

# Village Church in Wellesley

*Congregational † United Church of Christ*

## 9:00 AM “A Fruitful Summer” Worship

### The Fruit of the Spirit “Faithfulness”

*July 28, 2024, Chapel & Livestream*

*What a blessing it is to have you here today!*



Please use this QR code to register your presence on our new online church attendance check-in web page.

#### ***Hearing Assistance Available***



Induction loop systems are available in the Chapel and in the Narthex section of the Sanctuary. Hearing devices may be turned to the “T” setting. Those without devices may request a loop receiver and earphones.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**PRELUDE** “Andante, Op. 118, No. 4” *Johannes Brahms*  
Kristjon Imperio, piano

**WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION**  
Stacy Swain



**\*GATHERING**

**SONG NO. 423**

**"Great Is  
Your Faithfulness"**

1 of 2



1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



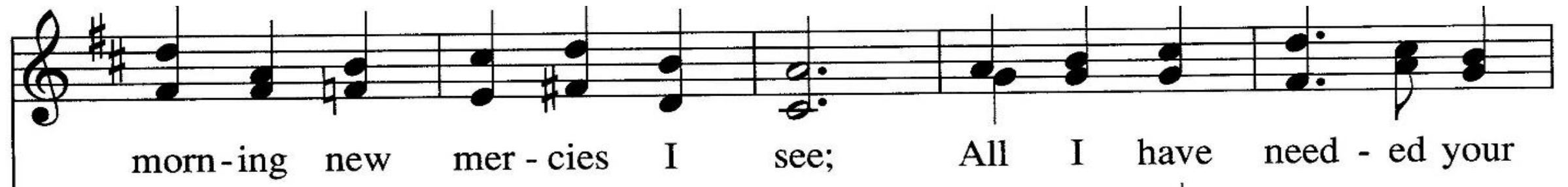
all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

**\*GATHERING SONG NO. 423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness" 2 of 2**

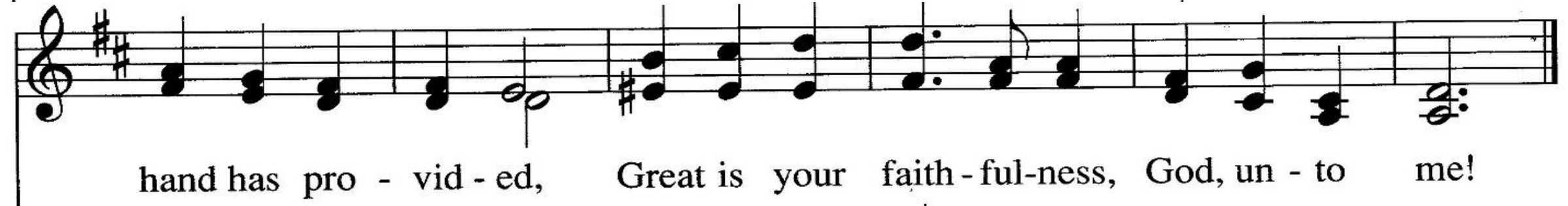
*Refrain*



Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful-ness, God, un - to me!

# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Please read bold sections aloud)*

Ken Sipe

Holy One, we praise you for your faithfulness that has no limits and never fails us.

**Sometimes the storms of life billow in us and around us, and we can lose our faith in you and your promises.**

We confess that we turn away from your outstretched hand.

**Forgive us when we let go of our secure connection to you.**

Restore us to a renewed relationship with you and into your trustworthy love and grace. In the name of our abiding Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you,  
**and also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able  
and share a greeting of peace  
with one another.*



# SUNG RESPONSE NO. 478 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an  
4 I've got faith like an an - chor. I've got faith like an

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean, in my  
an - chor, I've got faith like an an - chor, in my

soul. I've got riv - er in my soul.  
soul. I've got o - cean in my soul.  
soul. I've got an - chor in my soul.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 14: 22-31 CeCe Hansen

**HOMILY** Sue Jung Grant

*Today we focus on the  
spiritual fruit of Faithfulness*

*The fruits of the Spirit are love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness,  
gentleness, and self-control.”*

*Galatians 5:22-23*

## **MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*“Faith” from Songs Without Words -- Felix Mendelssohn*





# INVITATION TO PRAYER STATIONS & OFFERINGS

\*baptismal remembrance

\*candle lighting

\*silent prayer in your seat

\*financial gifts may be offered in basket or by QR code.



## Preparation for Holy Communion

EVERYONE is invited to share in the Lord's supper.

Please collect bread and cup, return to your seat, and hold until we partake together.

**Music**      "My Jesus, I Love Thee"    *Eric Schrotenboer*

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Table**

**Jesus' Words of Invitation and the Gifts of his Life**

**Communion Prayer and 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 trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God for all that love has done;**

**Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen**

## **COMMON LIFE**

**\*CLOSING SONG NO. 593 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" 1 of 2**

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing  
rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the  
roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the


The image shows a musical score for the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music is a homophonic setting with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the".

**\*CLOSING SONG NO. 593 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" 2 of 2**



faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the

Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the".




hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the

Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes, including a half note with a fermata. The lyrics are: "hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the".



ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march

Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time signature. The melody features eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march".



on till vic - to - ry is won.

Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "on till vic - to - ry is won.".

# BENEDICTION

**SENDING MUSIC** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *Mark Hayes*  
*Thank you for joining us today!*



We invite you to scan this QR code to learn about upcoming **common life events** and opportunities, or **to give**.

*Go in peace!*

