

# The Worship of God

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

## We Gather in God's Presence

### Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

*As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.*

### Prelude

### Lighting of the Altar Candles

*The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.*

### Presenting the Cross

*The cross symbolizes the grace of God given freely to all people*

### Call to Worship

Rev. Suzanne Ringer

Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

**We will praise our God and tell of all God's wonderful works!**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**We will give glory to God's holy name and thank God for our many blessings!**

Seek the Lord, God's strength and presence continually.

**We will remember God's mercy and justice in worship and praise!**

### Hymn of Praise 48

FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*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.*

*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!*

*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, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

## We Hear God's Word and Pray

### Scripture

Mrs. Leigh Reynolds

Deuteronomy 28:1-6

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayers for the People

Mrs. Reynolds



Blessings  
Sadie Bridges, soloist

*We pray for blessings; We pray for peace; Comfort for family, protection while we sleep  
We pray for healing, for prosperity; We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering  
All the while, You hear each spoken need; Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things*

Chorus:

*'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if the thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near  
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise  
We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear; We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near  
We doubt your goodness; we doubt your love  
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough.  
And all the while, You hear each desperate plea; And long that we'd have faith to believe (Chorus)  
When friends betray us; When darkness seems to win;  
We know the pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home (Chorus)  
What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life,  
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy. What if trials of this life;  
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights are your mercies in disguise.*

## ***We Grow from God's Word***

Sermon

Rev. Eddie Ramsey

## ***We Respond to God's Word***

Hymn of Response

BLESSINGS

Count Your Blessings

*When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings; name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.*

Chorus:

*Count your blessings name them one by one. Count your blessings; see what God hath done.  
Count your blessings; Name them one by one. Count your many blessings; See what God hath done.  
Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings; every doubt will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by. (Chorus)  
So amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged; God is over all.  
Count your many blessings; angels will attend, help and comfort give you to your journey's end. (Chorus)*

## ***We Worship through Giving***

*We encourage you to continue giving tithes and offerings so that bills and ministries are supported. You may do this through our website (oaklandchurch.com), the Breeze app, texting "Give" to (803)599-3738, and using automatic drafts. If you need assistance with any of these methods, please contact the church office.*

## ***We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others***

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Benediction

Mrs. Shaw

Postlude

