

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!”

~ Psalm 34:1-3

- ▶ PRELUDE..... *Since I Have Been Redeemed*, arr. Dan Forrest
- ▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- ▶ *CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 34:1-3



► *THE HYMN OF PRAISE *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (HYMNAL #32)

Chords: D G A7 Dsus D G

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

Chords: D A7 D E B7 E7 A A7 D

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

Chords: Em D Gmaj7 Em7 Bdim D A7 D

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
 Chords: A D B7 Em A7

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

Chords: D Bdim A E7 A A7 D Em D

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -



vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

FAITHFULNESS, 11.10.11.10.ref.
William M. Runyan, 1923

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▶ *THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

▶ *THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

▶ *THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON - 1 Timothy 1:15 NKJV

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.”

▶ *THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

▶ THE PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ THE LORD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



► THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....

How Sweet and Awesome is the Place (HYMNAL #469)

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 constrain the earth to come;
 send your victorious Word abroad,
 and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
 that all the chosen race
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,
 sing your redeeming grace.

Isaac Watts, 1707
 Alt. 1961, 1990, mod.

ST. COLUMBA C.M.
 Old Irish hymn melody; alt. 1990

► THE SCRIPTURE READING..... Ecclesiastes 7:14-29

► THE SERMON Simple Life: Finding Meaning in a Fallen World, Rev. Joel Smit



► *THE HYMN OF AFFIRMATION.....*O Church, Arise*, Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give

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call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a

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strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
 fight with faith and val - our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
 serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

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-gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



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cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

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▶ *BENEDICTION

▶ *POSTLUDE *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*, arr. Benjamin M. Culli





NEWS & EVENTS

CANCELED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

We will NOT have any activities or scheduled events outside of our livestreamed Sunday morning worship service until further notice.

GROCERY HELP: Some of us thought there might be a need for someone to shop and deliver groceries for those who are more at risk of sickness in our church community. If you are interested in receiving this service, please call Caroline Wesley at 205-601-8818 or send her an email at caroline.n.wesley@gmail.com. She will connect you with a volunteer, so you can let them know your grocery needs. Please be prepared with cash or check to reimburse your volunteer for your groceries once they deliver them. If you are healthy and interested in volunteering to help, you can also email Caroline at caroline.n.wesley@gmail.com.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Please join us in welcoming Alycia Schulz to the Smyrna Pres family as our new Administrative Assistant. She can be reached at alycia.schulz@smyrnapres.org or by phone during normal business hours. Any news or announcements for the bulletin should be sent to her by 12 noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday they should appear.

NORTON PARK & DEACONS' FUND:

During this time of uncertainty, any gifts towards "Norton Park" or the "Deacons' Fund" are greatly appreciated. The Norton Park Food Pantry helps the families of students at Norton Park Elementary School who are in need. Meanwhile, the Deacons' Fund helps with the financial needs of those in our church and community. You can donate online at smyrnapres.org/giving or send your gift to the church office. Please designate your offering electronically or on your check.

"STRENGTH TO STRENGTH": Our new devotional series called "Strength to Strength" is underway. It is designed to be an avenue in which you are encouraged spiritually to drink deeply of God's truth and to be able to give generously to those around you because of your time with God. Each week, you will see links to video teachings that go along with suggested readings from two books we recommend you get. The first book, *Listen Up* by Marty Machowski, is focused on family worship in a study of the Parables of Jesus. The other one, *The Parables of Jesus* by Terry Johnson, is more of a light commentary on the Parables of Jesus to be used during personal devotion time.

