Willow United Methodist Church, Willow, Alaska

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Prelude
He Leadeth Me
Mary Lemings

Greeting
Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!
Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!
Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.
Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.
Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.
Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.
Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.
Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.
(ADAPTED—NANCY C. TOWNLEY)

Hymn of Praise
Holy, Holy, Holy!
UMH 64, verses 1,2,3

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

“Holy Holy Holy!” sung today in loving memory of Cora Lee Webb

The Community Prayer
The things, good Lord, that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for. Amen.

The Children’s Message
Fran Lynch
Hymn

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Sermon

Fran Lynch

Hymn of Response

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

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.
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.

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
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, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
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

Hymn of Affirmation

Be not dismayed whate’er betide. God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way,
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way,
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way,
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through every day, o’er all the way,
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will be with you each hour of ev’ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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