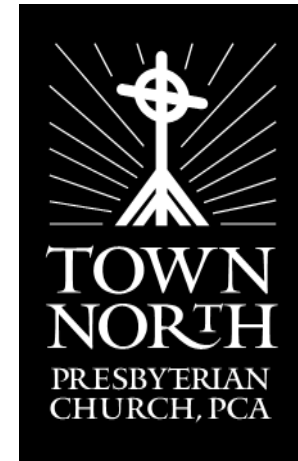


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



The Week's Order of
WORSHIP
for
THE LORD'S DAY

October 13, 2024

WELCOME TO TOWN NORTH!

We are thankful that the Lord brought you to worship with us today! We know that there are no accidents, and God brought you here to enjoy him in worship this morning.

CHILDREN

Here at Town North, we take great joy in inviting children of all ages to join in our worship service alongside their parents. Crying and noisy children are welcome!

Feel free to use our cry room located in the back of the sanctuary or step out into the narthex if you need to take a short break.

Children's Activity Clipboards are available in the narthex for coloring or taking notes during the worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the shelf after the service.

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years old on the first floor in the Christian Education Building.

CONNECT WITH US

Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle, indicating your attendance with us this morning.

OFFERINGS

Giving is an act of worship. We return a portion of what we have to our Heavenly Father to demonstrate we are not our own, but belong, body and soul, to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Please deposit your offerings in the designated boxes in the Narthex or online through the PCA Foundation using this QR code:



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REFLECTION

“If there was anything of man’s bringing, which was not of God’s bestowing, though it were never so small, it would overturn the nature of grace, and make that of works which is of grace.”

-Samuel Bolton, *The True Bounds of Christian Freedom*, Banner of Truth, Carlisle PA, 1978, p. 94.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

Psalm 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
 Serve the LORD with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!

PEOPLE: **Know that the LORD, he is God!**
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!

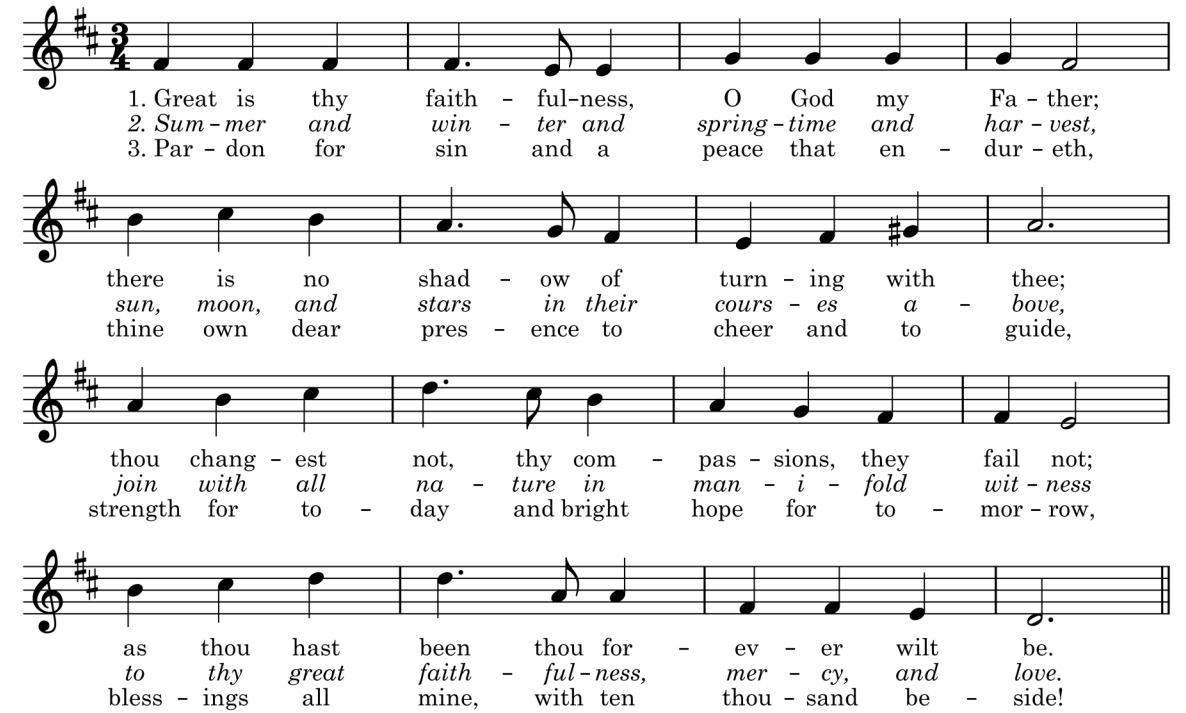
PEOPLE: **For the LORD is good;**
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

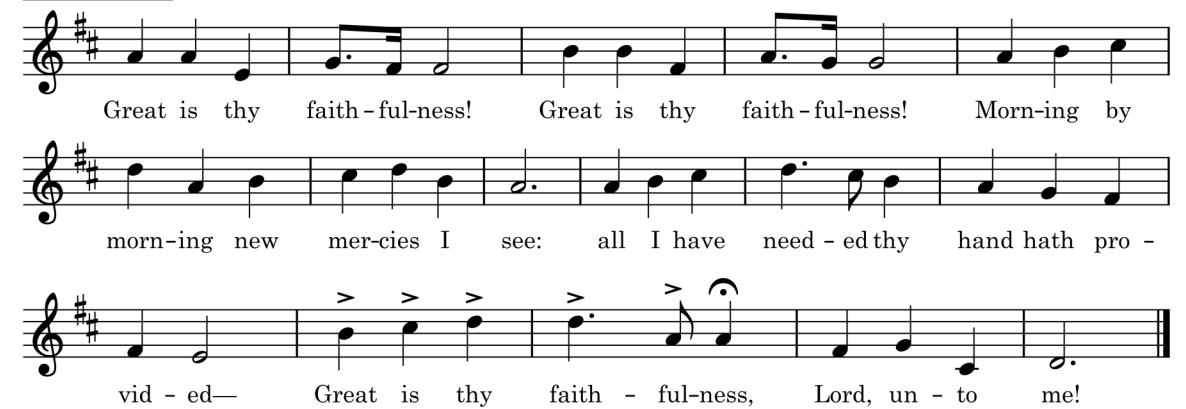
* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 32—Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest,
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,
 there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove,
 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,
 thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
 join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,
 as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

