



July 27, 2025

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Elder Mark Jurries

**Silent meditation**

No answers are given to the questions that dominate the second half of the psalm [Psalm 89]. The tension remains between the promise and the reality, between God's faithfulness and events which seem to scream out that it is a sham. –Robert Davidson

...I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

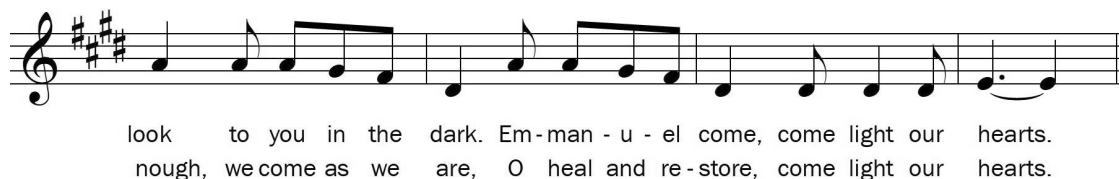
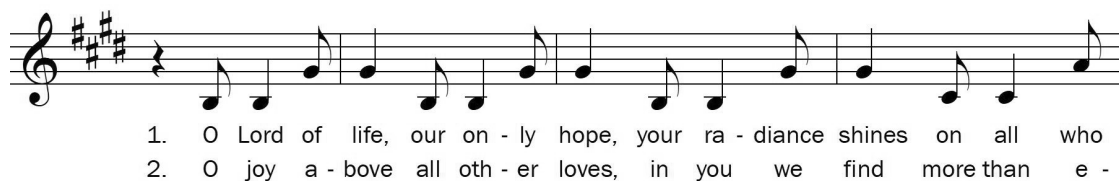
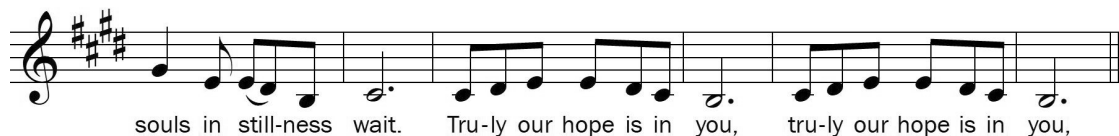
**Call to Worship** Psalm 86:3-7

Elder Mark Jurries

Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.  
Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.  
Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.  
In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.

## \* Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken



2014 Drink Your Tea

\* Blessed Be Your Name

Matt & Beth Redman



1. Bless - ed be Your name in the  
2. Bless - ed be Your name when the



land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun -  
sun's shin - ing down on me, when the world's "all as it



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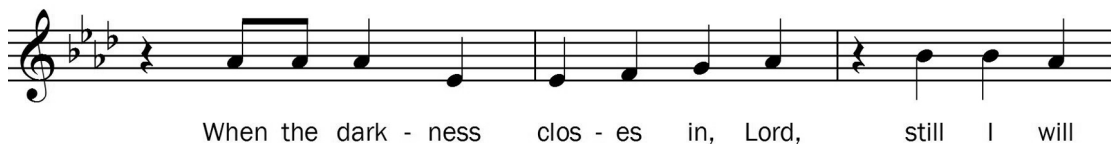
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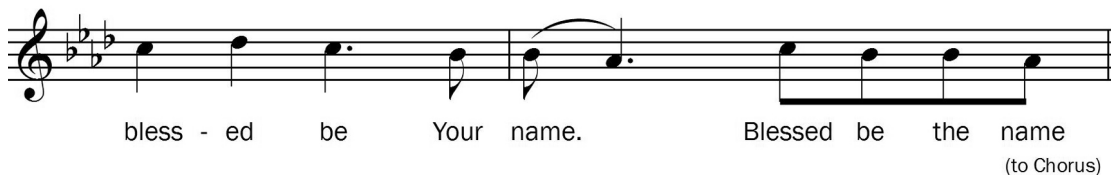
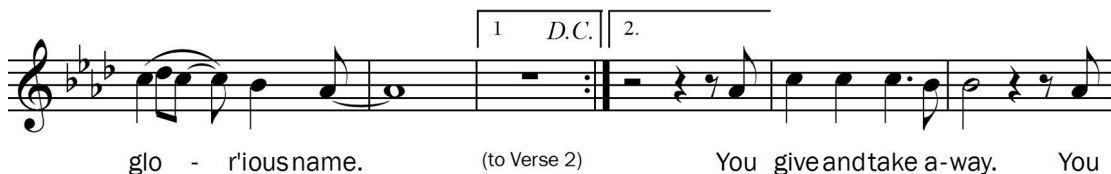
ert place, though I walk through the wil -  
fer - ing, though there's pain in the of -



der - ness. Bless-ed be Your name.  
fer - ing. Bless-ed be Your name.



