

Faith United Presbyterian Church in Farmers Branch

Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.



How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

# GATHERING

Bethany McDonald

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

'Tis So Sweet

#### **♦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

- Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all God's wonderful deeds.
- People: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
- Leader: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

People: We will sing praises to the Lord and declare his deeds among the peoples.

#### **♦ OPENING HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

They can be such giants in our lives, O God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us, and bitterness takes root. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, O God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith through Christ. **Our God affirms us for who we are – those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, who lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God** 

#### **♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Patti Sloey, Lay Liturgist

GTG 81 AUSTRIAN HYMN

GTG 582 GLORY TO GOD

# HEARING THE WORD

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Ponder Anew

Words: Pamela Stewart; Tune: St. Denio Arranged with additional music: John Purifov

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Ponder anew, ponder anew. Ponder anew.

Come praise the Almighty, the One who restores. (Ponder anew.) His people, His church, the redeemed of the Lord. Proclaim all His mercies and ponder anew What marvelous, infinite things God can do! Ponder anew, ponder anew.

His children cried out and He called them by name. From bondage to freedom He led them again. The sea He divided; His people marched through. What marvelous, infinite things God can do!

O Lord, our redeemer, you came from above, to show us the depth of your Father's great love. The chains of the grave you have broken in two. What marvelous, infinite things God can do!

Through each generation your hand has sustained. Your promise, your purpose, your power remain. Together we praise you and ponder anew The marvelous, infinite things you can do!

Ponder anew, ponder anew. Ponder anew.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST READING** 

1 Samuel 17:32-49

SECOND READING Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

"Storm Threats Along the Way"

# RESPONDING

The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.021

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

♦ HYMN OF MEDITATION

*<b>♦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* 

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you

#### **OFFERING**

Venetianisches Gondellied

Felix Mendelssohn

Offertory \*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Equip and empower us, O Good Lord, to serve, rather than be served, to give and not count the cost, to labor and not ask for reward, save that knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FAITHFULNESS

GTG 39

GTG 606

What is true faith? Q.

Α. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

#### **WHYMN OF DEDICATION**

God of Grace and God of Glory

#### GTG 307 CWM RHONDDA

#### **♦ CHARGE**

#### We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

SENDING

#### ♦ BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

Stand as you are able

GTG – Glory to God Hymnal

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ... HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Today we celebrate and remember fathers, as well as mothers. Because we were still remote on Mother's Day this year, we were not able give flowers to the mothers. So, today, we have gift bags to honor the fathers and flowers to honor the mothers. They will be passed out after worship as you leave.



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our church to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. In prior years we have supported Presbyterian Children's Home and Services. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please mark your check Pentecost Offering. We will accept Pentecost Offerings through today. *Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering!* 

We now have online giving available. Just scan the QR Code to the right withyour smartphone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. <u>www.FaithUnited-pc.com</u> You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like the *Pentecost Offering* or other Special Offerings thoughtout the year. *You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.* 





**Changes to Re-Opening Plan.** The Session has approved changes to the Re-Opening Plan. Masks are now optional for those who are vaccinated. People not vaccinated are asked to continue to wear masks. Social distancing seating will continue. Children's Church and Nursery will re-open in September. Adult Sunday School will resume in-person on June 27. Fellowship will continue to be outside. There will be no changes to the offering, passing the peace and communion at this time. The building will be reopened to outside groups. Remember, worship services are live-streamed via the church's Facebook page for those who are not able to attend, or who are not yet ready to return to in-person worship. The service is geared towards both the persons worshiping on-line and in-person.

#### North Dallas Shared Ministries is now offering COVID-19 vaccines:

Mon, Tues. and Thurs.9am - noonThursday5:30pm - 7pmWednesday8am - 4pmMasks are required. The vaccines are offered at 2875 Merrell Road.Share this with family, friends and neighbors!



