's Blessing

\* **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** #475:1,2 (PH)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

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**God's Faithfulness to the Faithful**

Daniel 1:17-21

The faithfulness of God to the faithful.

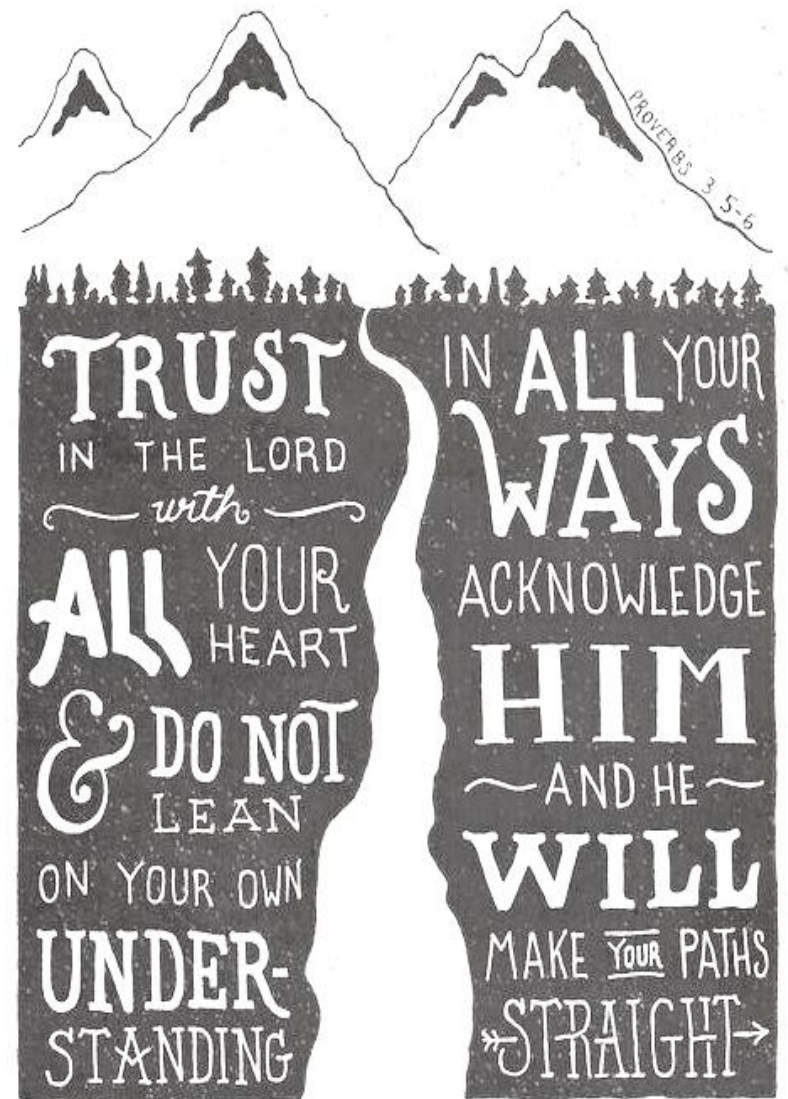
The silent sovereignty of God.

The sustaining sovereignty of God.

Implications and Application.

Pastor: Robert W  
Song Leader: Rob H  
Music: Betty S, Lee V  
Offering: The Mission and Outreach Fund is used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need our support. This fund allows the church to help organizations even when our offering schedule is full. For more information, please talk to any of the deacons.

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