### CHORUS



**\* Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

**Call to confession** Psalm 77:3-10

When I remember God, I moan;  
when I meditate, my spirit faints.  
You hold my eyelids open;  
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.  
I consider the days of old,  
the years long ago.  
I said, "Let me remember my song in the night;  
let me meditate in my heart."  
Then my spirit made a diligent search:  
"Will the Lord spurn forever,  
and never again be favorable?  
Has his steadfast love forever ceased?  
Are his promises at an end for all time?  
Has God forgotten to be gracious?  
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"  
Then I said, "I will appeal to this,  
to the years of the right hand of the Most High."

**Prayer of confession** followed by a time of silent confession

**Declaration of Forgiveness** Psalm 77:16-20

When the waters saw you, O God,  
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
indeed, the deep trembled.  
The clouds poured out water;  
the skies gave forth thunder;  
your arrows flashed on every side.  
The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lighted up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.  
Your way was through the sea,  
your path through the great waters;  
yet your footprints were unseen.  
You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

9:00 service: On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:00 service: Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.

**\* God Moves in a Mysterious Way** Trinity Hymnal 128

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

**\* Scripture reading** Psalm 89

*A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.*

- I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to  
all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
- <sup>3</sup> You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
<sup>4</sup> 'I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah
- <sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,  
<sup>7</sup> a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?
- <sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts,  
who is mighty as you are, O Lord,  
with your faithfulness all around you?
- <sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea;  
when its waves rise, you still them.
- <sup>10</sup> You crushed Rahab like a carcass;  
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;  
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.
- <sup>12</sup> The north and the south, you have created them;  
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
- <sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm;  
strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- <sup>15</sup> Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
- <sup>16</sup> who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- <sup>19</sup> Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and  
said:  
"I have granted help to one who is mighty;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- <sup>20</sup> I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,  
<sup>21</sup> so that my hand shall be established with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.
- <sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not outwit him;  
the wicked shall not humble him.
- <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him



and strike down those who hate him.  
<sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,  
 and in my name shall his horn be exalted.  
<sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea  
 and his right hand on the rivers.  
<sup>26</sup> He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,  
 my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'  
<sup>27</sup> And I will make him the firstborn,  
 the highest of the kings of the earth.  
<sup>28</sup> My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
 and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
<sup>29</sup> I will establish his offspring forever  
 and his throne as the days of the heavens.  
<sup>30</sup> If his children forsake my law  
 and do not walk according to my rules,  
<sup>31</sup> if they violate my statutes  
 and do not keep my commandments,  
<sup>32</sup> then I will punish their transgression with the rod  
 and their iniquity with stripes,  
<sup>33</sup> but I will not remove from him my steadfast love  
 or be false to my faithfulness.  
<sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant  
 or alter the word that went forth from my lips.  
<sup>35</sup> Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;  
 I will not lie to David.  
<sup>36</sup> His offspring shall endure forever,  
 his throne as long as the sun before me.  
<sup>37</sup> Like the moon it shall be established forever,  
 a faithful witness in the skies." *Selah*  
<sup>38</sup> But now you have cast off and rejected;  
 you are full of wrath against your anointed.

<sup>39</sup> You have renounced the covenant with your servant;  
 you have defiled his crown in the dust.  
<sup>40</sup> You have breached all his walls;  
 you have laid his strongholds in ruins.  
<sup>41</sup> All who pass by plunder him;  
 he has become the scorn of his neighbors.  
<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his foes;  
 you have made all his enemies rejoice.  
<sup>43</sup> You have also turned back the edge of his sword,  
 and you have not made him stand in battle.  
<sup>44</sup> You have made his splendor to cease  
 and cast his throne to the ground.  
<sup>45</sup> You have cut short the days of his youth;  
 you have covered him with shame. *Selah*  
<sup>46</sup> How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?  
 How long will your wrath burn like fire?  
<sup>47</sup> Remember how short my time is!  
 For what vanity you have created all the children of man!  
<sup>48</sup> What man can live and never see death?  
 Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol?  
*Selah*  
<sup>49</sup> Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,  
 which by your faithfulness you swore to David?  
<sup>50</sup> Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked,  
 and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,  
<sup>51</sup> with which your enemies mock, O Lord,  
 with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.  
<sup>52</sup> Blessed be the Lord forever!  
 Amen and Amen.

