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Sunday, April 15, 2018

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me! John Cumberland*

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Gathering Song *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

**He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
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**He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got you and me, sister, in His hands
He's got you and me, brother, in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands**

**He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands**

Offering *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.
(repeat)**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.**

Prayer and Song of Thanksgiving *Only By Grace*

**Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we
come, Now by your grace we come.**

**Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the
Lamb. (repeat)**

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Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
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Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we
come, Now by your grace we come.**

Dismissal of Children

We Fall Down

**We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus**

**And we cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb**

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

READING: 1 John 1: 1-8

L: A reading from chapter one of First John.

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all ^[b] sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL RESPONSE *Holy Ground*

**We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 36-49

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 24.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise

in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Musical Offering

They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love - Mark Hayes

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

C: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

L: How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

C: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

L: Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.

C: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

L: Many, LORD, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”
Let the light of your face shine on us.

Fill my heart with joy when the grain and new wine abound.

C: Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

-based on Psalm 4

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

Closing Song

Step by Step

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You,
I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

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I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

**I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way;
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

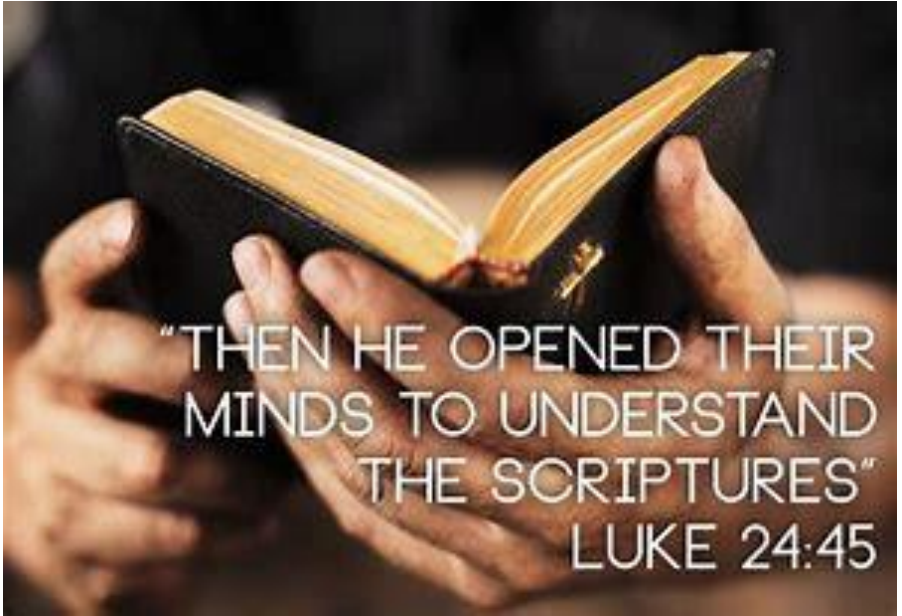
PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 1: 6-11 John 14: 16-20

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