

Friday - April 11

God's faithfulness endures to all generations.—Psalm 119:90 NRSV

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” is one of my favorite hymns so I am quite excited we are honoring our 200th anniversary with it! It is a hymn I never get tired of singing. We have even added a version of it for our 11:00 contemporary worship service too! It is particularly fitting for our anniversary because the lyrics were written by a Methodist minister named Thomas Chisholm. He loved poetry, writing over 1,000 poems throughout his life.

The words are inspiring to me, and I especially love the 2nd verse: “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.” The seasons and the universe are witnesses to God’s faithfulness! No matter what we go through or what season we are in, God is faithful. He is always with us, even when we might not feel His presence or when we wander away from him.

I love when God sends signs of His faithfulness to me. When we were holding calling hours after my mom passed, a spring thunderstorm rolled through. After the rain subsided, we went outside and saw a double rainbow! While we all know the rainbow is a symbol of God’s promise to Noah and his family, a double rainbow represents interaction between the physical and spiritual realms. God was surely there with us, and my mom was right there smiling with Him! I believe that a cardinal is a messenger of God, a sign of his comfort and reassurance. I’ve always loved their cheery songs and scarlet color, especially on a cold winter day, and I believe God sends them when He knows I need lifting up! In summer, He sends butterflies, bees, and lady bugs! The vibrant colors of fall lift my spirits. He offers us beautiful sunrises and sunsets, along with the moon and the stars to decorate the night sky! God is always sending signs of His love for us, daily and in every season, just when we need them.

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Prayer: Faithful God, we thank you for your never-ending faithfulness to us and to all generations. Help us to be on the look-out for signs of Your love and faithfulness so we can feel Your presence close by, especially when You know we need them the most! Amen