Elder: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Prayer**

## **Sermon** Forever

Pastor Michael Anderson

Forever! (v. 1-18)

Forever. (v. 19-37)

Forever? (v. 38-51)

...Forever... (v. 52)

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# DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

## \* Psalm 89: I Will Sing

by Sandra McCracken and Leslie Jordan

### Verses



1. With my mouth I will tell of \_\_\_ your faith-ful - ness,  
2. Lord, you are ~ the glo-ry \_\_\_ of all our strength;



I'll de - clare, Lord, your cov - e - nant ~ with my  
~ your pres - ence a - long the way, for all our

### Chorus



life. (repeat Vs 1)  
days.

I will sing of the Lord's \_\_\_ great love for-ev-er,



I will sing of the Lord's \_\_\_ great love. I will sing of the Lord's



\_\_\_ great love for-ev-er, I will sing, O \_\_\_ I will sing. to Vs 2 or to Bridge

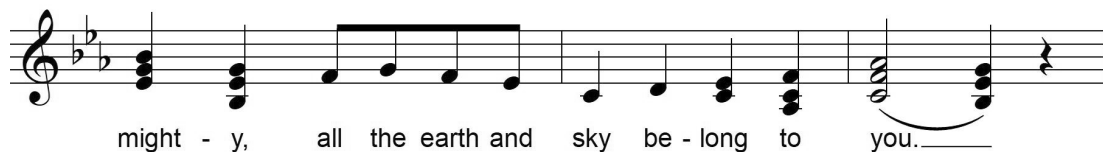
### Bridge



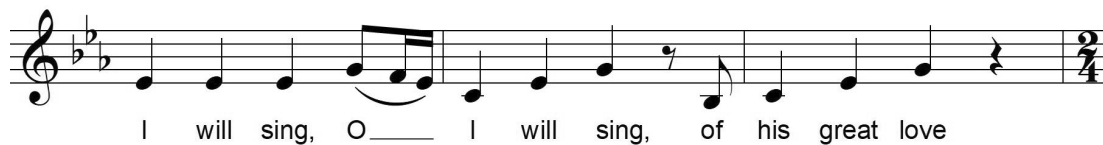
O Lord, God Al - might - y, who is like you?



O Lord, God Al - might - y, none be-side you. O Lord, God Al -



### Final Chorus



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**Living out our faith** announcements about the life of the church

**Missionary Greeting**

Aaron and Cassie Gortmaker  
Ministering in Costa Rica

**Prayers of the People**

Deacon David Dodds (9:00)  
Deacon Jacob Lahmann (11:00)

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.  
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**Offertory:** *Remember* solo

by Molly Hayes

The Lord has promised  
He will fulfill  
Good things are coming still  
I will remember all that he has done  
The battles fought and the victories won

I will remember the works of the Lord  
I will remember your wonders of old  
I'll ponder your works and your mighty deeds  
Your way, O God is holy

While we wait for you to come back  
Aid us as we face attack  
When trouble comes close  
Come closer still  
You always have and you always will

I will remember the works of the Lord  
I will remember your wonders of old  
Help me sing my song in the night  
I will hold on to Jesus, I'll hold on tight  
Hold on to me Jesus hold on tight  
Hold on hold on to me  
Hold on hold on to me

He's the same yesterday today and forever  
His promises are true always and forever  
He stays the same and so I will remember  
I will remember the works of the Lord  
I will trust what I cannot see  
I will lift your name in the deepest depths  
And I will praise you in the valley

**\* New Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ings \_\_\_\_\_ flow;

praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye \_\_\_\_\_ heav'n - ly \_\_\_\_\_ host;

praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

A - men. A - men.

**\* Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward  
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

**\* *And All the People Said Amen!***

And all the people said “Amen!”  
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.  
And all the people said “Amen!”

**\* Postlude**

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**Worship musicians**

Linda Bokma-deJong, song leader  
Susan Guerra, piano & guitar  
Judah Guerra, bass  
Rebekah LaPlaca, cajon

Molly Hayes, solo & piano