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Sunday, October 22, 2017

### **PRELUDE**

#### 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 He's got the whole world in His hands

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.
You are forever mine.

Prayer and 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) 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.

# 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
(REPEAT ALL)

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Prayer of the Day** 

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

# 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: Matthew 22: 15-22

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 22.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Today's readings: Isaiah 45: 1-7, Psalm 96: 1-9 [10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10)

# Message

# **Musical Offering**

# The Prayer of Confession

C: Gracious God in Heaven, we bow before You to confess to You that we have sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight. We have walked in pride, we have not been as thankful, or forgiving as You would like us to be. Help us to show forth the fruits of Your Spirit, the love, joy and peace that You have shown to us. And forgive us for all our wrong doing, even those stubborn habits that we struggle with, for we pray this in the Name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

L: 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.

C: Amen

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

#### **PREFACE**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### **THANKSGIVING**

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

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.

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** (Revelation 14: 6-7, Psalm 46, Romans 3: 19-28, Matthew 11: 12-19)

### Welcome!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day. Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and place of your choosing to answer questions about membership. Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an appointment.

#### THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

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