MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!* -Corinthians 5:17

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS...... The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling......T. Beecher Dale Wood (2001)

CALL TO WORSHIP

GENERAL LITURGY 2 Reconciliation

(Standing)



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GENERAL 2: RECONCILIATION

Almighty God, enthroned above all, you alone are God over the nations of the earth. Even the planets, the stars, and the galaxies are placed by your hand.

Where could we go from your Spirit? Where could we flee from your presence? If we go up to the heavens, you are there; if we go down into the caves of the earth or the depths of the sea, you are there.

God of all creation, we sing praises to your name; we stand jubilant before your glory, power, and beauty.

God of certainty, God of truth, our confidence is in you and in you alone.

Yet we live in a fallen world and we are an imperfect people.

Our world is filled with pain and alienation.

We know of illness when body or mind is failing, and the loneliness of spirit it brings.

We know of separation from parent or child, from friend or neighbor, and the emptiness of life it brings.

We know of strangeness in new communities and in changing communities, and the longing it brings.

We know of alienation caused by unemployment or poverty or discrimination, and the pain it brings.

We have become strangers to our relatives, and foreigners to our own families.

How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? Let our cry for help come to you.

I am a God nearby, says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? I am the Lord your God. I have called you out from the peoples and you shall be holy to me.

We declare your praise, the One who called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you.

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(Kneeling or sitting)

Gracious God, we humbly confess that we walk in the way of the indifferent, who depend on their strength alone. We sit among the scornful, who deny the need for your guidance and power. Our hearts are not satisfied with riches vulnerable to moth and rust and thief, yet we zealously store up those very treasures. Set our minds on things unseen and eternal, that our emptiness within may be filled.

We humbly confess that we fail to welcome the stranger among us. We pass by the neighbor who is hungry and thirsty, naked, sick, and in prison. We sing of your healing power and your unconditional love, but we fail to make our sanctuaries true havens for the suffering and the exiled. Give us the will to be ambassadors for our Savior and faithful stewards of the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

Without Christ we were strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He is our peace.

We are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, with Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Therefore, let us affirm our faith in the Triune God.

(Standing)

We believe in the one God who has created the land and sea and heavens and all that is in them; who established a world that was good; who gives to us the task of watchful and responsible care over it; who is certainty and truth.

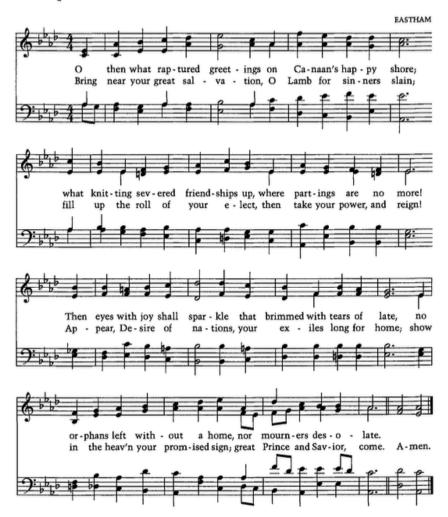
We believe in the one God who in Jesus Christ assumed our humanity and knew our life as child, youth, and adult; who dined with sinners and lived with the homeless; who confronted popular opinion and power; who remained obedient in temptation and suffering; whose triumph was a servant's death and resurrection.

We believe in the one God who comes to us as comforter and advocate; who does not leave us as orphans; who brings peace and calms the troubled heart; who bestows gifts for serving, healing, showing compassion, and doing miracles; who alone is the power and the wisdom of our proclamation. Let us in faith keep our eyes fixed on the promises of God, though we see them and greet them from a distance.

We confess that we are strangers and foreigners on the earth, a people who are seeking our true home.

We desire a better place, that is, a heavenly one. Indeed, God has prepared a city for us.

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.



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SCRIPTURE LESSONSChris Puryear

Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

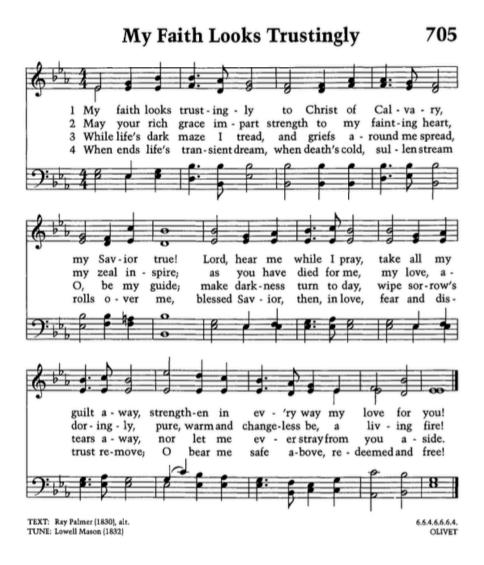
Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

During the singing of the next hymn, children age 3 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in CE-106.



GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32......Rev. Dr. Atwood SERMON: Reconciliation

LENT

What Wondrous Love Is This 328 1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What God and to the Lamb 2 To I will sing, I will sing, to I'll sing on, I'll sing 3 And when from death I'm free, on, and won-drous love is soul! ____ What this, O my won-drous love is God and to the Lamb I will sing! _____ To God and to the when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! _ _ And when from death I'm this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing free, I'll soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul? sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing! _ I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on! . on,

TEXT: Appalachian folk hymn TUNE: William Walker, Southern Harmony (1835)

12.9.12.12.9. WONDROUS LOVE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <u>https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/.</u> Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to homemoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

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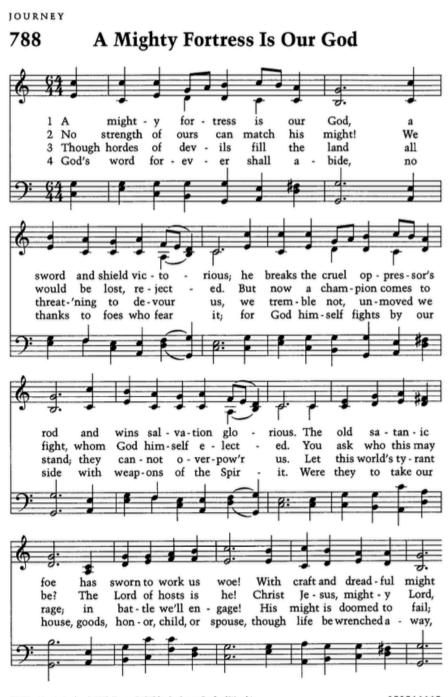
ANTHEM: *The Lone, Wild Bird*.....Southern Folk Tune Arr. David N. Johnson Carly Orr, Aubrey DeBusk, Sopranos

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight. And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The ends of earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far-off land. And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.

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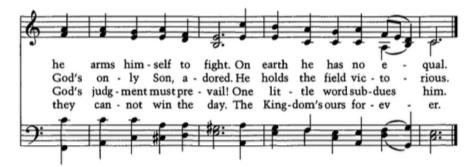
OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD



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FORTRESS (199 A)



BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, The Grace of Our Lord

While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship. Those who wish may exit as the postlude begins.



POSTLUDE: Prelude on "What Wondrous Love is This?".....T. Wondrous Love Sam Batt Owens (1992)

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

GODLY PLAY, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (ages 3 and up), Jesus Prays FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom MORAVIAN THEOLOGY, 11:15 a.m., Saal CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Jim and Zena Yarbrough in loving memory of their parents *Ernest and Anne Snidow Yarbrough* and *Mike and Genevieve Giering Strub*, in honor of Jim's daughters, *Julie Yarbrough, Margie Yarbrough, and Molly (and husband Doug) Davis*, and granddaughter *Sophie Davis*, and in honor of Zena's children, *Duncan and Allison Gilley* and *Heather and Greg Bulwinkle*, and grandchildren *Nigel, Corbin, and Gretchen Bulwinkle*.

PERSONALS

We extend our sympathy to:

David Bombick, whose mother, Ruth Bombick, died Tuesday, March 18. The family of Rolanda Frazier, who died Thursday, March 20.

The family of Eleanor Vance, who died March 23.

CALENDAR

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room 11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom Moravian Theology, Saal Children's Power Hour, CE Building Youth Power Hour, Lot 63 1:30 p.m. - Easter Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary 3:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Christian Formation Team, CE-101 Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - Men of the Church, Club Room 9:00 a.m. - Circle 9, Parlor 4:00 p.m. - Benevolence Committee, RB-225 6:30 p.m. - Beginning Band, Rehearsal Room 7:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting, CE-101 7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, Rehearsal Room Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant 2:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor 5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6:45 p.m. - Lenten Communion, Saal Thursday - 11:30 a.m. - Men of the Church, Club Room 2:00 p.m. - Flute Choir, RB-5 6:30 p.m. - Choir, RB-5 7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus, RB-5 Saturday - 8:30 a.m. - Women's Fellowship Walk, Downtown Strollway Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship 10:20 a.m. - Godly Play, CE-106 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, Lovefeast Serving Room 11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom Moravian Theology, Saal Children's Power Hour, CE Building Youth Power Hour, Lot 63 1:30 p.m. - Easter Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary 3:00 p.m. - Great Sabbath Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

HMC Wednesday Night Fellowship - April 2

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Reservation

Reservations for supper are encouraged by 5:00 p.m. on Monday. Contact the church office for more information at (336) 722-6171 or tear off the reservation form below and place in the offering plate. Adults & Children 13 and older - \$5.00 Children ages 4 to 12 years old - \$3.00 Children ages 3 and under - Free

Name(s)_____

_____ Standing Reservations (#) ____ Adult (#) ____ Child Gluten Free (#) ____

Vegetarian (#) ____ Attending this week only (#) ____ Adult (#) ____ Child

Attending the program / activity following the meal _____ Yes _____ No