



Faith

Community Church

October 17, 2021
125th Anniversary Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.'"

Praise the Lord!

*GOD'S GREETING

*OPENING SONGS - "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

"Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Forever, God is faithful,
Forever, God is strong,
Forever, God is with us,
Forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Forever, God is faithful,
Forever, God is strong,
Forever, God is with us,
Forever.
Forever, God is faithful,
Forever, God is strong,
Forever, God is with us,
Forever, forever.

LITANY OF PRAISE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***DECLARATION OF FAITH- Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1**

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***SONG OF PREPARATION- “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”**

Come, Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love,
Here's my heart, O take and seal it.
Seal it for thy courts above.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it.
Seal it for thy courts above.

SCRIPTURE- Matthew 13: 31-32

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

SERMON – “The Persistent Tree”

SONG OF RESPONSE- “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.
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.
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!

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!
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!

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, amen.