

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Rickey Primrose, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry.
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

MUSIC

PRELUDE

Set Our Hope

by Prayer Time Band

CORPORATE SINGING

Every Praise

by John David Bratton and Hezekiah Walker

He is Exalted

by Twila Paris

TIME OF PRAYER

Hallelujah For The Cross

by Ben Glover, Chris McClarney, and Jeff Pardo

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

by Thomas Chisholm and William Runyan

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

“A Church Clothed in Humility” 1 Peter 5:1-5 | Pastor Rickey Primrose

1 Peter 5:1-5 provides a clear and helpful overview of the role of Pastors in the church and how the body should relate to pastoral leadership. Peter knows that if the people of God are to endure the suffering of living in a world that is not their home, the church must be healthy in terms of organization and relationships. Prepare for Sunday by meditating on this passage: Who are the leaders of the church? What is their function? What is the fundamental quality that should define both the leaders and members of a church family?

We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper this Sunday morning. Prepare this week by confessing any sin in your life and seeking reconciliation with any brother or sister in Christ where it is needed.

LYRICS

Set Our Hope

VERSE 1

God of matchless grace
Your love always remains
Your pouring out Your endless mercy
We were lost in sin
But You choose to call us friends
Your Spirit breathes new life within us

CHORUS

We set our hope
Fully on the grace of Christ
Our Wonderful Savior
When all seems lost
There’s nothing but the grace of Christ
Our Wonderful Savior

VERSE 2

In times of suffering
We still rejoice and sing
For we will see Your unveiled glory
This world is not our home
You guard our hearts along
Until we see Your face in heaven

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Though we don’t see You
We believe You are our comfort
And our Exceeding Joy

CHORUS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

VERSE 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
They fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will 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, Lord, unto me!

VERSE 2

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

VERSE 3

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,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

REFRAIN

RESPOND TO THE SERMON

"Against All Odds!" 1 Peter 4:12-19 | Pastor Bob Bolander

Truth: Peter challenges the thinking of the household of God that doubts God's promise as well as the ungodly sinner who doubts God's condemnation. For those in the family of God, the world is the accuser who judges us for our commitment to Christ. For those outside the household of God, it is God who is looking in judgment. Because we have been acquitted through the blood of Christ, God promises that we will have joy and peace in our suffering.

Response: Do you feel condemned and judged by the world? Does knowing that the world is under judgment change how you react to their judgment of you? Pray that God will give you an understanding and love for those that are under his judgment as the unrighteous.

Truth: Commit to your faithful Creator. The commitment spoken of here stems from a financial term. This is an action where you take something and place it into the care of someone equipped to manage it better than you. If we commit our lives to the faithful Creator, we move from impossible odds to full truth and joy. Most people don't commit to a Creator but to themselves, religion, power, fame, or money.

Response: What are the signs we have not yet committed ourselves to the faithful Creator? Worrying about your circumstances, trying to control your

circumstances, and a lack of prayer are all signs that you may not have committed yourself to the faithful Creator. Ask God to show you his hand in your circumstances and trust him with your life as he is the sustainer of life.

Truth: Continue to do good. Continuing to do good is evidence to a judgmental world that demonstrates who we are in Christ. We continue to receive the good work of Christ. Remember that our primary goal isn't to demonstrate to the world that we are good people. Our primary goal is to demonstrate to our defense, Jesus himself, that we are committed to him.

Response: Is your first response to suffering to "commit yourself to your faithful Creator and continue to do good"? Do you find yourself continuing to do good for the approval of God or others rather than as a demonstration to God of your love for Him? Respond to that which God has done and you will go from impossible odds to guaranteed reality in suffering.

FAMILY RESPONSE

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Truth: I like clear steps, so Peter's conclusion to his focus on suffering is refreshingly simple. "So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good (1 Peter 4:19)." In other words, when life is tough, keep trusting Jesus and keep following Jesus.

Response: Keeping things simple is also a great way to help your children build knowledge and understanding of God so that they can grow to trust and follow Him. Mrs. Karen, our Family Minister for Preschool, reminded us of this the other day as she shared in the Parent Talk. "It starts with simple truth statements like 'God gives us rain' when your child is a baby. Then it grows to 'Thank you God for giving us rain.' As physical and spiritual development continues, we tell our children 'We can trust God to provide for all our needs like when He gives us rain.'" The simple steps are comprehensible to children but lead toward deep steps of faith.