#### PRAYER LIST

Dale DurcholzRoger JonesDennis Van DeventerMike JonesKathie HefflerDavid DuellCharley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

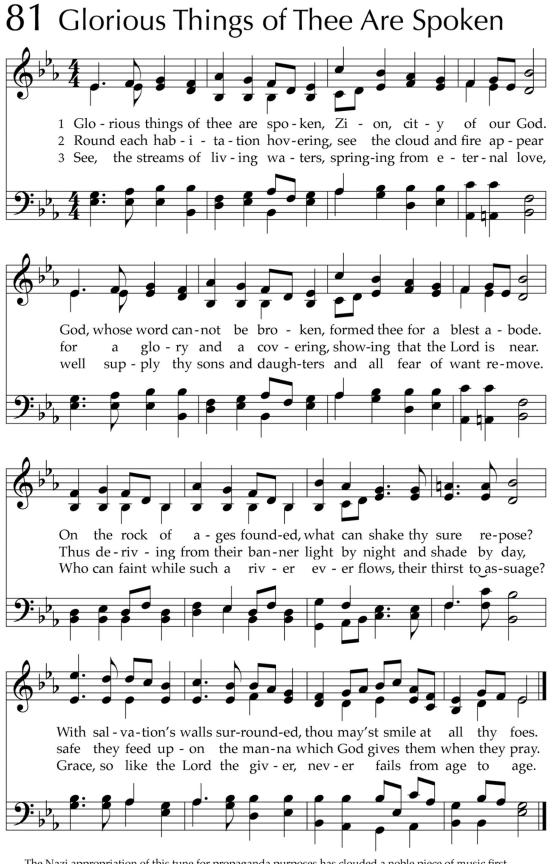
Homebound/Rehab: Freddie Simmons

#### The FUPC Staff have returned to the Church Office!

Pastor Ken, and Brenda Swindle have returned to the Church Office. They are happy to receive your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

Ken@FaithUnited-pc.com or Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

### **OPENING Hymn**



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

### HYMN of MEDITATION



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

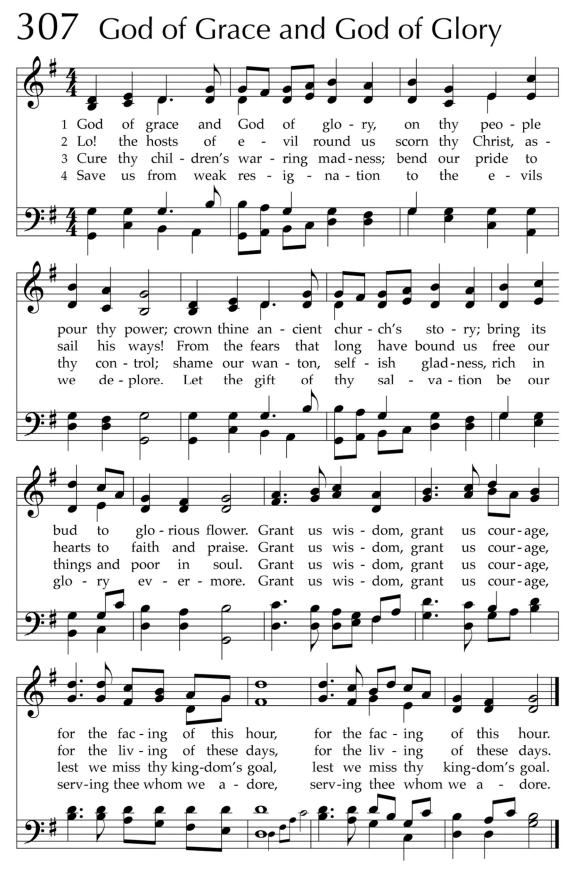
Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - cont.



	Our thanks to mus	icians in worship!	
David Pierce, Director of Music Katia Dinas, Pianist			
Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Caroline Busselberg	Patti Sloey	Kyle Feather	Kurt Booth
Shanae Kemp	Jessica Stottlemyer	Jeremy Rohwer	Rich Lewis
Mary Marxer			Malcolm Payne
Natasha Wroblewski			Zachary Rohwer

### HYMN of DEDICATION



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widelyknown and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

#### The Session

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Moderator of Session Jessica Stottlemyer, Clerk Rich Lewis, Treasurer

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#### Standing Committees of the Session \*Denotes Committee Moderator

B&G = Building & Grounds W&M = Worship & Music O&E = Outreach & Evangelism Finance CE = Christian Education CL = Church Life

### **CHOSEN TO SERVE**

Disciples: The People of Faith United Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie, Ken@FaithUnited-pc.com Business Manager: Brenda Swindle, Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com Director of Music: David Pierce Pianist: Katia Dinas



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