

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

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PRELUDE

*Spread a Little Sunshine*

Stephen Schwartz

CALL TO WORSHIP    *Adapted from Psalm 50:1-2, 22-23*

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth.

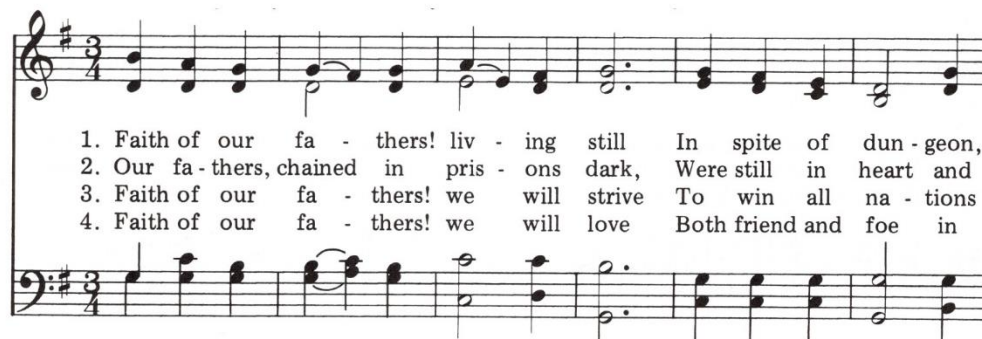
**Out of Zion, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silent.**

Let us honor God with a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

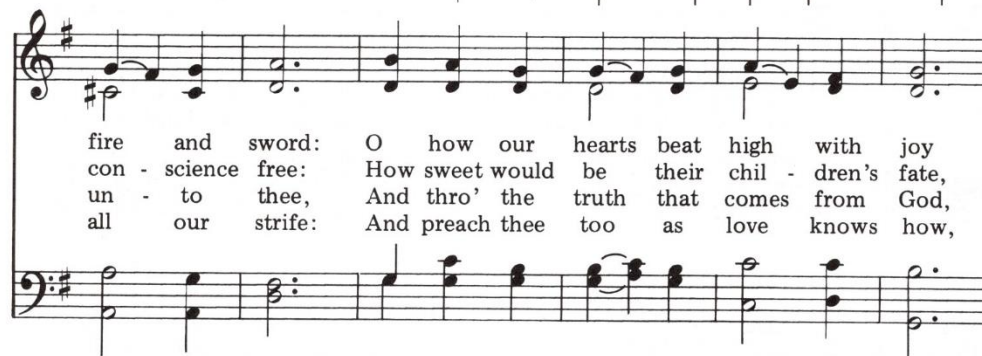
**Let us follow the way of salvation God offers.**

# OPENING HYMN

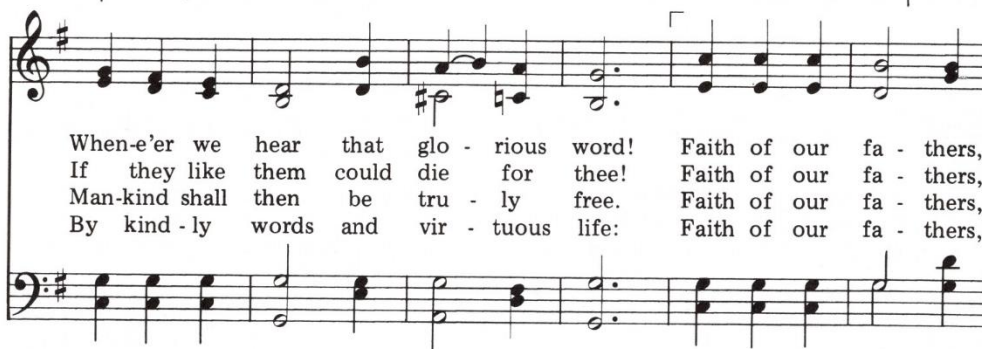
## Faith of Our Fathers



1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,  
 2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and  
 3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all na - tions  
 4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and foe in



fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free: How sweet would be their chil - dren's fate,  
 un - to thee, And thro' the truth that comes from God,  
 all our strife: And preach thee too as love knows how,



