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Meditative Thought: *Sabbath keeping is more than just taking a day of rest; it is a way of ordering one's life ... arranging our life to honor the rhythm of things – work and rest, fruitfulness and dormancy, giving and receiving, being and doing, activism and surrender.*

– Ruth Haley Barton

Prelude *God's Matchless Gift of Love* by Richard Alan Martens

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Trust and Obey* verses 1 and 3

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Call to Worship

Leader: God has said, when you pass through the waters I will be with you.

People: In God I have put my trust; I will not fear.

Leader: And when you pass through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you.

People: In God I have put my trust; I will not fear.

Leader: When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

People: In God I have put my trust; I will not fear.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Don't rely on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Special Music *Trust and Obey* verse 4

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Song of Response *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.
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 and 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!

Scripture Reading John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion,^[a] who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

¹⁸ "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Message No Greater Love

We Respond to God

Special Music (offertory) *Love Was When* by Don Wyrzten

Unison Prayer – God of us all, your love never changes. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. We have heard your word; we acknowledge your Spirit among us. You have done great things for us and we are filled with joy. Move us to greater love and a deeper commitment to do your will. Help us today to honor you with our prayers, our gifts, and our witness. God of us all, may we be changed by your great love. Amen.

Closing Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Blessing and Sending

Postlude