

Grounded and Growing—Bearing Fruit Week 6

Faithfulness

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***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**All: I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

**All: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.

**All: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

**All: He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

All: To him belongs eternal praise.

—Psalm 111:1–3, 6–10 ^{NIV} Laura De Jong © 2026 ReformedWorship.org CC BY-NC-SA 4.0.

***Song**

[“How Firm a Foundation”](#) Keen & Keith

***God's Greeting**

***Mutual Greeting**

***Songs**

["Cornerstone"](#) Mote et al.

["Always"](#) Carson et al.

Call of Confession and Prayer of Confession

Jesus is our cornerstone; the king above all kings, the one on whom we can rely. Like us, he journeyed through the wilderness, tried and tempted. But Jesus, fully divine, did what we could not, and was perfectly faithful to God's laws. Because of Jesus' faithfulness, we can live in the certainty of God's presence to us in the wilderness, and the assurance of God's forgiveness when we go astray. In hope and trust, let us confess our sins to God.

Jesus,
when we read the story of your temptation in the wilderness,
we read ourselves into the story all too easily.
We know what it is to be tempted.
But unlike you, we succumb to our temptations time and time again.
So we confess that we have tried to take shortcuts to bypass suffering,
rather than stay faithful to the road you lead us on.
We confess that we want God to serve us, not the other way around.
We confess that we want to rule, to have power and wealth,
even at the expense of others.
Jesus, you endured suffering even to the point of the cross,
not turning away, but staying true to your mission.
By your faithfulness, we have been set free.
Forgive our faithlessness, and help us to
live in obedience and faith.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, O God,
by the power of the Spirit that was with Jesus in the wilderness.
Help us to trust in you.
Amen.

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Assurance of Pardon

Hear God's assurance of pardon from Colossians 2:13-14:

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

—Colossians 2:13-14 ^{NIV}

***Song**

["Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\)"](#) (st. 1–3, 5) Newton, Tomlin

Offering

Song during offering

["Ancient Words"](#) (st. 1–3) DeShazo

Time for Prayer

Bible Reading

Matthew 4:1–11

Hebrews 11:17–29

Sermon

"By Faith"

Prayer

***Song**

["Forever"](#) Tomlin

***God's Blessing**

***Song**

["Great Is Thy Faithfulness"](#) Chisholm

*If you are able please stand in body or spirit.