

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (while announcements are scrolled)

WELCOME/PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus Is The Answer

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CALL TO WORSHIP ** (please stand)

Worship Leader: Rev. Raymond Brooks

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God.

A: Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator.

L: He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last for ever.

A: On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ, the Source and Perfecter of our faith.

L: On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us.

A: From time to time we renew our covenant with God, especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant and gather at the Lord's table.

L: Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met, to renew the covenant that binds us to God.

A: Let us make this covenant of God our own.

HYMN #545 The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consumation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-23

Worship Leader

Pastor Rodney Miller

CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN #140 Great is thy faithfulness

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 wilt be.

Refrain: 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! 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. **Refrain**

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 ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

SERMON

An adventure begins: God on new ground.

Pastor Arun

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

REFLECTION / CONFESSION

PRAYER (ALL)

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

CONSECRATION

PRAYER (ALL)

O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today without guile or reservation. If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it aright. And now, glory be to you, O God the Father, whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God and Father. Glory be to you, O God the Son, who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit, who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin to God. O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant. So be it. And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

HYMN #364 Because He Lives

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus He came to love heal and forgive He bled and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives

Chorus Because He lives I can face tomorrow Because He lives all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living Just because He lives How sweet to hold our newborn baby And feel the pride and joy he gives But greater still the calm assurance This child can face uncertain days Because Christ lives **Chorus**

And then one day I'll cross that river I'll fight life's final war with pain And then as death gives way to vict'ry I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He reigns **Chorus**

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

Fugue on "O God Our Help In Ages Past"

Paul Manz

Celebrate from the Heart and Spirit Thought for the Week:

"Your faith in the face of suffering cranks up the volume of God's song," by Max Lucado

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