

# Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

# **ORGAN PRELUDE**

"Adorn Yourself, O Dear Soul"

*J.S. Bach* Stephen Boda

# **OPENING HYMN**

No. 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

[Refrain:] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided -great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. *[Refrain]* 

# CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 139:1-6)

Minister: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

- All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- Minister: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

Minister: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that l cannot attain it.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth, you know all things and are the source of all wisdom. We confess that we have failed to trust in your wisdom. We doubt that you can, or that you will, guide our lives, and so we neglect to turn to you and trust only in our own wisdom. Because of this, we don't live in the centre of your will for our lives. Forgive us, we pray, not because we have earned it, but because of your great love and mercy, given to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **RESPONSIVE KYRIE**

Minister:Lord have mercy upon us;All:Christ have mercy upon us;Minister:Lord have mercy upon us.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### ANTHEM

"Lord God of Abraham" from Elijah

Mendelssohn

# Andrew Adridge, soloist; Elaine Choi, piano

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! Oh shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word. Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, oh hear me and answer me, and shew this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!

# **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:24-29

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

## SERMON

#### The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling "I'll Let You Into a Secret"

#### ANTHEM

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

Arr. Connell

Nicæa

Joanne Leatch, Adam Weinmann oboe, Elaine Choi viola piano)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.

## 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 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

No. 315 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

"Festival Toccata"

Percy Fletcher Stephen Boda

**NEXT WEEK:** 

# SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE LIVESTREAM The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching "Where You Go, I Will Go" from Ruth 1:1-18, 4: 13-22