

September 6, 2020 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song *Worship Band*

Announcements *Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract & Middle School Ministries*

Welcome *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr.*

Preparing for Worship, Confession & Absolution

(Stand)

Leader In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Leader If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

People **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:9*

Leader Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(silence for reflection)

Leader In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People **Amen.**

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People **Amen.**

Opening Song

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Chorus*

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more *Chorus*

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Learning From the Word *(Sit)*

Reader God speaks to us through the Old Testament: Esther 4:11-14

“All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.” And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Reader God speaks to us through the New Testament: Galatians 4:1-4

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.

Reader God speaks to us through the Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Children’s Message *Sue Steege, Director of Transformation Ministries*

Message *Esther* *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr.*

Preparation for Lord's Supper *(Stand)*

Leader The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you. *(Sit)***

We welcome to the Lord's Table baptized believers who confess their sins, affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who accept that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, given for the forgiveness of sins.

Songs During Lord's Supper

(For those sitting in the sanctuary, please take this time to silently reflect on the words.

For those at home, please feel free to sing along or reflect silently.)

Give Us Clean Hands

Verse 1

We bow our hearts we bend our knees

Oh Spirit come make us humble

We turn our eyes from evil things

Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus 1

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts

Let us not lift our souls to another

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts

Let us not lift our souls to another

Oh God let us be a generation that seeks

That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob

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Your Love O Lord

Verse

Your love O Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness

Stretches to the sky

Your righteousness

Is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows

Like the ocean's tide

Chorus

I will lift my voice

To worship You my King

I will find my strength

In the shadow of Your wings

Ending

Your love O Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness

Stretches to the sky

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Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand)*

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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Boldly I Approach

Verse 1

By grace alone somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms

Verse 2

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair
I hear the voice that scatters fear
The Great I Am the Lord is here
O praise the One who fights for me
And shields my soul eternally

Chorus

Boldly I approach Your throne
Blameless now I'm running home
By Your blood I come welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty

Your Grace Is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 3

Behold the bright and risen Son
More beauty than this world has known
I'm face to face with Love Himself
His perfect spotless righteousness
A thousand years a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise

Bridge

This is the art of celebration
Knowing we're free from condemnation
O praise the One praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin

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Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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Blessing and Sending Music *Worship Band*

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