



Morning by Morning

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MAXWELL STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WELCOME

- GREETING
- INTROIT ~ *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

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!

- PRELUDE - *Adoration, Florence B. Price*

Florence Price (1887-1953) was the first important African-American female composer. Born in Arkansas, she was a brilliant student, graduating from high school at the age of 14. She then enrolled in the New England Conservatory of Music where she became the first student to graduate with a double major of piano and organ. In order to avoid racial discrimination, she claimed to be Mexican during her student years. Price was a prolific composer who left a legacy of about 300 works. These include four symphonies, a piano concerto, two violin concertos, art songs, choral anthems, chamber works, solo piano pieces, and 22 organ works. Her first symphony was premiered by the Chicago Symphony in 1933, the first time a major professional orchestra had ever played a work by an African-American woman. Half of her compositions were lost until 2009 when the manuscripts were discovered in an abandoned house near Chicago. Though largely forgotten for decades, her value as a musician and composer is becoming more widely appreciated.

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Based on Psalm 109

You Lord, my Lord! —

act on my behalf for the sake of your name;
deliver me because your faithful love is so good;
because I am poor and needy, and my heart is broken.

I will give great thanks to the Lord with my mouth;

among a great crowd I will praise God!

Because God stands right next to the needy,

to save them from any who would condemn them.

Let us worship God together.

+ HYMN 475 - *Come Thou Fount*

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our praise, we confess that we have all too often failed to remember to demonstrate faithful love. Instead, we chase after dreams of our own creation, unwittingly trampling the poor and needy - even the brokenhearted - with our life-draining, deadly pursuits. Impatient, unkind, and even hateful words creep into our minds, leading us to attack others for no reason. Such luxury surrounds us, and yet we conveniently forget that abundant wealth often comes at the price of other peoples' suffering. We unwittingly contribute to oppression, our own children living at ease while others' live precariously. We come before you, O God, wearing our disgrace like a coat. Hear now our silent prayers...

- ASSURANCE OF PARDON
- GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Holy Spirit, through the gift of your power, may we discover Christ within the light of this new day, the space of this time set apart, the stories of your people of faith, and the streams of our consciousness - his love washing over us like refreshing waters. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 40.1-11

This is the written testimony to the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*, Henry Lebedinsky

Emma Scott, solo; Ben Boutell, Olivia Hubbard, Kason Speir, Parker van Houten, singers

SCRIPTURE READING - Mark 1:12-13

HOMILY - *The Mercy of Consolation* ~ by Rev. Matt Falco

+ **HYMN 803** - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* verses 1 and 3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.

STEWARDSHIP

• CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God. In worship, God present us with the costly selfoffering of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us and set us free. In response to God's love in Christ we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for God's service.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, The world, and those who live in it. (Psalm24:1)

• OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

+ CHARGE AND BLESSING

• RESPONSE - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Though there are those who would limit Christ's graces,
Still we refuse to believe in such lies,
For in this time we have made a commitment
Never to limit love's power or size.
Guide us to openness!
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Let no one ever be shunned or denied.
Make of the Church a bold place of compassion,
That all who seek You may come and abide

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POSTLUDE

CARES & CONCERNS

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