

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD, FOR GOOD IS HE** - (G) 182; all 3

Give thanks to God, for good is He: His love abides forever.  
To Him all praise and glory be: His mercy lasts forever.  
His wondrous works with praise record: His love abides forever.  
The only God, the sovereign Lord: His mercy lasts forever.

His wisdom made the heavens to be: His love abides forever.  
He spread the earth upon the sea: His mercy lasts forever.  
Praise Him whose sun awakes the day: His love abides forever.  
The moon and stars His might display: His mercy lasts forever.

He helped us in our deepest woes: His love abides forever.  
He ransomed us from all our foes: His mercy lasts forever.  
Each creature's need He will supply: His love abides forever.  
Give thanks to God, enthroned on high: His mercy lasts forever.

Text: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1875 UBP Church CCLI License #133103

### **GOD OF WONDERS**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,  
the heavens are Your tabernacle;  
glory to the Lord on high.

**Chorus:** God of Wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy;  
the universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy;  
Lord of heaven and earth (*Echo: Lord of heaven and earth*),  
Lord of heaven and earth (*Echo: Lord of heaven and earth*).

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light,  
when I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call Your name by night. **Chorus**

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth. **Chorus**

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### **JESUS, STRONG AND KIND**

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.  
Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him.

**Chorus:** For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him. **Chorus**

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross. He will come to me. **Chorus 2x**  
Jesus, strong and kind.

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### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS** - (G) 556; all 3

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.

**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!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **Chorus**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Chorus**

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## **HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**Chorus:** He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **Chorus**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! **Chorus 2x**

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## **NOW BLESSED BE THE LORD OUR GOD** - (G) 630; both

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,  
for He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel;  
for He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel.

And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;  
the whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;  
the whole earth let His glory fill; Amen! so shall it be.

Text: Psalm 72:18-19; Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt. Tune: Oliver Holden, 1793. Church CCLI License #133103

## *Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service*

*Sunday, October 8th, 2023*

*10:00 AM*

## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song of Praise

*"Give Thanks to God, for Good Is He"* (G) 182; all 3

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise and Adoration

*"God of Wonders"*

Statement of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #1

Song of Response

*"Jesus, Strong and Kind"*

*(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)*

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: Crossroads Prison Ministries

\*Song of Preparation

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* (G) 556; all 3

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Isaiah 40:26-28 (p. 713)

Sermon: **"Never Forgotten"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

## **WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

*"Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God"* (G) 630; both

\*Postlude

**Preaching:** Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

**Organ:** Wilma Nieuwenhuis **Piano:** Florene Hilarides

**\*Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks  
(B) blue hymnal under pews**