

Faith United Church of Christ

March 22, 2020

Prelude from J. S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Greeting & Lighting of Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Early each morning, God waits to greet us with so much love.

We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.

During the day, Jesus comes to attend our anxious hearts and gives us peace.

We move out of our routines, our worry, the drudgery of ordinary life to tend our spirits, to pray for our neighbors, to reach out in this time of isolation.

In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

The Light of Jesus shines on us in each moment of every day.

Adapted from Thom Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies

Song - (Sung 4 times)

Lord Prepare Me, To be a sanctuary,

Pure and Holy, Tried and true.

With thanksgiving. I'll be a living.

Sanctuary for you.

Gathering Prayer

We come to you, Our God, when our souls are empty and you fill them with living water. When we do not even know how to follow your way, Jesus, you take our hand and walk with us. When our fears, anxieties, or pride lead us to dismissive boasting, you whisper grace into our hearts. We welcome your peace. We open our hearts in worship.

Text Joshua 3:1-5 & 1 Thess 5:11

Anthem- Be Now My Vision

Sermon Encourage One Another

Hymn Response - Great is Your Faithfulness

Great is Your faithfulness, O God Creator,
With you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
All of your goodness forever will be.

Summer and Winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Offering --

Our offerings are part of our worship. They are part of our belonging together. Even though we are gathering differently, the church still has costs that have to be paid. We appreciate your on-going support -- whether it is via automatic bill pay through your bank or via mailed check. We continue to gather as a community where we support one another and put feet to our faith even as the church has left the building.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that Love has done

Creator, Christ and Spirit One

Invitation to Our Ministries

- Thursday, March 26th 10:30 pm Children's Message Zoom
- Thursday, March 26th 3:00 pm Coffee and Prayer
- Email Admin Jeff to ensure your email and phone number are in our database, faithuccsc@gmail.com

Benediction J. S. Bach, Prelude and Fugue in G Major