

Face of Grace
Sunday, July 7, 2024

Prelude

Gather Us In

Gather us in, gather us in,
God only knows where we have been,
Gather us in, gather us in.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's forgiveness, let us confess our sin.

**To you, O God, all hearts are open and all desires known. We come to you confessing our failures by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love, that your face of grace might shine on us all.
Amen.**

Beloved people of God: By the power of the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth. Through the dying and rising of Jesus Christ, God gives you new life. By the almighty power of God, you are forgiven all your sins. May the face of God bring you comfort, courage, and peace.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Liturgy

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven, peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;
On the cross you died to save us, now you reign at God's right hand,
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us, in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you, Lord alone, to you we call,
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright,
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and
peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

"Face of Grace" Litany

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. (*Psalm 27*)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Yield yourselves to the LORD and come to his sanctuary and serve the LORD your God. For the LORD your God
is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him. (*2 Chronicles 30*)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? (*Psalm 42*)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

For we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.
God has given us the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ. (*2 Corinthians 4*)

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me,
And from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess:
The wonders of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place,
I ask no other sunshine than ***the sunshine of His face,***
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Message

Jacob Ulland

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (*Refrain*)

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (*Refrain*)

Apostles' Creed

We believe in you, O God,

**Who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time,
quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground,
and by your breath we are given life.**

We believe in you, O God,

**Who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human.
You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death,
and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

We believe in you, O God,

**Who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action,
and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us
to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love.**

All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God, we have received from you more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us by your holy presence and your holy word, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. Help us to see the face of Christ in every person we meet. In your name we pray.

Amen.

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.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Comforter. (Numbers 6)

Amen.

Closing Hymn***Amazing Grace***

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am 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.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers:

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unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

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