



Presbyterian Church of
Western Springs

Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 9:30 A.M.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worshipping Together

Gathering Together in God's Name

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation with Rejoice, the Lord is King
Stephanie Coates, organ

arr. by Anna Laura Page

Gathering & Greeting

The Rev. Lesley Weir

♦ Call to Worship

Condy Dixon

*Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship,
for we walk in the light of God's presence!
Let us worship God together—
celebrating who God is and all that God has done!
For God is our strength and our protection,
the One in whom we trust.*

♦ Opening Hymn

God of Generations*

NICAEA

*God of generations, we are all your children;
To your church we bring our gifts, our worship and our song.
Young and old we follow, hand in hand together:
In your great love, together we are strong.*

*Christ, you welcomed children, called us to be like them,
And received a boy's small gift to feed a hungry crowd.
In our church's children, may we see you working:
More than "our future"! They are faithful now.*

*Spirit, freely moving, giving youth a vision,
By your grace young Jeremiah heard your loving call;
Mary was a young one when she learned her mission:
Through faithful youth, you offer truth to all.*

*God of men and women, Helper on our journey,
You have called us in our faith to grow and to mature.
May we keep on learning, worshiping and praying,
That each new day, we'll serve you all the more.*

♦ Indicates congregation standing, if able.

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*Abraham and Sarah trusted in your promise:
Age was no condition when you gave them work to do.
Old and young we follow, hand in hand together;
At every age, Lord, we belong to you.*

♦ **Call to Confession**

The idol of our times is personal independence, but in truth, we are bossed around by our faults, our poor choices, the hurts we cause to others. Yet, by God's grace, we are set free from all these passions, so let us join in offering our confessions to the One who welcomes each of us with forgiveness and hope.

♦ **Prayer of Confession**

Loving and Sustaining God, you call us to obedience, to follow you in all things; to give up the things we cling to, and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes. We confess that we don't always find this easy to do. We confess that it is often very difficult to let go of the things we love. But we also know that you stand ready, at all times, to sustain us and to provide everything we need. Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading, even when we cannot see the outcome, even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend. Help us to trust you in all things, to let go of everything that would stand in the way of whole-hearted obedience to you.

♦ **Assurance of Pardon**

*Know deep in your heart that God provides all that we need, forgiving our failings and welcoming us to wholeness.
We do know this! Amen!*

♦ **Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

♦ **Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Proclaiming the Word of God

Song of Preparation #62	Love the Lord Your God	GREAT COMMANDMENT
	<i>Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.</i>	

First Scripture Lesson	Genesis 21:1-3	Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 16
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Children's Sermon & Our Father		Pastor Lesley
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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.

Anthem	A Child of Promise	by Amy Webb
	<i>Sheryl Allen, soloist & Tyler Allen, guitar</i>	

Second Scripture Lesson	Genesis 22:1-14	Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 17
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Sermon	Trust	The Rev. Lesley Weir
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Responding to God's Word

♦ Hymn of Response #686	God of Our Life	SANDON
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Pastoral Prayer

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G3-B-flat3-E-flat4, A3-B-flat3-C4, B-flat3-C4-D4, and C4-B-flat3-A2.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody with quarter notes on D5, E5, and F5, followed by a half note on G5. The accompaniment features chords: D4-E4-F4, E4-F4-G4, D4-E4-F4, and E4-F4-G4.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment uses chords: G3-B-flat3-E-flat4, A3-B-flat3-C4, B-flat3-C4-D4, and C4-B-flat3-A2.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes with a quarter note on D5, followed by quarter notes on E5, F5, and G5. The accompaniment includes chords: D4-E4-F4, E4-F4-G4, D4-E4-F4, and E4-F4-G4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Love the Lord Your God

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

In the three synoptic gospels (Matthew 22:37/Mark 12:30/Luke 10:27–28), Jesus identifies the great commandment with these precepts drawn from Deuteronomy 6:5. In all three accounts, this commandment is followed by a second, to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (Dm7) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 F#m7 B E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 A B E

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

God of Our Life

686

1 God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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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