

* **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**

* **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** #556:1,2,3 (PH)

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. *Refrain*

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! *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* **Like a River Glorious**

#560:1,2 (PH)

Like a river glorious is God’s perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day;
Perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand,
Where no harm can follow, in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
Those who trust him wholly find him wholly true.
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

* **Amazing Grace**

#462:1,2,3 (PH)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 115

No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly:
why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

**First, so that the longer we live
the more we may come to know our sinfulness
and the more eagerly look to Christ
for forgiveness of sins and righteousness.
Second, so that, while praying to God
for the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may never stop striving
to be renewed more and more after God's image,
until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.**

Offering: Eric & Penny S

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#466:1,2 (HFG)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Evening Prayer

* **Scripture:** *1 John 5:13-21 (NIV)* pg. 1281

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

¹⁶ If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

¹⁸ We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them. ¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. ²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Five Rock Solid Truths for an Uncertain Year*

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1 John 5:13-2

Prayer

* ***I Know Whom I Have Believed*** #631:1,2 (HFG)

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me he hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His word
Wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Go With Us, Lord***

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day.
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

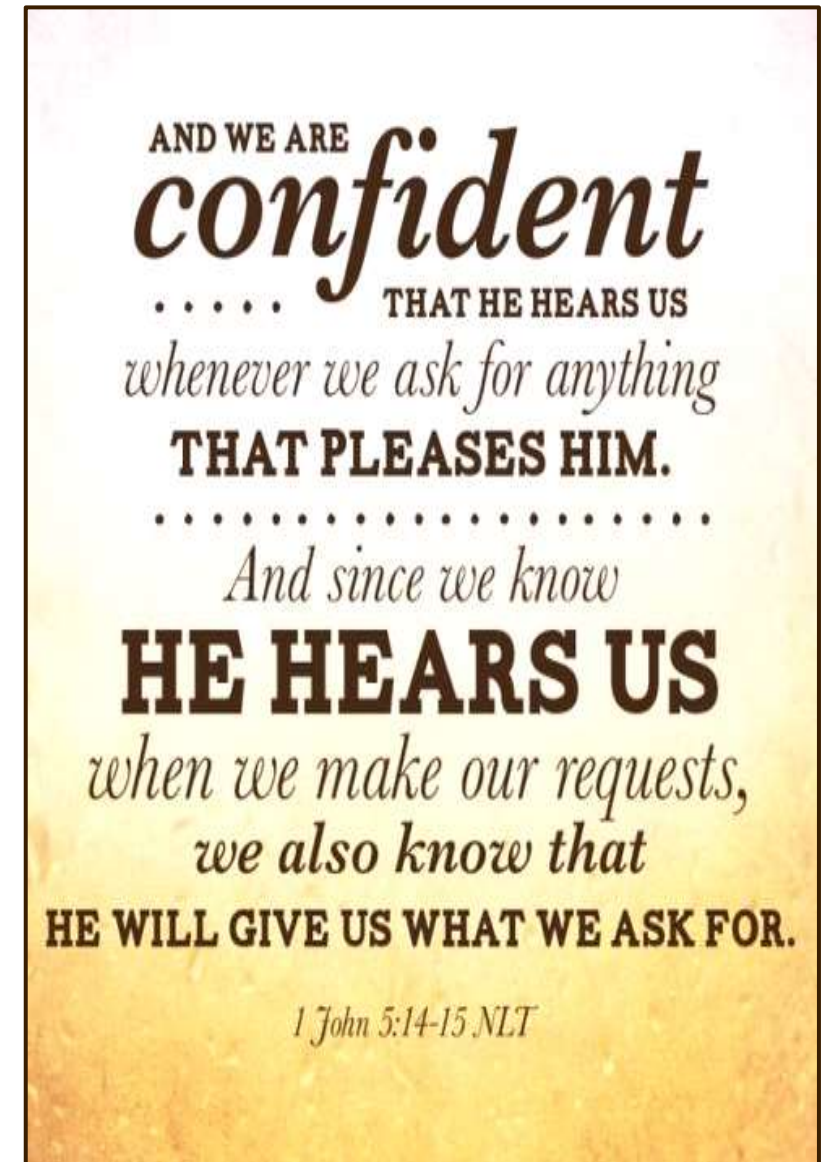
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Pastor: Ken V

Music: Sharon A

Offering: Eric & Penny work with Pacific Island Ministry and help to train pastors and write resource materials for pastors in the Melanesian Pidgin language.

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