**Worship Service – July 11, 2021**

**Welcome**

Good morning and welcome. I’m glad that you’ve joined us for time of worship this morning. It’s good to gather together to worship God. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to our God, who is our Rock and Redeemer.

**Opening Prayer** – Heather Pattenden

**Call to Worship**

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.

The world and those who live in it belong to God.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, who is strong and mighty!

Children of God, lift up your heads and your hearts!

Lift them up in praise!

Let us worship God in beauty and holiness.

And offer God our steadfast love and faithfulness,

now and always.

**Hymns of Praise:** Great is Thy Faithfulness -Mary Serdaridis

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 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!

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]

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]

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God,

in a world marked by self-indulgence, you are generosity for those in need.

In a world marked by injustice, you are a conscience speaking to us.

In a world marked by vengeance, you are mercy and reconciliation.

Forgive our selfishness; our lack of concern for the vulnerable;

and our desire to settle scores rather than work things out.

Renew us with your mercy

and strengthen our resolve to live generously, in action and in attitude.

Amen

**Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God’s generous grace.

**Song of Reflection:** I surrender all – Mary Serdaridis

1. All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

*Refrain*:  
I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

*Refrain*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,

May I know Thy power divine.

*Refrain*

4. All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*Refrain*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Blessed are you, O God, for all your goodness to us.

In Christ, we meet your love and wisdom, face to face.

Through the Holy Spirit, we recognize the abilities and opportunities you create

in us and for us, to reach out to the world you love.

We thank you for all the ways friends and families, neighbours and strangers,

reach out to us and to others, offering support and kindness,

speaking up when we must confront wrongdoing,

celebrating when achievements bless us all with healing and happiness.

Today we pray for courageous leaders in cities, countries and congregations

who strive to serve with integrity and honesty in a world prone to self-interest.

We pray for those who struggle to create justice where it has been compromised,

and to build reconciliation and understanding in divided communities.

We remember before you the dedicated and reliable leaders

who keep their word and meet their deadlines

so that we can depend on them in these unsettling times.

We pray for patient church members and community volunteers,

who work diligently towards long-term goals that will improve our life together.

And we pray for the creative, impatient change makers, who keep challenging us,

to be bolder and more determined in righting wrongs and trying new strategies.

We pray for the troubled in mind or spirit,

for the angry and unhappy, and for those who feel that every day is a struggle.

Soothe their concerns and open their hearts to claim the hope and help you offer.

We remember before you the sick and the dying,

and the bereaved who must try to put their lives back together again.

We pray for those who are recovering from the pandemic,

looking for better health, a fresh start, more stability or a glimpse of hope.

Draw close to all these who suffer,

offering your comfort and courage to face whatever comes next.

Receive our prayers, both spoken and unspoken,

and embrace us all in your love.

Give us hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf,

but also what you call us to do on your behalf,

for we are friends and followers of Jesus,

And we offer these prayers in his name. Ament

**Scripture Lesson:** Jeremiah 20:7-18 – Akshat Regani

**Sermon:** Jeremiah’s Lament

**Prayer after the Sermon**

Lord, throughout history you have used the seemingly weak to nurture justice, to fight poverty, and to walk bravely toward human thrones of power proclaiming another way. Help us find comfort and hope in our afflictions, knowing that you are able to use all things for good. Amen.

**Hymn of Commitment:** For I’m building a people of power (sung 2x) – Mary Serdaridis

For I'm building a people of power

And I'm making a people of praise

That will move through this land by My Spirit

And will glorify My precious name

Build Your church, Lord. Make us strong, Lord.

Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son

Make us one, Lord In Your Body

In the kingdom of Your Son

**Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.