

***The Face of Grace***  
**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

**Prelude**

***Come and Go With Me to that Land***

**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**

***God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens***

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space.  
We your children in your likeness share inventive powers with you,  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race,  
Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space.  
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,  
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,  
Children of creative purpose serving others honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun,  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

**Invocation**

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

## Kyrie

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

*Refrain:*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

## Prayer of the Day

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.  
Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength  
of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## "Face of Grace" Litany

In the Lord I take refuge. The Lord is in the holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven. The Lord's eyes behold and examine humankind. For the Lord is righteous and loves righteous deeds. The upright shall behold the face of the Lord. (Psalm 11)

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

Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. Jacob said, "Please, if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand, for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God. (Genesis 33)

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

O God, guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. (Psalm 17)

**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.

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 3:20-35

Jesus went home, and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

## Message

### Hymn of the Day

#### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

*Refrain:*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, *(Refrain)*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *(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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## Offering

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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

### ***Give to Our God Immortal Praise***

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways.  
Wonders of grace to God belong, repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave,  
Wonders of grace to God belong, repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown, the King of kings with glory crown,  
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**In Our Prayers:**

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks  
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

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