



P O R T R A I T O F  
A L I V I N G F A I T H

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday Morning Service**  
**May 21, 2023**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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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!*

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.

*Chorus*

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee, I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;  
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me, this is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

*Chorus*

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!

*Chorus*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession of Faith**

**Heidelberg Catechism Questions #12-13**

12. Q. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?

**A. God demands that His justice be satisfied. Therefore, full payment must be made either by ourselves or by another.**

13. Q. Can we ourselves make this payment?

**A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.**

**Memory Verse**

**James 3:17–18, ESV**

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**\*Call to Worship and Prayer**

**Psalm 34:1–4, ESV**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

***Fairest Lord Jesus***

Joseph August Seiss and H. A. Hoffman von Fallersleben  
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Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.

**\*Corporate & Silent Confession**

**Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

**Colossians 1:19–22, ESV**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

***Christ Exalted Is Our Song***

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Christ exalted is our song, our anthem through eternity  
Praises rise and wake the dawn, heralding His majesty  
Christ without a rival reigns, over all creation  
Name above all other names, enthroned in adoration

Christ exalted is our song, the Sovereign over everything  
Left His glorious throne beyond, stepped into our suffering  
Hands that shaped the heaven's frame, reached to heal the leper  
Mighty God in meekness came, to lead us like a shepherd

Christ exalted is our song, the Man of Sorrows mocked and tried  
Bore the judgment for our wrongs, for our sins was crucified  
Hear the love in His refrain, 'Father please forgive them'  
As He bears the bitter weight of guilt and condemnation

Christ exalted is our song, buried but in vict'ry raised  
The keys of death and life belong, to the Firstborn from the grave  
Glory, glory to the King! Crowned with countless praises  
Christ exalted we will sing, throughout unending ages!

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*\*sins/trespases*

## Song of Preparation

### *All I Have Is Christ*

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#### *Chorus*

***Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life***

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own, a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

#### *Chorus x2*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be "My only boast is You!"

#### *Chorus x3*

## Sermon

**Humbling Grace (James 4:11-5:6)**

**Rev. Matthew Duraski**

### *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

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Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee when sorrows rise  
On Thee when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone can heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

But oh when gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God where shall I flee, Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee, though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet  
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With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet

## \* Benediction

### *The Doxology*

Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD'S GRACE**

**Sunday**

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School  
 10:15 a.m.....Worship Service  
 6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group

**Wednesday**

5:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome!  
 .....Grace Kids (nursery to rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade) summer events will begin May 31. See email for schedule.

<b>GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR</b>		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Amy Laura & Matt Duraski	Molly & Vinnie Athey <i>RUF at UAH</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Bonnie & Jimmy Durham	Brenda Carter <i>MTW, Taiwan</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Kelsey Durham	Sharlene & Brandon Coker <i>MAF, Canada</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Mallory Durham	Aileen Coleman <i>MAFRAQ Hospital, Jordan</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Rufus Evans	Katie & Adam Comeens <i>Campus Outreach, Florence, AL</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Joy & Trent Faircloth Shepherd & Ozzie	Kathy & Scott Craig <i>MTW, Mexico</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Penny & Jon Fuller Sydney	Kelci & Tanner Crum <i>RUF at Auburn</i>

**Prayer Concerns**

Kathleen Owen – back and foot problems  
 Betty Mason – recovery  
 Family of Rev. Dr. Harry Reeder and Briarwood PCA

**Various Cancer Treatments**

Judy Lewis, Harold Kilgo, Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Kasey Mitchell Carter

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