

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**MARK 8:31-38**

**SERMON**

**“WHOEVER THOUGHT LOSING SOMETHING WOULD BE SO GOOD”**

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

**ANTHEM**  
***ALIVE IN ME***  
THOMAS HEWITT JONES

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
***THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION***  
#545, v. 1 & 2  
WORDS BY SAMUEL J. STONE  
MUSIC BY SAMUEL SEBASTIAN  
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1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
***O HOW I LOVE JESUS***  
#170, v. 1  
WORDS BY FREDERICK WHITFIELD  
MUSIC BY 19TH CENT. USA MELODY  
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1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.
- Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

**POSTLUDE**  
***O PRAISE THE MIGHTY LORD***  
BY GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL




*Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.*



**“Whoever Thought Losing Something Would be so Good”**

**Mark 8:31-38**

**March 10, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Worship Service**  
**Sanctuary & Online**  
**10:00 AM**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*NOW LET US ALL PRAISE GOD AND SING*

BY GORDON YOUNG

## WELCOME HOME! ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *TO THE LAMB* SHANNON FOGAL

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Congregation: Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE *O HOW I LOVE JESUS*

UMH #170

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1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]

3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. [Refrain]

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the grounds our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

## SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER *GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS*

#140, v. 1 & 3

WORDS BY THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

MUSIC BY WILLIAM M. RUNYAN

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1. 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!

3 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]

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

### \*DOXOLOGY

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

## HYMN OF FAITH *JESUS, PRICELESS TREASURE*

#532

WORDS BY JOHNS FRANCK, TRANS. BY CATHERINE WINKWORTH

MUSIC BY PRAXIS PIETATIS MELICA

HARM. BY J. S. BACH

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1. Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me, long my heart hath panted, till it well-nigh fainted, thirsting after thee. Thine I am, O spotless Lamb, I will suffer naught to hide thee, ask for naught beside thee.

2. In thine arms I rest me; foes who would molest me cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking, every heart be quaking, Jesus calms our fear; sin and hell in conflict fell with their heaviest storms assail us; Jesus will not fail us.

3. Hence, all thoughts of sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather, still have peace within; yea, whate'er we here must bear, still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!