

to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING
LUKE 15:11-32

SERMON
“THE LOVE OF THE FATHER”
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM
GOD IS CALLING THE PRODIGAL
CHARLES H. GABRIEL

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
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]

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

#723, v. 1 & 3
WORDS & MUSIC BY ROBERT LOWRY
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1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

POSTLUDE
STANDING ON THE SOLID ROCK
HAROLD LANE



*Communion is available and the elements
have been blessed for anyone who would like*

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“The Love of the Father”
Luke 15:11-32

Happy Father's Day!

June 18, 2023
Third Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Service
Fellowship Hall & Online
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE
FAITH OF OUR FATHERS
FREDERICK W. FABER

WELCOME HOME!
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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CARES CHORUS

KELLY WILLARD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Spirit has drawn us together. Let us listen to God's word.

Congregation: We are called to honor those who have taught and guided us. Our Fathers, our father figures, and our Father in heaven.

Some of our dads are here; some were never here.

For some of us, our father's love is like God's love, too deep to measure.

For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

We give thanksgiving for the many ways in which love is given to us through people and through Your grace.

For all those who have gone before, who have been our guides, we offer thanks and praise. We offer our greatest praise for our Father in heaven who has given us the gift of life and life eternal. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

LORD OF THE DANCE

#261

WORDS BY SYDNEY CARTER

MUSIC BY GARY ALAN SMITH

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1.I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2.I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on. [Refrain]

3.I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. [Refrain]

4.I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. [Refrain]

5.They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.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 ground of 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

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

#130, v. 1 & 2

WORDS BY CIVILLA D. MARTIN

MUSIC BY W. STILLMAN MARTIN

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1.Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain:God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

2.Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS WITH NOISY OFFERING

*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

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

#600

WORDS & MUSIC BY PHILIP P. BLISS

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1.Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:Beautiful words, wonderful words,wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2.Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. [Refrain]

3.Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace