

May 3rd Bulletin

Announcements...

- Masks still available – help yourself from clear box on front porch of manse
- Several people willing to do porch deliveries
- Please keep checking in on each other

Call to Worship: from Psalm 25

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach me your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

People: For you are the God of my salvation;

Opening Prayer

Hymn – #60 Great Is Thy 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.

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,
thy 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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Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33

Sermon Notes

- We see places in the Bible where “your faith has made you well” and tend to apply that universally rather than looking at them in context. “Just have faith.” But that leaves us with “If don’t get healed, because you did something wrong.” People of great faith die of cancer or other terminal illness, have died in the pandemic, suffer from chronic issues
- Going to look at two parables where just a little bit of faith, when nurtured, grew. Emphasis on “when nurtured”
- Mustard seed...plant grows 12-15 feet in one season
- Yeast...Three measures of flour was enough bread for 100 people. The little grains of yeast, when kneaded into dough properly, can become something big.
- As we look at our faith for today...are we in a place where our faith can be nurtured? What are we doing to nurture our faith? And what are we deliberately not doing in order to nurture our faith?
- What are we doing? Bible reading, Prayer, Connection
- What are we not doing? Spending too much time online, Soaking in our negative emotions

Time of Prayer...

- People sick around the world
- Front lines folks – expanding to family members of congregation
- Prayer list – feel free to text or email additions throughout the week

If you have prayer requests, please send them via Facebook Messenger or text me directly. Because we are live-streaming, please get permission before sending the request. Also, only first names will be mentioned and medical conditions will be kept deliberately vague. God knows who we are praying for and what’s going on with the person. But since we don’t know who all will be listening to this, we want to protect privacy.

Benediction