



November 21, 2021  
10:00 AM

**Reflection:** “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 4:2).

### Call To Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God’s greatness.

**Tell the nations what God has done.**

Sing praise to the Lord. **Tell the wonderful things God has done.**

Be glad that we belong to God. **Let all who worship God rejoice.**

-Psalm 105:1-3

### Hymn

***Oh Give Thanks to the Lord***

Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough

We were wand’ring in the desert  
With our souls so starved and weak;  
We were hungry for a homeland  
We did not know how to seek;  
But we lifted up our voices  
To the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy  
came and brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden  
And our backs bent down with pain;  
In the shadow of death’s darkness  
We were slaves to sin and blame;  
Then we cried out in our labor  
To the only One who hears,  
And the God of mercy  
wiped away our tears.

We were fools in our rebellion,  
With our hunger strike of pride;  
We were sick and growing closer  
To the death we should have died.  
Then He heard of our condition,  
And He called us by our names,  
And the God of glory  
took away our shame. (Chorus)

We were far out on the ocean  
Making wealth and chasing dreams,  
But the waves of great destruction  
Brought us trembling to our knees;  
And we cried like drunken sailors  
To the only One who hears,  
And the God of comfort  
took away our fears. (Chorus)

### Invocation

### Hymn

***Thy Mercy, My God***

Words: John Stocker Music: Sandra McCracken

Thy mercy, my God,  
is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart  
and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone,  
from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections,  
and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy  
I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness,  
my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me  
still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more  
than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel  
its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness,  
I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise  
of the mercy I’ve found.

Great Father of mercies,  
Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love  
of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon,  
and righteousness mine.

### Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:1-7

### Confession of Sin

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.  
-based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

### Corporate Confession

Holy God, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. We confess wanting more and more things: food, clothes, toys, and money. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.  
-Psalm 145:13-14

## Hymn

### ***Rock of Ages Cleft For Me***

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778 Music: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## Children's Story

### ***Bible Stories Every Child Should Know***

By Kenneth N. Taylor

## Prayer

At the conclusion of prayer pray the Lord's Prayer in unison:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Sermon

"Close Encounters"      Genesis 33  
Wayne Shelton

## Hymn of Response

### ***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

Words: George Matheson Music: Christopher Miner

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

## Affirmation of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again  
from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,*

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

*and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to  
judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;      Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;      Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.