

## Worship Guide

April 25, 2021: The Fourth Sunday of Easter



## GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.  
 Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.  
 Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.  
 Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.  
 Strength is turning a cheek.  
 Strength is loving an enemy.  
 We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

OPENING HYMN: *Trust in You*

*Letting go of every single dream  
 I lay each one down at Your feet  
 Every moment of my wandering  
 Never changes what You see  
 I've tried to win this war, I confess  
 My hands are weary, I need Your rest  
 Mighty warrior, King of the fight  
 No matter what I face, You're by my side*

*(chorus) When You don't move the mountains  
 I'm needing You to move  
 When You don't part the waters  
 I wish I could walk through  
 When You don't give the answers  
 As I cry out to You  
 I will trust, I will trust  
 I will trust in You*

*Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings  
 There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
 So in all things be my life and breath  
 I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less*

*(Chorus)*

*You are my strength and comfort  
 You are my steady hand  
 You are my firm foundation  
 The rock on which I stand  
 Your ways are always higher  
 Your plans are always good  
 There's not a place where I'll go  
 You've not already stood*

*(Chorus)*

## OPENING PRAYER

**Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;  
 Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;  
 Ever-present God, who fills us with awe  
 but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—  
 today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear  
 the word you speak. This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm: 23:1-6

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

SERMON: In God We Trust

Kevin Tansey

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place*  
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")

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

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

*CLOSING HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness #140UMH*  
*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!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has called us.  
Recognize Christ in friend and stranger,  
and as Christ has been gracious to you,  
so be gracious to those in need.

And may God give you a place of rest on rich pasture;  
May Christ Jesus be the shepherd king who binds your wounds;  
And may the Holy Spirit give you wisdom  
.....and reveal to you the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
.....*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

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CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Free meals for curbside pick up.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Call the church @ 207-474-3915

Leave your name and number of meals

Pick up time is between 5-6PM that evening.

Next meal is Tuesday, April 27th: Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, and Dessert.