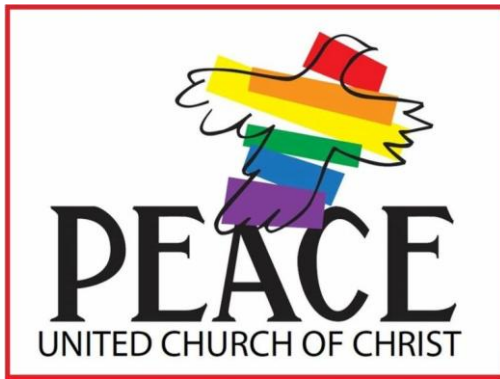




*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

20 September 2026 – 10:30 AM
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE

Dedicated to You

Saul Chaplin

JAZZ ON HIGH • Aidan Santa Cruz, piano and vocals
Chris Charman, bass - Jeff Hanson, drums

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING

**We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old – who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Psalms 105*

Melodee Kistner, liturgist

One: Give thanks to God, and call upon God's name,

All: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing praise, and tell of God's wonderful works.

All: Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

One: Remember the wonderful works God has done,

All: And sing with joy!

*HYMN #23 [hymn sheet]

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

WORD MADE PLAIN

children are invited to gather in front

Joliene Wade Gatlin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... **Like the trees towering in the forest!**

May the peace of God warm you all over... **Like the sun shining in the sky!**

May the peace of God rise and roll over you... **Like the waves rolling in the sea!**

May the peace of God fill you... **Like the wind stirring in your soul!**

May the peace of God surround you... [singing] **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...** [repeating]

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

Melodee Kistner

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

SERMON

Artificial Intelligence and the Crisis of Trust

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

South African Hymn

(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.**(Masithi:) **Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa**(Sing amen) **Amen, we praise your name, O God.****Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo,****Amen, amen, amen, amen,****Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.****Amen, we praise your name, O God.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

Come Rain or Come Shine

Harold Arlen



*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:**to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;****to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;****to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;****to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;****to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;****for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 423 [hymn sheet]

Great Is Your Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'm Beginning to See the Light

Ellington/James/Hodges

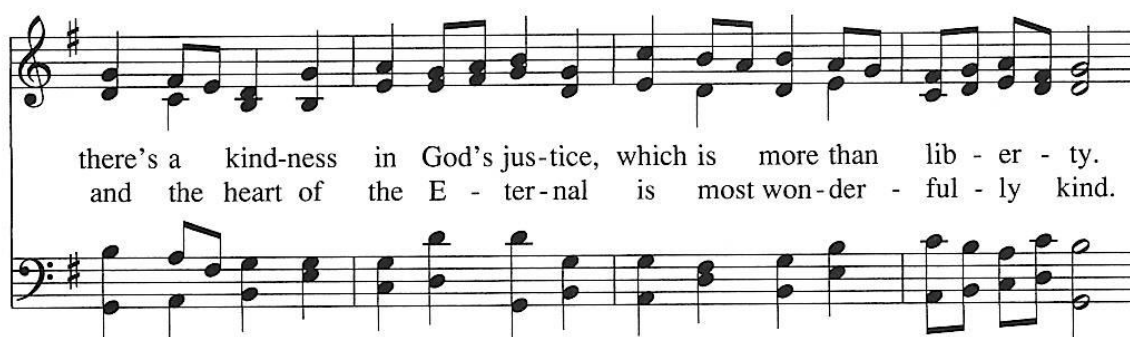
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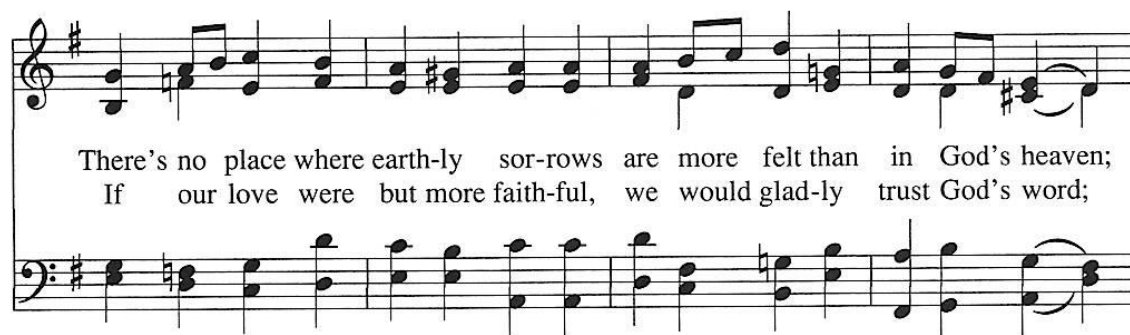
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



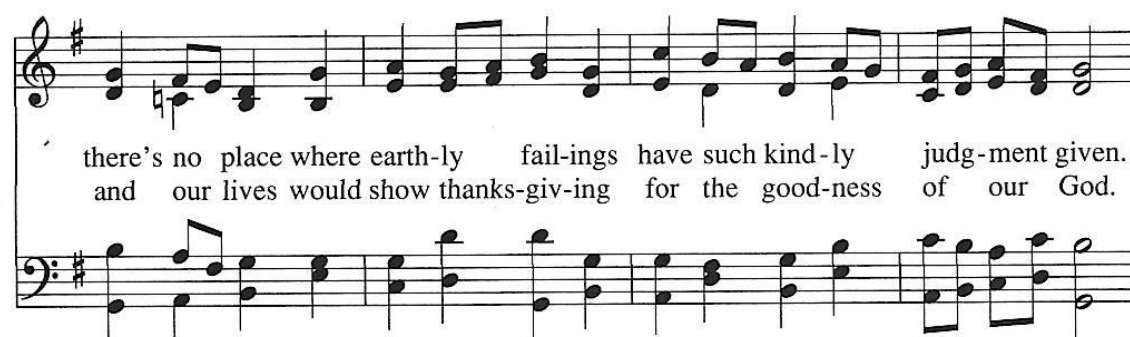
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.

Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

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.

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!