### Order for the Public Worship of God April 25, 2021 4th Sunday in Lent 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### WE COME TO WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

"Welcome Happy Morning" (Fortunatus)

Charles Ore

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Chris Curvin, Pastor

PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOB DEN HERREN

Praise ye 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; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye 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 ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breathe, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious God, we are people formed by your word in Christ, but we have wondered away from your truth, we have broken your commandments, we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends, we have failed to trust your promises. Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus, so that we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

SOLO "He's Been Faithful" Carol Cymbala
Barbara Jordan, Soloist

In my moment of fear, through every pain, every tear,

there's God who's been faithful to me.
When my strength was all gone, when my hear

When my strength was all gone, when my heart had no song,

still in love He's proved faithful to me. Every word He's promised is true;

what I thought was impossible I see my God do.

He's been faithful, faithful to me, looking back His love and mercy I see, Though in my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe, Yet He's been faithful, faithful to me.

When my heart looked away, the many times I could not pray, still my God He was faithful to me.

The days I spent so selfishly, reaching out for what pleased me; even then He's been faithful to me.

Every time I come back to Him He is waiting with open arms. And I see once again.

Oh, in my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe, yet He's been faithful, faithful. In my heart I have questioned, even failed to believe, yet He's been faithful, faithful to me. He's been so faithful, faithful to me.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### CALL TO OFFERING

\*HYMN #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**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.

Refrain: 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. *Refrain* 

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! Refrain

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 4:5-12 (NRSV)

SERMON "I'm Not Finished!" Chris Curvin, Pastor

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way. Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

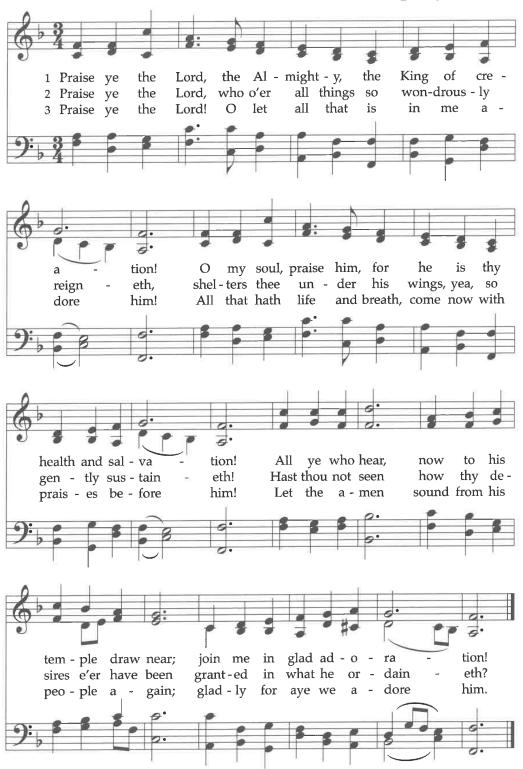
David German

\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Quartet: Barbra Jordan, Garry Justice, Vickie Mills, Dennis Rasmussen

Stephanie Carson, Music Director Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

## 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

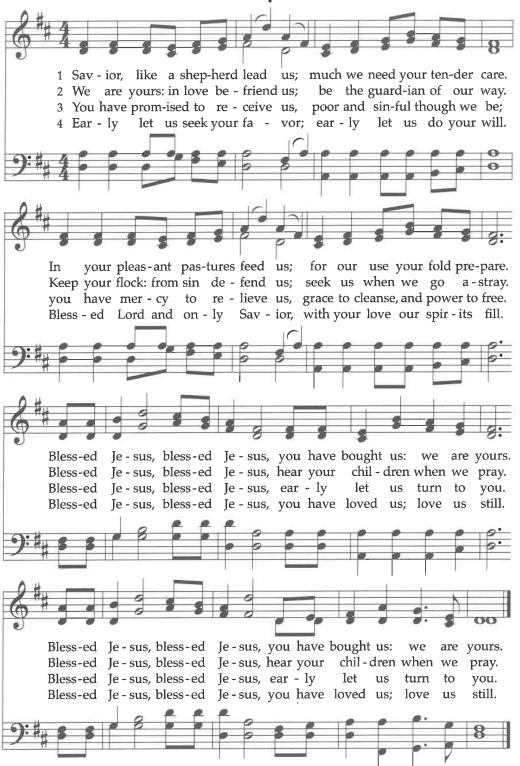


\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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.



### Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.