

The God of boundless love is with us,

Making every one of God's promises possible.

Let us pray together:

Faithful One, thank you for calling us to worship and for being present among us. Breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit, that we may have the courage and endurance to trust your promises and to answer your call with the same steadfast faithfulness and love that you show to us. Amen.

*HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#84

*RESPONSIVE LITANY OF YEARNING²

We hang on to God's promises, even if we have to hang on for dear life. And so, we pray:

We love you, O God, and we yearn to rest in your steadfast love. When we are restless, calm our spirits with your Holy Spirit. When we are lost, guide us back to you. When we are threatened, be our protective shepherd. We can't live this life alone, O God. Be with us and remind us that you are with us. Help us to believe, even when we have not seen, so that your loving promises may bless our lives and guide our steps. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

God listens closely to the deepest yearnings of our hearts. God hears the cries of our heart, and is steadfast in love and grace, responding to our need.

*RESPONSE

“Trust and Obey”

Vs. 1 #443

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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SPECIAL MUSIC

God Bless America

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:4

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REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

#571

PASTORAL PRAYER & UNISON 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.

STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Bach Prelude

*RESPONSE³

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Vs. 1 #72

***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 has been thou forever will be.
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!***

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful and loving God, bless these gifts with your promised power. Bless our lives as dedicated disciples taking your compassion into all the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

#560

*POSTLUDE

Arkansas Traveler

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