When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our fa - thers,  
 If they like them could die for thee! Faith of our fa - thers,  
 Man-kind shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,

TEXT: Frederick W. Faber  
 MUSIC: Henry F. Hemy; arranged by James G. Walton  
 Descant and choral ending by Ken Barker

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ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!  
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, through the history of your people you have acted to help and to save. Yet in every generation, we your children have failed to seek out and to honor your covenants. We have before us Noah, who heeded your warning and was rescued from the flood. We have before us Abram, who journeyed to the unknown, to a land for promise. We have before us Jesus, who died so that we might be freed from death for new life as your faithful disciples. Again and again, we have failed to be faithful. We have not heard; we have not heeded; we have not believed. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to listen and to do what you ask of faithful disciples, ever following your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray...***Time of silent reflection*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even in our moments of doubt, our lack of faith, and the blindness which means we fail to see God amongst us, God is still at work. God is still healing. God is still forgiving. Even when we fail to see God, God still sees us, and still loves us. Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven.

## SEASONAL RESPONSE

**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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

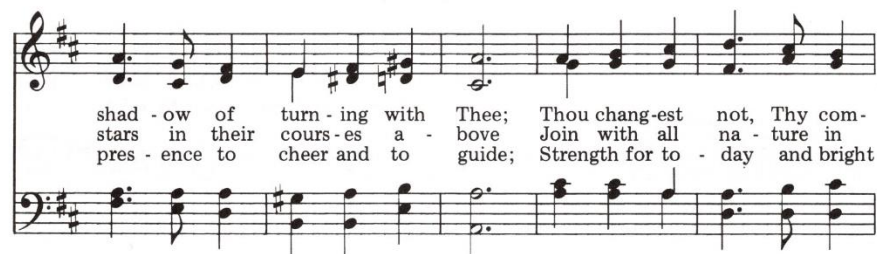
SCRIPTURE READING    Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

## SERMON

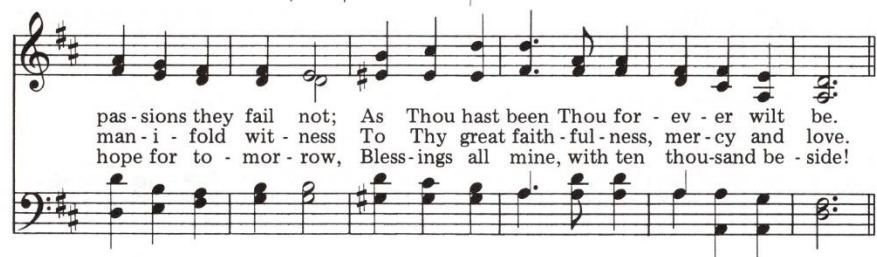
## HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*


1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, There is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, Sun, moon and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

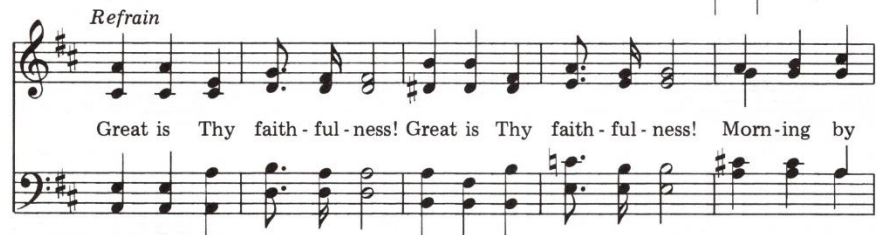


shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright

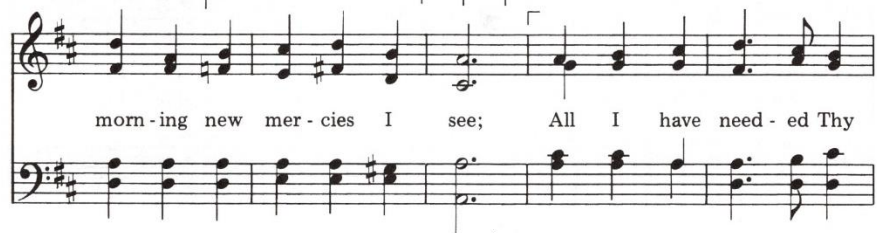


pas - sions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



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



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

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan

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hand hath pro - vid - ed— Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

