



April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship #243 (sung twice) *Be Not Afraid*



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



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TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998
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BE NOT AFRAID
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Welcome

Megan Klose

* Song #238 (v. 3)

Thine Is the Glory

3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught
with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors
through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan
to thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The music is primarily homophonic, with a melody line and a supporting bass line. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a final cadence on the fifth staff.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

TEXT: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

JUDAS MACCABEUS
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Opening Prayer

Megan Klose

** Please stand in body or spirit*

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 23

Lynn Wagner

¹*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;*

³ *he restores my soul.*

*He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.*

⁴*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,*

for you are with me;

*your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

⁵*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;*

*you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

⁶*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,*

*and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 10:11-18

Yena Hwang

¹¹ *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."*

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Yena Hwang

Response Song #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

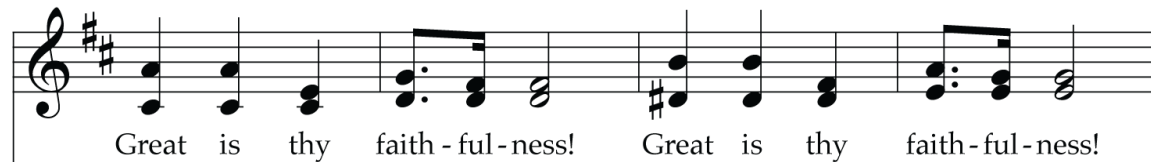


Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

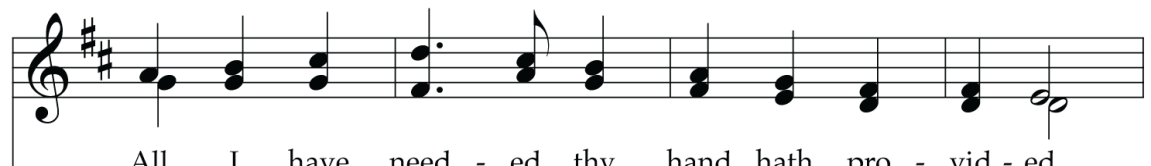
Refrain



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 hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Our Life Together as the Body of Christ

Megan Klose

Offering

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions. Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online at fpc.breezechms.com/give/online, texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



Minute for Ministry

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival

Chuck Anderson

Prayers of the People

Lynn Wagner

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder currently serving on Session (governing council) or other members of the congregation. At the end of the prayer we will sing:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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CHILDREN PRAYING
Irregular

Please keep in your prayers...

Young Hobbie, recovering from surgery on April 9

Allan Capon, Robbie Harris, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh

Communion of the People

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

*Communion is by intinction. Receive bread into your open hand and dip it in the cup.
Bread is gluten-free and cup is non-alcoholic.*

Post-Communion Prayer

Yena Hwang

*** Sending Song #463** (vv. 1 & 2)

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

FOUNDATION
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*** Sharing of the Peace**

Yena Hwang

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: May the grace of our risen Lord, the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit who resurrects the dead, go with you into this world.

Let us now share the sign of peace with one another.

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Lynn Wagner

Music

Lonnie Bickel

Audio/Video

Diane Maloney

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to learn more about our community of faith, please talk to a pastor at the end of this service.

Did You Know? – BibleFun

Proverbs 22:6 teaches, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” For decades FCPC offered Sunday [Funday] School programs to help children ages two to five years learn that their church is a loving family and to teach them about the Holy Trinity, introduce them to worship and the Bible, and to set them on a path to understanding that they can always rely on God and their church for support, understanding, hope, and love, while their parents attended morning services. Although these programs were put on hold during the pandemic, they returned this winter in the form of BibleFun during the 10:45 service. BibleFun is a lively hour of age-appropriate activities for children through age 4, intended to joyfully welcome them to the Bible and worship among friends their own age. Each week the children enjoy some free play with Play-Doh, toys, or drawing and coloring to get settled in. Then comes StoryTime, where Bible stories emerge from picture books to be built on the spot or incorporated into play. Each session concludes with a success-assured craft based on that day’s Bible story that the children can proudly take home to show what they learned that day. BibleFun will resume on a bi-weekly basis starting the Sunday following Labor Day.

Announcements

Worship Through Service, today, April 21. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. for a short time of worship and then continue our worship through service at a Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging event and other projects throughout the building. Coffee and light refreshments will be available at the Activities Center between services.

Crooked Steeple Literary Festival, April 27, 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Chef Brian Noyes will be discuss his latest book, *Red Truck Bakery Cookbook: Gold-Standard Recipes from America’s Favorite Rural Bakery* at the Crooked Steeple Literary Festival on April 27. Register at fcpc.breezechms.com/form/CSLFNoyes.

Ives House Listening Session, April 28, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. The Ives House Task Force will be on hand to answer your questions about the history and future of the Ives House.

Waffle Church, April 28, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor. All are welcome to join in this alternative time of worship with waffles!

Calendar

Sunday, April 21 - Informal Worship, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary, in person and online
Rise Against Hunger Setup, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Hour, 9:30 a.m., Activities Center
Matthew 25 Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Room 303
Serendipity Class, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room
Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12), 9:30 a.m., 3rd Floor
Worship Through Service Sunday & Rise Against Hunger, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary,
Fellowship Hall, FCPC Grounds
Social Justice Committee of Falls Church and Vicinity, 3:30 p.m., Library
Youth Mini-Golf & Dinner, 5:30 p.m., meet at FCPC

Monday, April 22 - *No scheduled events*

Tuesday, April 23 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Wednesday, April 24 - Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library & Zoom

Thursday, April 25 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday, April 26 - *No scheduled events*

Saturday, April 27 - Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor.

Silent Witness for Racial Justice, noon, Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, April 28

Drop & Dash Sunday

Informal Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, in person or online.

Ives House Listening Session, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Matthew 25 Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Room 303

Serendipity Class, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room

Waffle Church, 9:30 a.m., 3rd Floor

Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online.

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, "working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church."

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor; The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music; Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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