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8:00 & 10:30 AM

New Year, Same Promises
God's Promise of Faithfulness

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

He's Always Been Faithful

by Groves

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

P: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

L: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

P: we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

L: God has called us together, God has called us to be part of a community.

P: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

L: In this time together,

P: may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

L: allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

P: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 407 NCH** (see p. 4)

How Firm a Foundation

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 160 NCH (chorus, see p. 5) *Jesus the Light of the World*

ALL SING: We will follow the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright, Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 40:1-11 (The Voice)

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 448 NCH (see p. 6)

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Lord's My Shepherd* arr. Berry

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 165 NCH (v. 3, see p. 6)

ALL SING: Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 423 NCH (see p. 7)

Great Is Your Faithfulness

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

by Luther

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Piano 

1. How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid, by
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be no dis - mayed, for
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I

6



God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid! What more can God
 I am your God, I will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you
 riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow; For I will be
 grace all - suf - fu - cient shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not
 will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; That soul, though all

11



say than to you has been said, to you, who for ref - uge to
 help you, and cause you to stand up - held by my gra - cious, om -
 with you; your trou - bles to bless, de - liv - er - ing you from your
 hurt you; for I have de - signed your soul to make pure just as
 hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll nev - er no nev - er, no

16



Je - sus have fled?
 - ni - po - tent hand."
 deep - est dis - tress.
 gold is re - fined."
 nev - er for - sake!"

Jesus, the Light of the World

Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2. Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4. Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

8

Glo - ry to the Christ - child bring, Je - sus, the light of the
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the light of the

15 *Refrain*

world. We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
world.
world.
world.

22

dew-drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by day and by night,

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Je - sus the light of the world.

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Justin H. Knecht, 1797

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Piano ♩ = 80

1. Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed
2. Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse
3. Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and
4. Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing

4

faith - ful - ly. Take my mo - ments and my days,
of your love. Take my in - tel - lect and use
mine be one. Take my heart, and by your grace
ov - er - flow. Take me now, and help me be

7

let them flow in cease - less praise.
all its pow - ers as you choose.
make of it your dwell - ing place.
part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Love Came Down at Christmas

Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

Maurice C. Whitney, 1962

Piano ♩ = 80

1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly,
2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate,
3. Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and

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Love di - vine; Love was born at Christ - mas;
Love di - vine; Wor - ship we our Je - sus,
love be mine; Love to God and neigh - bor,

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star and an - gels gave the sign.
but where is God's sa - cred sign?
love for plea and gift and sign.

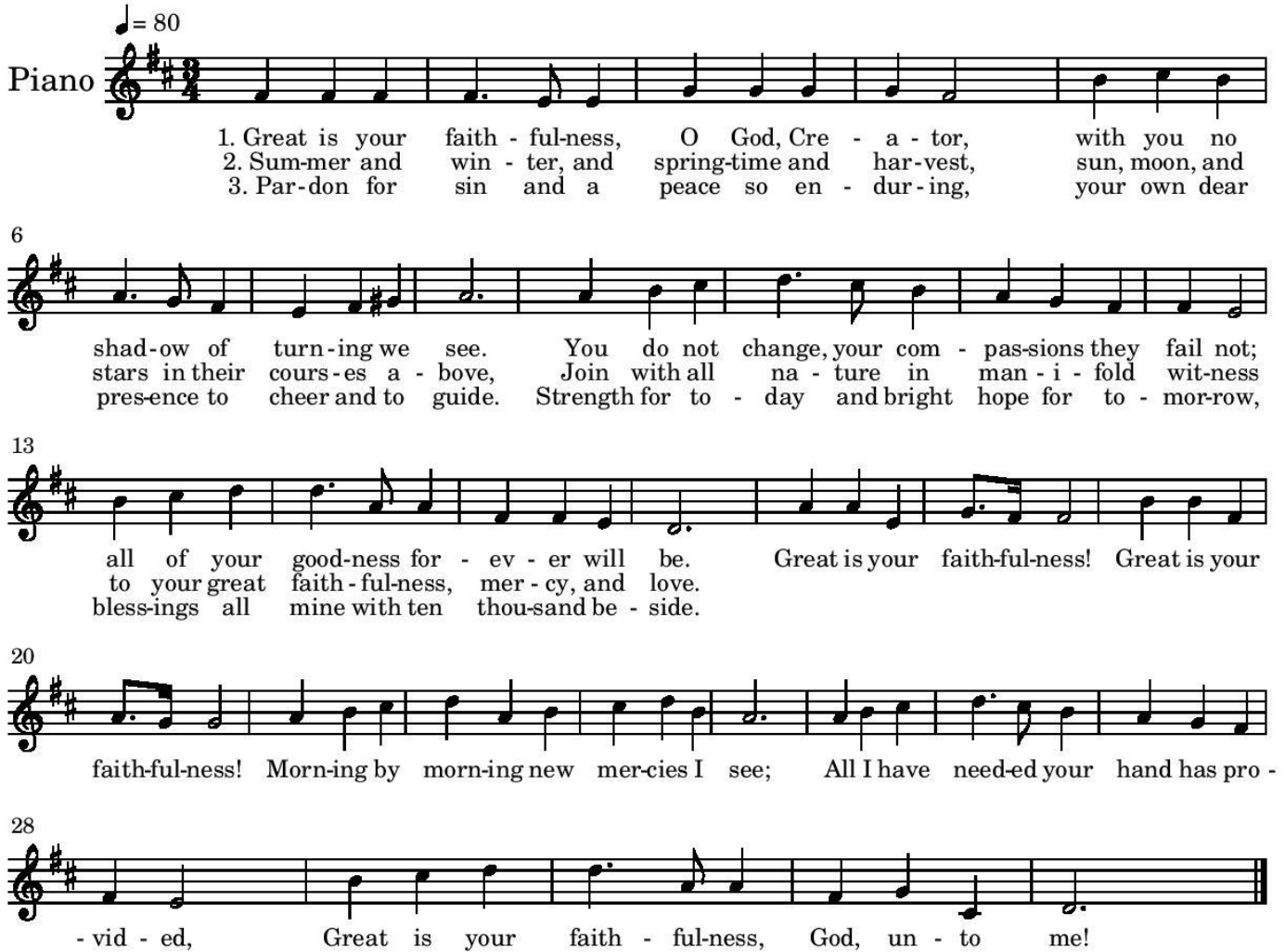
Great Is Your Faithfulness

William M. Runyan, 1923

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. Great is your faith - ful-ness, O God, Cre - a - tor, with you no
2. Sum-mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par-don for sin and a peace so en - dur-ing, your own dear

6
shad-ow of turn-ing we see. You do not change, your com - pas-sions they fail not;
stars in their cours-es a - bove, Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit-ness
pres-ence to cheer and to guide. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor-row,

13
all of your good-ness for - ev - er will be. Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your
to your great faith-ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless-ings all mine with ten thou-sand be - side.

20
faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your hand has pro -

28
- vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful-ness, God, un - to me!

References

¹The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Gord and was published on his website <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/> and accessed at the website <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/08/call-to-worship-faith-and-work.html> on January 18, 2023.

²The prayer of confession was written by Nancy C. Townley and published on *Ministry Matters* at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014> and accessed on January 18, 2023.

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