

Household Worship Guide

St. John's Baptist Church on March 22, 2020

While we are distancing ourselves physically during this time, we hope you will join us for this virtual worship experience. Follow along here and on the [St. John's Facebook page](#) each Sunday at 10:30am from your home.



At 10:30am, Kevin Gray will be on the [St. John's Facebook page](#), live, leading all of us to sing these hymns and guiding us as we read these words of scripture for the day together.

Hymn of Faithfulness

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. 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.

Chorus

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!

2. 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.

Chorus

3. 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!

Chorus

Morning by morning, new mercies I see...

Reading of Scripture: Kevin leads and we read together.

Psalm 23: The Divine Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.



Hymn of Comfort

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My Shepherd, You supply my need, most holy is Your name. In pastures fresh You make me feed, beside the living stream. You bring my wand'ring spirit back. when I forsake Your ways. You lead me, for Your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

2. When through the shades of death I walk, Your presence is my stay. One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away. Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; my cup with Blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

3. Your sure provisions, gracious God, attend me all my days; oh, may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...

At this time, Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD will be on the [St. John's Facebook page](#), live, offering a prayer and devotional time. It may take a moment for Dennis' video to come onto the LIVE feed.

Prayer

Written by Rev. Lee Gray and Prayed by Dr. Foust

God of mercy and grace, our Faithful Shepherd,
We come to you this morning from a variety of physical places.
Yet, we dwell together in your heart as our Good Shepherd.
We come to you recognizing that the journey to You,
is truly a journey with you within our own hearts and minds.
For You are ever-present to each of us.

Help us to be mindful of your presence as we process our own
concerns of ourselves, our family, our nation, and the entire world
during the coronavirus pandemic.

Help us to be mindful of your presence as we
consider those who are shutoff or lonely;
for we all now understand this a little more fully.

Help us to be mindful of your presence
as we consider grocery store workers, manufacturers, medical workers, and civic leaders
who are working tirelessly, as we grow tired of waiting.

May we learn a better understanding of what is essential for life.

As we consider all these things, help each of us now to pray our own prayer,
for all of these people.

(Each person now prays to God what is in their own heart and mind)

Guiding Shepherd, we know that you know our prayers before we even bring them to you.
Yet when we bring them to you, we know that You have the power to transform them,
And the power to help us know how we can act of Your Spirit to address them ourselves.

May we ever be mindful, that as we journey through life with You,
whatever terrain we may be passing through,
that You are ever-present with us.

And while we may think that we are going somewhere,
the journey is actually towards You.

We are simply given new circumstances to learn to embrace and share your love.

Help us to be faithful in our journey towards You. Amen



Reflection

Dr. Foust

"Beyond the Tip of My Finger"

At this time, Dr. Foust will sign off and Kevin Gray will be back on the [St. John's Facebook page](#), live, to offer one final song. It may take a moment for Kevin's video to come onto the LIVE feed.

Song of Assurance

He's Always Been Faithful

Morning by morning I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine
Season by season I watch Him, amazed
In awe of the mystery of God's perfect ways
All I have need of, God's hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain
God did not recycle to bring me gain
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only, and trusting His hand
All I have need of, God's hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me.

This is my anthem, this is my song
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long
God has been faithful, He will be again
His loving compassion, it knows no end
All I have need of, God's hand will provide
He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful
He's always been faithful to me.



God has always been faithful to me.