

**Hope United Church of Christ**  
**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

Welcome – Pastor Meg  
Announcements and Offering Prayer

Offering Response: *“Give Thanks”*

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks  
because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. x2  
And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us.” x2  
Give thanks!***

Prelude: Chaconne on Hymn Tune "Kremser" - - - Gerhard Kraft

Song Of Praise: No. 421, “We Gather Together”

Call To Worship:

One: This is a time for giving thanks; a time to be mindful of the good that encircles us.

**All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

One: For friends and family who encourage and care, and for this community that shows us God’s loving ways.

**All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

One: We rejoice that we find a home in God’s creation, and that the earth gives us good food to nourish us.

**All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

One: We witness the seasons change. Sunshine comes and goes, yet your loving care for us is eternal.

**All: Thank you, God, for all you have given us! AMEN.**

Song of Response: “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings.  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Young People's Message: Thank you Sarah!

Sacred Music: We Will Sing a Song to the Lord - - - Hope Choir  
Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price. Music by Don Besig

The Alleluia:     **Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**  
                      **Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**  
                      **Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-jah!**  
                      **Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Prayer Before The Scripture Reading  
Scripture Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Psalm 107:1-9 NRSVEU

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19 & 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
Sermon: Rev. Meg Wilson - - - Pumpkin Pie and Other Blessings

Song Of Thanksgiving: No. 419, "Now Thank We All Our God"

Prayers Of The People  
Pastoral Prayer  
Lord's Prayer

Closing Song: No. 423, "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Benediction

Blessing:                "Peace I Leave with You, My Friends"  
                  **Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do.**  
                  **Peace I leave with you, my friends. I give to you so you can give to**  
                  **others, too.**

Postlude: Ancient of Days - - - arr. Paul Taylor

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## We Gather Together

*Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century*

*Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894*

*Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992*

1 We gath-er to-geth-er  
to ask for God's bless-ing,  
to live in com-mu-ni-ty,  
seek-ing God's will.  
We come now, as sis-ters  
and broth-ers, con-fess-ing  
the sins that di-vide  
and the wrong in us still.

2 Be-side us, for-giv-ing,  
en-a-bling, sus-tain-ing,  
you call us, O Sav-ior,  
to life that is new.  
You draw us a-way  
from self-cen-tered com-plain-ing.  
You lead us and guide us  
in ways that are true.

3 All praise to the Spir-it,  
pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.  
You of-fer us free-dom,  
to fol-low or stray,  
Em-pow-er-ing all by  
the hope you en-gen-der.  
Grant wis-dom and cour-age  
to fol-low your way.

*The original text of this hymn was one of thanksgiving for The Netherlands' independence from Spanish domination in the sixteenth century. It has been reinterpreted for contemporary congregations by United Church of Christ minister and writer Lavon Bayler.*

Tune: KREMSER 12.11.12.11.  
*16th-century Dutch melody*  
Arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

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Nun danket alle Gott  
(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20-24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,  
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;  
Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an  
Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.  
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.  
Johann Crüger, 1647  
Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840


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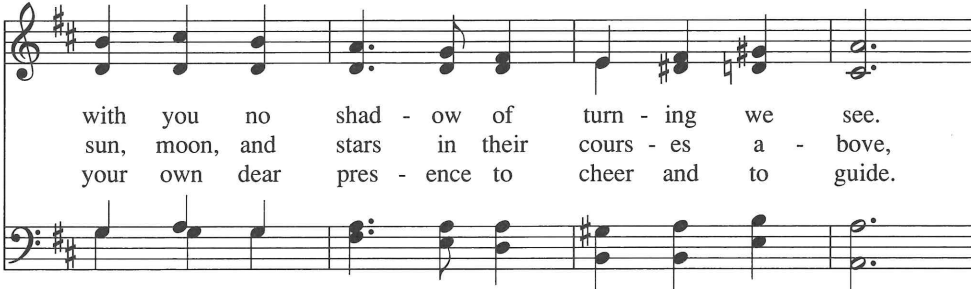
# Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

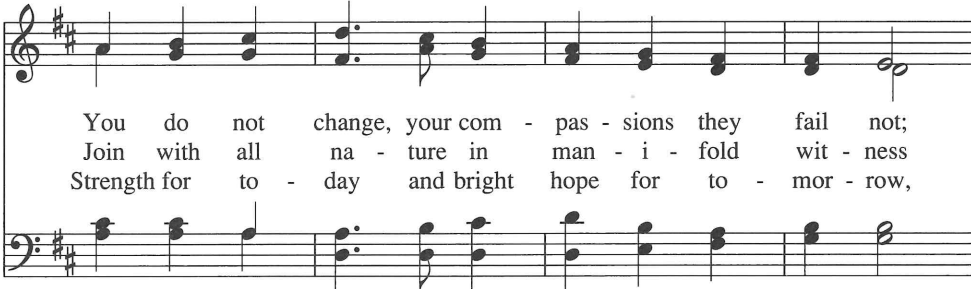
Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your 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,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

\*originally "my Father"

*This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.*

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

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## Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by".

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your".

hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

The third line of the refrain concludes the phrase. The lyrics are: "hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!". The line ends with a double bar line.