

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 89:1,2,5,8*  
*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness  
to all generations.*

**For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”**

*Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!*

**O LORD God of hosts,  
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,  
with your faithfulness all around you?**

### \* God's Greeting

\* **I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord** #169:1,2 (PH)

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

*With my mouth will I make known*

*Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;*

*With my mouth will I make known*

*Your faithfulness to all generations.*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

*All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever  
For the things he has done.*

*All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,*

*All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.*

*Who can be compared to God*

*In faithfulness, in faithfulness?*

*Who can be compared to God*

*In faithfulness to all generations?*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,*

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

\* **O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God** #297:1,2,3 (PH)

*O come, my soul, sing praise to God our Maker,*

*And all within me, praise his holy name.*

*Sing praise to God, forget not all his mercies;*

*His pardoning grace and saving love proclaim.*

*Refrain: Praise him, all angels, wondrous in might;  
Praise him, you servants who in his will delight.*

*Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,  
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love.*

*Rich is his grace to all who humbly seek him,*

*Boundless and endless as the heavens above.*

*Refrain: Praise him, all angels, wondrous in might;  
Praise him, you servants who in his will delight.*

*His love is like a father's to his children,*

*Tender and kind to all who fear his name;*

*For well he knows our weakness and our frailty;*

*He knows that we are dust, he knows our frame. Refrain*

### \* Knowing You

*All I once held dear, built my life upon,*

*All this world reveres and wars to own;*

*All I once thought gain I have counted loss,*

*Spent and worthless now compared to this.*

*Refrain: Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You*

*There is no greater thing.*

*You're my all, You're my rest,*

*You're my joy, my righteousness,*

*And I love You Lord.*

*Now my heart's desire is to know You more,*

*To be found in You and known as Yours,*

*To possess by faith what I could not earn,*

*All surpassing gift of righteousness. Refrain*

### Call to Confession: *I John 1:8-10*

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the  
truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and*

*just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make*

*him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

### Prayer of Confession

**Assurance:** *Psalm 86:15-16*

*But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*

*Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength  
to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.*

### In the Presence

*In the presence of a holy God*

*There's new meaning now to grace.*

*You took all my sins upon yourself;*

*I can only stand amazed. Refrain*

*Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God,*

*How awesome is your name.*

*Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;*

*And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.*

*In the presence of your glory*

*All my crowns lie in the dust.*

*You are righteous in your judgments, Lord;*

*You are faithful, true and just. Refrain*

*(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to*

*Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)*

### Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Building the Future

### Morning Prayer

\* **With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring** #183:1,2 (PH)

*With grateful heart my thanks I bring,*

*Before the great your praise I sing.*

*I worship in your holy place*

*And praise you for your truth and grace;*

*For truth and grace together shine*

*In your most holy Word divine,*

*In your most holy Word divine.*

*I cried to you, and you did save;*

*Your word of grace new courage gave.*

*The kings of earth shall thank you, Lord,*

*For they have heard your wondrous word;*

*Yes, they shall come with songs of praise,*

*For great and glorious are your ways,*

*For great and glorious are your ways.*

\* **Scripture:** *Psalm 100:5* pg. 630

*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

*Proverbs 3:3* pg. 665

*Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;*

*bind them around your neck;*

*write them on the tablet of your heart.*

*Proverbs 20:6* pg. 683

*Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love,*

*but a faithful man who can find?*

*I Corinthians 4:1-2* pg. 1195

*This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ*

*and stewards of the mysteries of God.*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\* **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:* 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.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **All People That on Earth Do Dwell** #381:1,4 (HFG)

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement  
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Brian K, Larry K

Music: Sharon A, Mike S

Offering: First CRC Building the Future Fund is always in place  
to fund future building projects of our church. For more  
information, talk to a member of the Long-Range Planning Team.

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## **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

*Psalm 100:5; Proverbs 3:3  
Proverbs 20:6; I Corinthians 4:1-2*

Character of Faithfulness

Obstacles to Faithfulness

Cultivating Faithfulness



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