



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

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



*O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known
his deeds among the peoples. Psalm 105:1*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people

People: Give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

People: Give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

People: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (all verses)

GTG 65
CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you.
We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.
We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done.
Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude.
Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God.
Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582
GLORY TO GOD

***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.***

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Eugene Butler

Sydney Barber, accompanist

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

"Here's the Thing"

Jennifer Tiemann

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, *Traditional*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF MEDITATION

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (all verses)

GTG 435

IN BABILONE

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

Offertory

Songs Without Words, Op. 30, No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn

Katia Dinas, pianist

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

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

Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here.

Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

What is the World Like (all verses)

GTG 771

NEW WORLD

CHARGE

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

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

COVID-19 Update! As we move from summer to fall, we continue to worship online. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

OUR THANKS! To Jennifer Tiemann, guest clergy today. Pastor Ken will return to the pulpit on Sunday, 9/27.

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com 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 Peace & Global Witness Offering coming up in October. *You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.*



PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz	Barbara Stein
Roger Jones	Dennis Van Deventer
Sugie Maxfield	Kathie Heffler
Rev. Sungho Daniel Son	Betty Runkel
Jeanne Sawyer	

Homebound/Rehab: Margaret Jones, Marilyn Rose, Freddie Simmons

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music
Sydney Barber, accompanist

Caroline Busselberg, vocals
Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
Mary Marxer, vocals
Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals
Patti Sloey, vocals
Shanae Kemp, vocals
Kyle Feather, vocals
Malcolm Payne, vocals
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals
Rich Lewis, vocals
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive;
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.