

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
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PRELUDE – Faith of Our Fathers
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WELCOME

HYMN 39 – Great is Thy Faithfulness, *see pages 5& 6*

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GATHERING PRAYER

We praise you, God of steadfast faithfulness,
and we open our lives to be changed by your love.
Help us to put our trust in you
and acclaim you as our help and strength
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In returning and rest you shall be saved,
in quietness and trust is your strength.
The LORD longs to be gracious to you;
God shows you mercy.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for the Lord!
Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

- based on Isaiah 30:15, 18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *all together*

**You make a lot of promises, God, and we confess
that sometimes we do not believe them.
It feels like we are alone out here and we had better
take matters into our own hands.
Your promise of abundant life, the promise of your presence,
your promise of a future with hope –
sometimes we just cannot see how they can be true.
And yet you call us to run the race, to hope in things we cannot see,
to follow though we do not know where you are going.**

**Forgive, Lord God, our insistence on certainty.
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies, beyond what we can imagine.
Reveal to us again your loving presence,
that we may grow to reflect your faithfulness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

KYRIE ELEISON – A Simple Kyrie

by Joseph Baunoch

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ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The grace of God is always doing a new thing,
whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not.

Believe this good news and live:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, every generous act comes
from the grace you bestow upon us.

Shower us with the grace of your Spirit
that we might joyfully receive

the message you have for us this day,
that we may learn and live in your ways,
following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:3-16, New Revised Standard Version

And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE – No Matter What

ANTHEM – Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Crocker/Houston/Ligthelm

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER, *all together*

**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.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Your Faithfulness O God is Sure

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The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, July 12, weather permitting (rain date: Sunday, July 19) following the outdoor worship service to elect ruling elders and deacons, and elect the three at-large congregational members of the nominating committee.

Mail pledges and offerings to Calvary Presbyterian Church, 695 School Street, Indiana, PA 15701 or, make online donations by going to Calvary's "Give" webpage at <https://calvarychurchpa.com/give/>.

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings, whether made in the worship service or outside of it, are part of our worship of God and are used to support Calvary's ministry.

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

Officiating Ministers are David Hanna and Richard Cassel.

Soloists are Joseph Baunoch, Director of Music.

Organist is Roberta Jones, Associate Music Director.

Worship Leader is Tim Runge.

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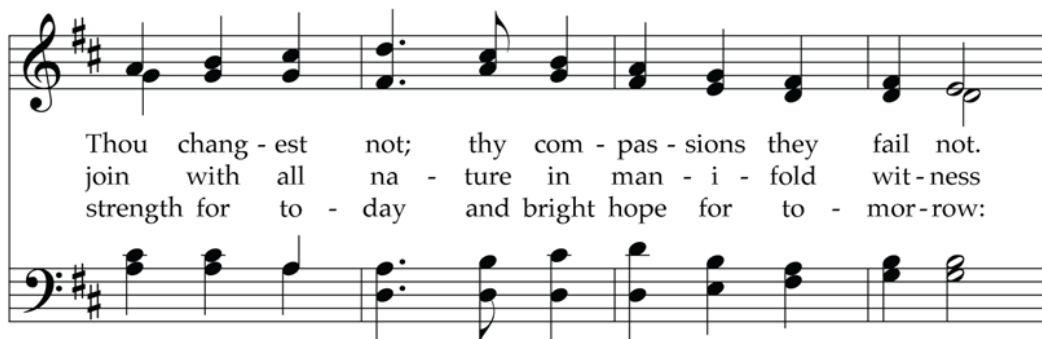
39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주