



Abounding in Steadfast Love and Faithfulness

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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10:00 am Service



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The Worship of GOD

August 14, 2022 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader: Donna C.

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship During the Musical Prelude...



Galatians 5:22 says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." The fruit of God's Holy Spirit are essential character qualities of God Himself.

God *loves* us unconditionally, but does not force us to love Him. God wants us to choose to love and follow Him. God is full of *joy*; God is not depressed or sad. He is very much alive and well. God is at *peace*; He has nothing to worry about because he is God. He also wants us to be at peace, knowing we have eternal life.

God is *patient* with us; He puts up with a lot more from us than He has to.

God is *kind* with us; He sent his Son to die for us. God is *good*; there is nothing evil about God. Every good thing we have comes from God. God is *faithful*; He follows through on his promises. God is *gentle*; He cares about us and listens to our prayers.

God exerts *self-control*; The Bible gives many examples of God's willingness to forgive His wayward people. These qualities tell us a lot about the character of God – and the qualities we strive for in our everyday lives.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship Psalm 86:1-5 Great Is Your Steadfast Love

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

People: Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.

People: Gladden the soul of your servant. For to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Together: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Song of Praise: He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

He has made me glad, He has made me glad
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Prayer of Confession From Psalm 89

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of darkness.

And now, O God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek Your forgiveness... Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News: Our merciful and gracious God sent His only Son to restore our relationship with Him.

People: **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **The saving grace of God is for all people.**

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11b-20 Parable of the Prodigal Son Lay Leader

Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."'"

"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

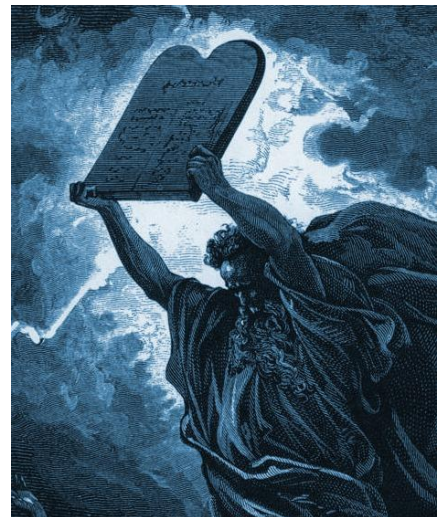
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Special Music

Second Scripture Lesson Exodus 34:1-8 Moses Makes New Tablets

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain."

So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord.



The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.

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Responding to the Word

Responsive Litany: from Psalm 89

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

People: O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you?

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Together: Blessed are the people who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

Hymn 220: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.
3. O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name.
4. Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus: I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. Any anytime I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon You.



The Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication: Heavenly Father, everything we have, all good things, come from you. We ask you to bless the gifts and the givers. Use them to further your work in our church, our community, and the world. Amen.

Going out to Serve

Hymn 276: Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. 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 hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus:

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.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Repeat Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside.

Repeat Chorus

Blessing

Leader: The Bible tells us everything we need to know about the character of God.

People: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: God's faithfulness endures to all generations.

People: His grace and mercy are never ending.

Leader: And now may the blessings of God...

Response

He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and he is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

