



## GATHERING PRAYER\*

**Holy, Creating, Creative God,  
We sing from the depths of our sorrow.  
We sing from the abundance of our joy.  
We sing in voices separate and unique.  
We sing with one voice as your body.  
May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,  
and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry,  
be pleasing in your sight. Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”      Joyce Harris (Piano)

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.  
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 #33CH**

“How Great Thou Art”

Verses 1 and 2

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I see the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;*

*How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

**HYMN #282**            “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain my God spoke,  
Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, looked so fine;  
I asked my God if all is mine.*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

**SCRIPTURE**            Psalm 89: 1-8 and Acts 16:25

**REFLECTION**            “Then Sings My Soul”            Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

**HYMN #547**            “Amazing Grace”            Verses 1 and 4

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.*

*My God has promised good to me,  
Whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures*

**HYMN #473**            “Blessed Assurance”            Verses 1 and 3

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,*

*Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with God's goodness, lost in God's love*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

**HYMN #476**

**“My Life Flows on in Endless Song”**

**Verses 1 and 4**

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul- how can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;  
And day by day the pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am Christ's- how can I keep from singing?*

## **OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

**Joyce Harris (Piano)**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Giver of life,**

**As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully,  
so we long to participate in your seeding of the world.**

**Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives.**

**Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us**

**until we yield and grow in grace,**

**for we pray in the name of Jesus,**

**who came out of love for the world. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #526 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”**

*We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God*

*We are marching, marching, we are marching  
Oo, we are marching in the light of God*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“To God on High Be Glory” Joyce Harris  
By Johann Gottlieb Walther

**Special Thanks to All the Participants in Today’s Online Service**

*Joyce Harris: Organist  
Rev. Merlyn Lawrence: Senior Pastor  
Dr. Oliver Lawrence (Videographer)*