

**The liturgical color is green,
for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.**

Prelude "Fugue in C Major" G. F. Handel
Amy Bender, organ

Welcome Rev. Barb Holzhauser

Call to Worship

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

So God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy

and says, "rest here for awhile."

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

Let us rest in this holy place

where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

***Hymn #116** "The God of Abraham Praise"

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we thank you that we stand in a long line of believers who have been faithful through the ages. You have been leading your people through trial and difficulty and have always set before them hope for today and hope for a better tomorrow. We pray that you would bless us this day as walk with you through the ebb and flow of life's challenges so that we may be found faithful throughout our journey. Amen.

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary to go to Sunday school.

Worship Through Music "How Great Thou Art" arr. Joel Raney
Sharyl Verbsky and Amy Bender, piano duet

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us " arr. Joel Raney

***Doxology #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn #405** "See Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Scripture Genesis 18:9-14a, 21:1

Sermon The Lord of Laughter Rev. Barb Holzhauser

***Hymn #140** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Thomas Chisholm. He was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1866. He was educated in a one room schoolhouse and became the teacher at that school at age 16. Though he had no more formal education, Chisholm became a Methodist Minister in 1893. He gave up the ministry after one year due to poor health. He moved with his family, wife and two daughters, to a farm in Indiana. He sold insurance for a while and later moved to New Jersey. He wrote over 1,200 sacred poems of which 800 were published. He wrote the poem that became the words to Great Is Thy Faithfulness in 1923. It was put to music that same year by William Runyan, a friend of Chisholm and fellow Methodist Minister. Chisholm said there was no great occasion that inspired the poem, just the everyday appreciation of God's Grace. Chisholm died in New Jersey in 1960.

***Benediction**

***Benediction Sung Response** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Postlude

"Psalm XIX"

B. Marcella

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In Honor of our Fathers and Grandfathers

Pulpit flowers presented by Marye Etta Brobst
In Loving Memory of Jim Reed

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for celebration, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-477-4485.

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