

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Join us live on our Facebook or YouTube page beginning at 10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome and Announcements

# **Opening Prayer**

## Song: "God Is for Us"

Music and words: Michael Farren, James Ferguson, Tiarne Tranter, Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, James Tealy, and Rich Thompson.

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night.

We will walk the valley with You by our side.

You will go before us, You will lead the way.

We have found a refuge, only You can save.

Sing with joy now; our God is for us.

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Even when I stumble, even when I fall,

Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure.

You will not abandon, You will not forsake.

You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace.

Sing with joy now; our God is for us.

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.

Raise your voice now, no love is greater.

Who can stand against us if our God is for us?

Neither height nor depth can separate us.

Hell and death will not defeat us.

He who gave His Son to free us hold me in His love.

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#### Song: "Ancient of Days"

Music and words: Jesse Reeves, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson.

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall, There is will one King reigning over all.

So, I will not fear for this truth remains:

That my God is the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands.

For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.

All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul,

He is here with me. I am not alone.

Oh, His love is sure, and He knows my name.

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands.

For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.

All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.

For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see what the future brings,

I will watch and wait for the Savior King.

Then, my joy complete, standing face to face

In the presence of the Ancient of Days.

None above Him, none before Him, all of time in His hands.

For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.

All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.

For my God is the Ancient of Days,

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## Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm. Music: William M. Runyan.

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!

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# Time of Prayer

Sermon: "The Test"

#### James 1:12–18 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

### Hymn: "Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.

In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on; when temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won. Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused; I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief; hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary.

This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved.

I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death; when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.

We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure; and the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true!
We will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Benediction Colossians 4:18b (ESV) Grace be with you.