

# *Invitation*

*Come as you are*

*Lenten Journey with a Steadfast God*

**Grove Presbyterian Church**

***Worship Service***  
***First Sunday in Lent***  
***February 21, 2021 10:15 AM***

*Worshippers present in the sanctuary are invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.*

Gathering Music arranged by Mark Hayes

***“More Love to Thee, O Christ”***

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude by Cécile Chaminade

***“Meditation”***

Call to Worship – *from Psalm 25*

One: To you, O Lord, we lift our souls.

**All: In God, we put our trust; do not let us be put to shame.**

One: Our hope is in you; show us your way.

**All: Lead us in truth in all of our days. Our hope is in you.**

Gathering Hymn

(Hymnal #39)

**“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!**

**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***

**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! *Refrain***

Prayer of Confession

**God, as we begin this Lenten season, we do our best to shift our focus to you. It can be challenging to do, God. Advent was not long ago, and we've all been challenged on many fronts on a daily basis. May we set the time aside to seek you this Lenten season. May we listen for your voice and open our eyes to witness your glory. We confess our human nature**

**which makes this difficult to do, but we also praise your spirit which empowers us to see your face. Amen.**

*~Silent Confession~*

Assurance of Pardon

During our Lenten journey, may we be continually assured of the hope that we have in Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns for us. We are redeemed in Christ.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Sermon

***"Lift Up Your Soul"***

Musical Offering

***"My Hope is You"***

*To You, oh Lord, I lift my soul,  
In You, oh God, I place my trust,  
And do not let me be put to shame.  
Don't let my enemies triumph over me.*

*Chorus: My hope is You, show me Your ways.  
Guide me in truth in all my days, my hope is You.*

*I am, oh Lord, filled with Your love,  
You are, oh God, my salvation.  
Well guard my life and rescue me,  
my broken spirit shouts;  
My mended heart cries out. Chorus*

Moment of Gratitude

*Dedication of Offerings*

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.**

Sending Hymn

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**"May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

Blessing

Postlude

by Leighton George Hayne

**"Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"**

# May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.



Flowers today are given by Suzann Pharr to the glory of God, in loving memory of Fred Pharr and Margaret & Frank Morton.

Participants in today's service: Kimberly Green (worship leader), Laurie Clapper, Stephanie Cooney, Kim Green, Cathy Sanders (music), Rob Cooney (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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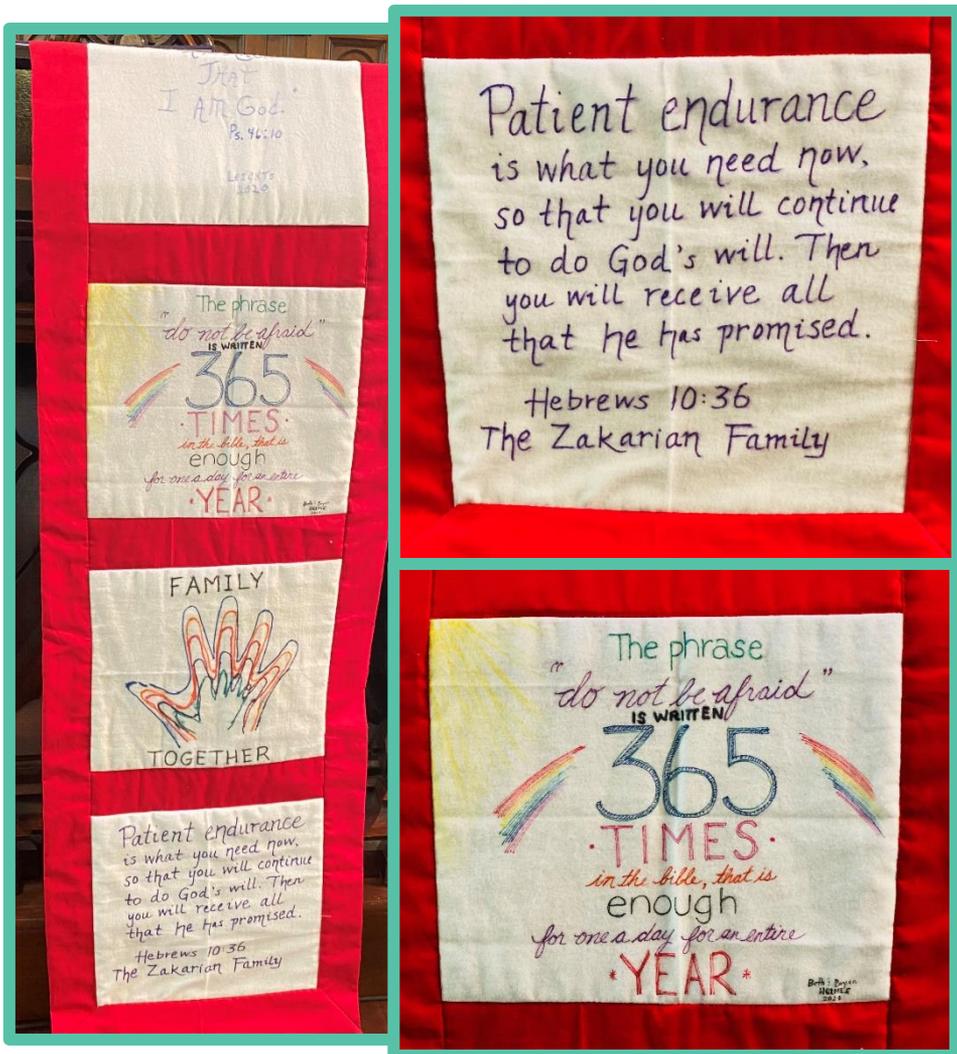
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Grove Congregation's Quarantine Art: The Grove Family was invited to create quilt panels showing what they did, reflected on and prayed about during quarantine; their contributions are displayed in the sanctuary as we eagerly await full reopening of the building for in-person fellowship.



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