

\* **Call to Worship**

God makes the sun rise and set.  
**He is faithful from generation to generation.**  
God makes summer and winter come and go.  
**He is faithful from generation to generation.**  
God helps plants grow and flowers bloom.  
**He is faithful from generation to generation.**  
God gives us food to eat, places to live,  
and people to love us.  
**He is faithful from generation to generation.**  
God is always with us.  
**He is faithful from generation to generation.**  
God keeps his promises to us.  
**He is faithful from generation to generation.**  
Let us praise our faithful God.

\* **Great is Thy Faithfulness** #556:1,2 (PH)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassion, 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 had hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** #504:1,4 (PH)

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;  
All in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain; everlasting is your reign.

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
Though in essence only one;  
Undivided God, we claim you,  
And, adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

\* **Christian Hearts in Love United**

#513:1,3 (PH)

Christian hearts in love united:  
Search to know God's holy will.  
Let his love, in us ignited,  
More and more our spirits fill.  
Christ the head, and we his members –  
We reflect the light he is.  
Christ the master, we disciples –  
He is ours and we are his.

Come, then, living church of Jesus,  
Covenant with him anew.  
Unto to him who conquered for us  
May we pledge our service true.  
May our lives reflect the brightness  
Of God's love in Jesus shown.  
To the world we then bear witness:  
We belong to God alone.

\* **Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God**, st. 5-6

God holds this world in sovereign love.  
He kept his promise, sending Jesus into the world.  
He poured out his Spirit and broadcast his news  
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus  
can live and breathe and move again  
as members of the family of God.

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,  
renounce the works of darkness,  
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

As covenant partners,  
called to faithful obedience,  
and set free for joyful praise,  
we offer our hearts and lives  
to do God's work in his world.  
With tempered impatience,  
eager to see injustice ended,  
we expect the Day of the Lord.

**And we are confident  
that the light that shines in the present darkness  
will fill the earth when Christ appears.  
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

**Offering:** *The Ministry and Outreach Fund*

**Evening Prayer**

**Like a River Glorious**

#560 (PH)

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day;  
Perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way.  
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand,  
Where no harm can follow, in his strength we stand.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
Those who trust him wholly find him wholly true.  
Trusting in the Father, hearts are fully blest,  
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

\* **Scripture:** Judges 13:1-5; 14:1-7; 15:9-20 pg. 264

This is the Word the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Message: Samson - God's Rejected Deliverer**

**Prayer**

\* **I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace** #495:1,2 (PH)

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me he has made known.  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed for his own. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* But "I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith  
To me he did impart,  
Nor how believing in his Word  
Wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

\* **God's Blessing**

\* ***I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace*** #495:3(PH)

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in him.

*Refrain:* But "I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that he is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto him against that day."

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**Offering:** *The Ministry and Outreach Fund is a new fund that will be used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but are still needing our support. This fund will allow the church to help organizations even when our offering schedule is full. For more information talk to any deacon.*

## Sermon Notes

*First Christian Reformed Church  
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The LORD  
is my light  
and my  
salvation;  
whom shall  
I fear?  
Psalm 27.1

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