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 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

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

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:1-17 Brandon Blashe, Lay Read-

> **GOSPEL READING Pastor Janice Kuder** Mark 3:33-35

SONG OF RESPONSE & OFFERING

"HIS MERCY IS MORE"

Chorus: Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness New every morn' Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What love could remember No wrongs we have done Omniscient all-knowing He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea Without bottom or shore Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

What patience would wait As we constantly roam What Father so tender

Is calling us home He welcomes the weakest The vilest the poor Our sins they are many His mercy is more

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kay Knight

MESSAGE

Chorus

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt We could never afford Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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> **Senior Pastor Janice Kuder Youth Pastor Kay Knight** October 15, 2023

OPENING SONG

"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of .. Skies and seas; His hand the wonders ..wrought.

This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise: The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I.. Hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; Oh, let me not forget That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be ..glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP

With all my soul, and all that is within me, I Bless Your holy name. I remember with joy all your blessings. You forgive all my sin and heal all my diseases. You save my life from ruin and crown me with lovingkindness. You surround me with tender mercy and satisfy my desires with good. As long as I live, You will renew my strength like the eagles. You know how fragile our bodies are. They so quickly return to dust! Our days are like fast-fading grass. We flourish for a little while like wildflowers in the fields. When the wind blows over them, they wither and die. But Your steadfast love lasts forever. You pour out Your generosity on Your children—all who revere You, And all the generations of those who keep covenant with You. Let all that I am praise the Lord!

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Chorus

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin;

Chorus

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Chorus

PRAYERS

We come into your presence, loving Creator, in many ways. Sometimes we seem to skip down the aisle, just like children, bouncing with anticipation. Sometimes we come hesitantly, bearing to bring our mistakes and guilt to you. Sometimes we come stomping down the aisle, needing to ask you WHY and tell you of our anger. Sometimes we come into this place under such a heavy load that we can hardly make our way. You know, loving God, how each of us has come this day, what our needs are, what we bring with us as we prepare to worship with others. Grace us with your calming presence. Help us to trust your promise of peace and to come as children come, to be with each other and with you.

Healing Savior, when you walked this earth, the woman who touched the hem of your garment was healed of her affliction. We, too, often long to touch the hem of your garment in order to be healed. We touch you now, Lord, through our prayers and ask that you look into our hearts and give comfort, healing, and peace to those of us in need. Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

LITANY

P: One in every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Light a candle for every person who hears the words: "You have cancer." Spirit of Life, give them strength to face the unknown, patience to go through the tests, and courage to make the decisions that are best for her.

C: Let everyone hear: I am with you; you are not alone.

P: For every person with cancer; there are family and friends who are shocked and grieving. Light a candle for all mothers and fathers, partners and husbands, children and siblings, friends and colleagues who wait and watch. Holy One on the Journey, give them strength to be with their loved ones.

C: Let everyone hear: I am with you; you are not alone.

P: Early detection is the best protection. Light a candle for all involved in cancer research whose life and work make early detection, careful diagnosis, and the hope of healing possible. God of Healing, guide their minds to discover the ways of cancer.

C: Let everyone hear: I am with you; you are not alone.

P: The days of treatment are so long, the chemotherapy and radiation so scary, the face in the mirror is so strange. Light a candle for all who fight the exhaustion, the fear, the loss of hair and appetite; for those who fight back, who stay the course, and look fear in the face with courage and even with humor. Holy One of Courage and Laughter, be near.

C: Let everyone hear: I am with you; you are not alone.

P: Faith, prayer, and community are sources of help and healing. Light a candle for all the prayers and visits, the phone calls and cards, the food and kind acts that bring comfort and healing. Holy One of Hospitality, surround us with community.

C: Let everyone hear: I am with you; you are not alone.

P: There will be a cure; there must be a cure! Light a candle for all who believe in and work toward the day when cancer does not take anymore lives. Divine Healer, send your healing spirit to bring a cure for cancer now.

C: Let everyone hear: I am with you; you are not alone.

May God the Creator who knit you together in your mother's womb, look down tenderly upon you in your distress and touch you with his healing spirit. May you be made whole in body, mind and spirit so that you may once again rise up to serve and honor the One who heals you. In the name of our Creator, Savior and Sustainer God. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, Communion Song

"GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee;