



Church of the Hills

“Promises, Promises”

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Genesis 29:15-28

Christi Todd

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We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

performed by Sheresa Wilbanks

Welcome

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****Call to Worship**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

****Opening Hymn**

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Purple Hymnal 59

(Refrain)

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God’s marvelous works.

Glory in God’s holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Search for the LORD and the strength of the LORD;
continually seek the face of God.**

Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,

**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen.**

(Refrain)

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

The LORD is our God,
whose judgments prevail in all the world.

**The LORD has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations.**

The covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,

**which God established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel.**

For God remembered the holy promise
and Abraham, chosen to serve.

**So God led forth the people with gladness,
the chosen ones with shouts of joy.**

(Refrain)

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

****Invitation to Confession**

Carolyn Alexander

Leader: God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation.

People: We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

****Prayer of Confession**

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

People: Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified” Purple Hymnal 468 (v. 1)**

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
⁷ He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
⁸ He is mindful of his covenant forever,
of the word that he commanded for a thousand generations,
⁹ the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
¹⁰ which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
¹¹ saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance."

Praise the LORD!

Ministry of Music

"How Great is Our God"

performed by the choir

Second Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah!

And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” ²⁶ Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” ²⁸ Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Sermon

“Promises, Promises”

****Response to Sermon**

“Standing on the Promises”

Purple Hymnal 838

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I’m standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword
standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing, standing,

**standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

****Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

**and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Purple Hymnal 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

"Give Thanks"

Purple Hymnal 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "we are strong";
let the poor say, "we are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "we are strong";
let the poor say, "we are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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