Connections Insert
Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory’s roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God’s great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
bounding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God’s grace.

-Carl P. Daw Jr. 1995

Music for Gathering
Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle
Grant McCord

Opening Sentences
Rev. Courtney Willis

Opening Voluntary
Dr. Margaret Petty, cello

Reflection on Psalm 8
Refrain

O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?

Refrain

Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Refrain
Hymn of Praise 319
Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
CHAUTAUQUA

Words of Friendship
Graham Bland

A Time for Children
Christina McCord

Prayers of God’s People
Rev. Tom Petty

Opening of God’s Word
William Bolton

Scripture Lesson
Rev. Darnysha Nard
Hebrews 11.1-16

Sermon
Rev. Courtney Willis
By Faith

Hymn of Response 749
Rejoice in God’s Saints
HANOVER

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer
John Markham, deacon

Musical Offering
Margaret Petty
Hyfrydol/Ebenezer Tunes

Benediction
Rev. Willis

Sending Song
HYFRYDOL

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.” Faith, and hope, and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

-Jeffery Rowthorn

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