

## WORSHIP SERVICE FOR OLDER ADULT SUNDAY/MONTH

“God’s Faithful Presence Through All Our Days”

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### Call to Worship

Leader: Friends in Christ, we gather in the presence of the One who has been our help in ages past and our hope for years to come.

**People: From generation to generation, the Lord is our dwelling place.**

Leader: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**People: We lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.**

### Opening Prayer

Eternal God, you have walked with us through all the seasons of life— in youth and in age, in joy and in sorrow, in strength and in weakness. As we worship you now, remind us that your promises never fail, and your grace is new every morning. Open our hearts to your Spirit’s comfort and our minds to your Word. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

### Call to Confession

Leader: We come before God with honesty, trusting in mercy. Let us confess our sins together.

### Prayer of Confession

Loving Lord, we confess that we have not always trusted you fully. We have worried more than prayed, held onto grudges more than forgiveness, and forgotten that we are never alone. Have mercy on us, O God. Renew us with your peace, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

### Silent Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### Prayers of the People

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of long life, for memories that warm us, and for your mercies that never end. We pray for those who feel lonely or forgotten may your presence comfort them. We pray for those who are ill or weary, may your strength sustain them. We pray for families and caregivers—may your love guide their patience and compassion. And we pray for the world, that all your children may know peace, justice, and hope. We lift these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: Our Father, who art in heaven...

### Hymn

“Just As I Am”

### Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God whose love is ever constant and steadfast even when we are not. We believe in Jesus the Christ who walked among us, who was betrayed and forgave, and who died that we might live. We believe in the Holy Spirit, ever present with us to comfort as well as urge us forward in the name of Christ. We believe in the church as the place where we are loved as we are and still gently encouraged to grow. We believe that we are called to be the church, to love people more than they deserve because Christ so loves us. We believe in the miracle of life and in the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, open our ears and hearts to hear your Word with joy. Speak to us comfort, courage, and faith that we may walk in your ways all our days. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

Psalms 71:1–9 and Isaiah 46:3–4

### Message

Center on how God’s faithfulness never ceases as life changes.

Key points:

- Simeon and Anna remind us that waiting and wisdom are sacred gifts.
- God’s promises come to fulfillment, even if we see them slowly.
- Aging brings new ways of seeing; God’s love grows deeper, not dimmer.
- Even to your gray hairs, I will carry you. (Isaiah 46:4)

### Offering our tithes and gifts

### Doxology

### Hymn

“Ancient Words”

### Charge

Go forth in peace, knowing that God who created you still holds you close; Christ who redeemed you still walks beside you; and the Holy Spirit still breathes life and joy within you.

### Benediction

May the God who has guided you through every season continue to bless you with peace, strength, and joy. May Christ shine through your wisdom, and may the Spirit sustain you in hope each day. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.