



THE REV. MARK WILSON MARTIN
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A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

The Rev. Mark Wilson Martin (Sept. 25, 1945 - Jan. 12, 2026)

1:30 p.m. | Sunday January 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

✠ **Hymn** | “Here I Am, Lord” (*hymnal*, #869)

Gospel Reading | Matthew 5:1-12 (*The Voice*)

Now when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountain (as *Moses had done before Him*) and He sat down (as *Jewish teachers of His day usually did*). His disciples gathered around Him.

And He began to teach them.

Jesus: Blessed are the spiritually poor—the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who mourn—they will be comforted.

Blessed are the *meek and gentle*—they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness—they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful—they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are those who are pure in heart—they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers—they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness—the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

And blessed are you, *blessed are all of you*, when people persecute you or denigrate you or despise you or tell lies about you on My account. *But when this happens, rejoice.* Be glad. Remember that God’s prophets have been persecuted in the past. And know that in heaven, you have a great reward.

✠ **Hymn** | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (*hymnal*, #348)

Message | *Chapters* | Harry Olthoff

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit

Solo | Give Me Jesus, arr. by Moses Hogan

Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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 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.*

Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind,
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”
All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Mark.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

⌘ **Hymn | “Now Thank Thee All Our God” (hymnal, #543)**

Benediction

Postlude

The family welcomes everyone to gather in the Atrium for refreshments following the service.

G C/G G C/G G D

G Em Am7 C Am Am7/G D/F# D7/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em Am7 C Am G/B C D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Refrain D G Gsus G C/G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

D G6 A D G

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thy own dear

D E A A7 D

shad - o w of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

G6 E7/G \sharp D/A A7 D

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row—bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain A D B7 Em A7

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

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morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Worship Participants

Harry Olthoff, *speaker*

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *officiant*

The Rev. Colette Soult, *officiant*

Matthew Pearson, *reader*

David Meyer, *soloist*

Julia Van Den Top, *organist*

F B[♭] F Gm C C^{sus} C F
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

B[♭] F B[♭] Gm Gm C7 F
 who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en—

C F C F E7 Am
 who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
 to keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

D Gm F/C C7 F
 with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

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