



Order of Service
Sunday Morning, 16 August 2026 – Mr Dick Haffenden

Call to Worship

Song of Adoration: Great is Thy Faithfulness

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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 wilt be.

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

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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!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Prayer of Adoration with 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.

Song of Confession: Psalm 130 (Tune: Martyrdom, 71)

1 LORD, from the depths I call to you;
2 Lord, hear me from on high
And give attention to my voice
when I for mercy cry.

5 I wait—my soul waits—for the LORD;
my hope is in his word.

6 More than the watchman waits for dawn
my soul waits for the Lord.

3 LORD, in your presence who can stand,
if you our sins record?
4 But yet forgiveness is with you,
that we may fear you, LORD.

7 O Isr'el, put your hope in God,
for mercy is with him
8 And full redemption. From their sins
his people he'll redeem.

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 82, 84, 85 (communal reading)

Q82. Is anyone able to keep the commandments of God perfectly?

A. Since the fall, no mere human is able to keep the commandments of God perfectly in this life; everyone breaks them daily in thought, word and deed.

Q84. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come.

Q85. What does God require of us that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance that leads to life, and the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates the benefits of redemption to us.

O the Deep, Unbounded Riches during which the **Offering** will be taken
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O the deep, unbounded riches
 Of God deserve our praise!
 How unsearchable His judgments,
 How marvellous His ways!
 For who His thoughts has fathomed,
 Or counsel to Him giv'n?
 And who could make a debtor
 Of God, the Lord of Heav'n?
 For from and through and to Him
 Are all things, now and then.
 To Him be all the glory
 Forevermore. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-33 *(p 660)*

Song of Thanksgiving: Psalm 119(2):9-16 (Tune: Herongate, 154)

9 How can the young keep their life pure? By doing what your word demands!	13 Each law proceeding from your mouth I gladly with my lips have told.
10 I seek you with my heart and soul; Let me not stray from your commands.	14 I love to follow your commands, As others love to count their gold.
11 Your word I've hidden in my heart To keep me from offending you.	15 I meditate upon your ways And on your precepts I reflect.
12 Praise be to you, O LORD my God; Teach me your statutes firm and true.	16 I take delight in your decrees; Your word I never will neglect.

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 2:14 – 3:11 *(p 965)*

Sermon: *A Better Ministry*

Song of Response: Great is the Gospel of our Glorious God

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Great is the gospel of our glorious God, where mercy met the anger of God's rod; a penalty was paid and pardon bought, and sinners lost at last to Him were brought:	Great is the mystery of godliness, great is the work of God's own holiness; it moves my soul, and causes me to long for greater joys than to the earth belong: <i>Refrain</i>
<i>Refrain:</i> <i>O let the praises of my heart be Thine, for Christ has died that I may call Him mine, that I may sing with those who dwell above, adoring, praising Jesus, King of love.</i>	The Spirit vindicated Christ our Lord, and angels sang with joy and sweet accord; the nations heard, a dark world flamed with light when Jesus rose in glory and in might: <i>Refrain</i>

Benediction

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