REFRAIN



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-
 vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Andrew Cies, Associate Pastor

Joel 2:12-13

LEADER: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing
personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ,
our Redeemer.*

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Most holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess our sin to you.
We confess that we are often driven by fear and anxiety
rather than trusting you.
We fear what may happen to ourselves and our loved
ones rather than finding security in your promises.
Forgive us because of your grace in Jesus Christ.
And renew our trust in you through Him.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

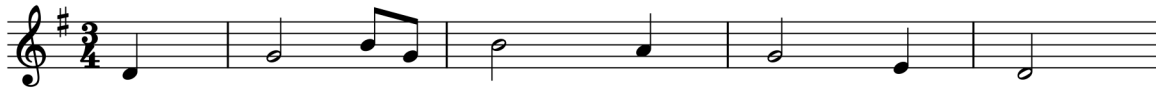
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Psalm 103:10-12

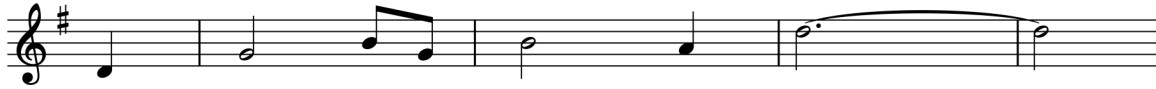
LEADER: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

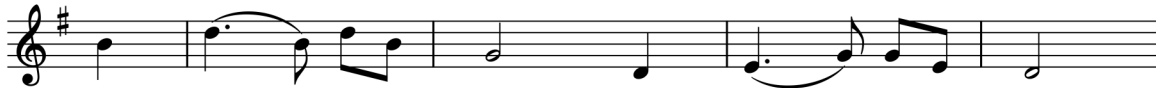
Amazing Grace!



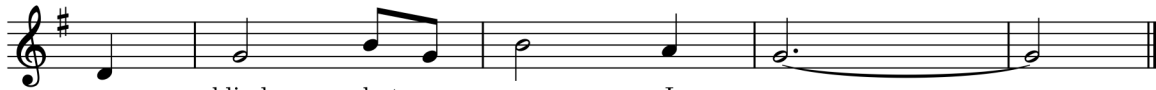
1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound—
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares,
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



that saved a wretch like me!
 and grace my fears re - lieved;
 I have al - read - y come;
 his Word my hope se - cures;
 and mor - tal life shall cease,
 bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found,
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 he will my shield and por - tion be,
 I shall pos - sess with in the veil
 we've no less days to sing God's praise



was blind, but now I see.
 the hour I will first be - lieved!
 and grace will lead me home.
 as long as life en - dures.
 a life of joy and peace.
 than when we've first be - gun.

Words: St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779; St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.
 Music: AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American Melody; Arr.: Edwin O. Excell, 1900. Public Domain.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Senior Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)



1. The Lord's my shep - herd; I will lack noth - ing.
 2. Al - though I trav - el through death's dark val - ey,
 3. You've set my ta - ble where foes are watch - ing;



He makes me lie down in pas - tures green.
 no threat or dan - ger there will I fear,
 my head a - noint - ed, my cup you've filled.



He leads by calm streams, and he re - vives me;
 since you will al - ways stay close be - side me;
 Such love and good - ness through life pur - sue me;



he guides in right ways for his name's sake.
 your rod and staff give com - fort to me.
 I'll live for - ev - er in the Lord's house.

Words: Psalm 23, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, 2009. Music: BUNESSAN, traditional Gaelic melody; Arr.: Brian E. Coombs, 2004.
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* SCRIPTURE READING

David Schlimme, Elder

Romans 11:1-10

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? ³ "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." ⁴ But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵ So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

⁷ What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸ as it is written,

"God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes that would not see
and ears that would not hear,
down to this very day."

⁹ And David says,

"Let their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution for them;
¹⁰ let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,
and bend their backs forever."

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Senior Pastor

"Christians Must Not Fear Bad Optics"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Grape juice is in the purple cups in the center of the tray. Wine is in the clear cups around the outside of the tray. The matzo bread is gluten free.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served. Used cups may be placed in the baskets after the service.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

CHORUS

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a chorus and several verses of lyrics.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
 hearts re - stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - geth - er.
 We will feast and weep no more.
 1. We will not be burned by the fire, He
 2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn, my
 3. Ev-'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed. You
 is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the
 soul be not a - fraid. For the prom-ised morn - ing, oh, how
 are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the
 flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
 long? Oh, God of Ja - cob be my strength.
 grave, bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

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* BENEDICTION

David Rogers, Senior Pastor

Jude 24-25

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

Next Week:

TEXT: *Romans 11:11-16*

PREACHER: David Rogers, Senior Pastor
