

First Christian Church, Jefferson City, Missouri
Order of Worship for September 12, 10:00 a.m.

CENTERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Alexis Engelbrecht

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marsha Graham, liturgist

(adapted from Center for Faith and Giving)

One: The promises of the world turn to ashes and dust.

All: but the promises of God last forever.

One: The Holy One calls to us: "Come!"

All: We come to rekindle the gift of God ablaze within us.

*OPENING PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER (adapted from Center for Faith and Giving)

*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. Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter in the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

ENCOUNTERING

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 147:1-7

SONG *"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 Though has 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!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! REFRAIN

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:17-35

Rev. Jim Hill

SERMON "A Future with Hope: Hope When Everything Goes Wrong"

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*SONG *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ann Littlefield

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Steve Waters, elder

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Jim Hill

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Ann Littlefield, elder

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Sarah Kingsbery

*SUNG BLESSING: *"Go in Peace"*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

WITH THANKS TO—

Sherry Jordan, pianist; Curtis Sudduth, song leader; Jeff Huedepohl, sound;
Rev. Sarah Kingsbery, livestream