4 This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,  
these words can't con - vey it, the joy of this day!  
When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,  
this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Your blessings surround us each day wherever we go, gracious God. In gratitude for mercies as numerous as the stars in the heavens, we now offer back to you these gifts of our hearts. We pray that they may in turn become blessings to others, as marks of our faithful discipleship. In Christ's holy name, Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

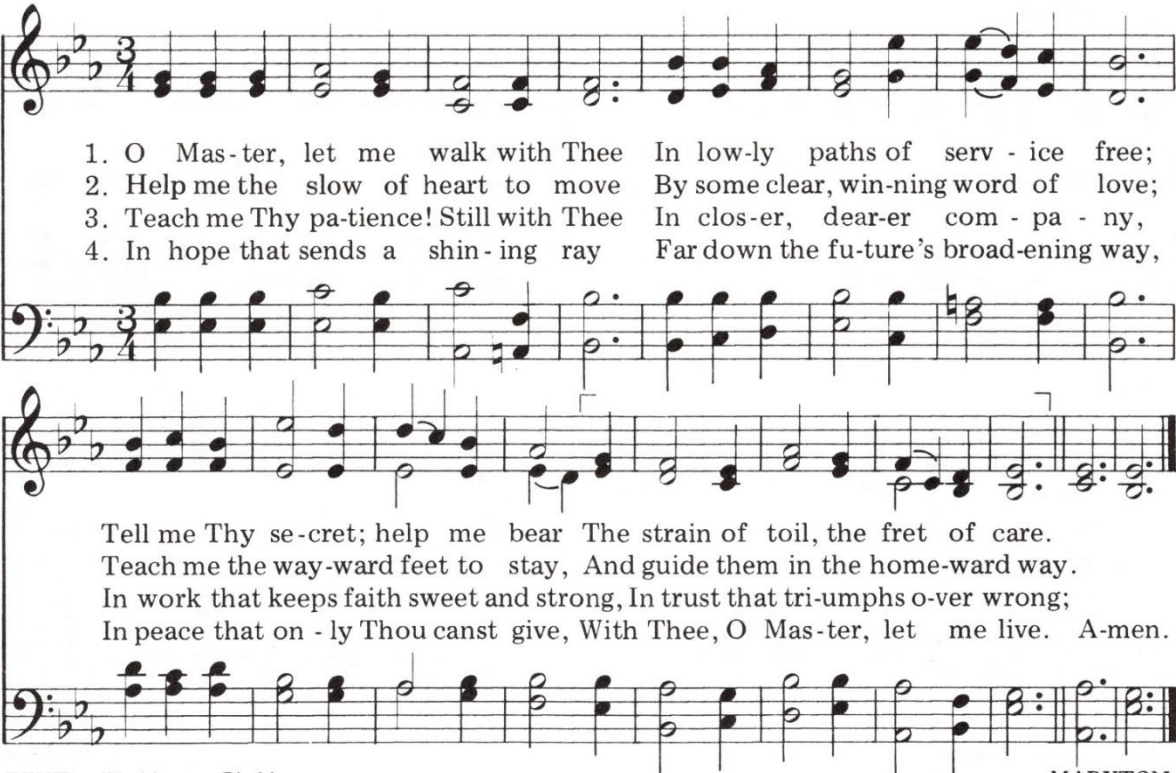
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**



## HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*


1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee In low-ly paths of serv - ice free;  
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, win-ning word of love;  
 3. Teach me Thy pa-tience! Still with Thee In clos-er, dear-er com - pa - ny,  
 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the fu-ture's broad-en-ing way,

Tell me Thy se-cret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 Teach me the way-ward feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way.  
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs o-ver wrong;  
 In peace that on - ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas-ter, let me live. A-men.

TEXT: Washington Gladden  
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith  
 A lower setting may be found at No. 320

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## CLOSING BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Jill Jackson &amp; Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
 Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God as our father, children all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
 With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.  
 To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally;  
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**