

Reflection
Day By Day

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he gladly bears and cheers me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid:
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure"—
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when, toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Caroline W. Sandell Berg (1832-1903)

Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship
Adapted from Psalm 147:1-11

Praise the Lord!

**For it is good to sing praises to our God;
For it is pleasant and praise is beautiful!**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted
And binds up their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars;
And calls them all by name.

**Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

**We will sing to the Lord!
For the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
In those who hope in His mercy.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

Psalm 121

Verse 1

I lift my eyes up to the hills,
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth.

Pre Chorus

He will not let your feet slip,
His right hand never leaves you
He who keeps you never slumbers nor sleeps.

Chorus

**He watches over you,
Like a shade from the sun by day and the moon by night
He watches over you,
No evil can ever invade the covering of Yahweh.**

(Repeat Verse 1, Pre Chorus and Chorus)

Bridge

When you go out, when you come in, He watches over You.
Today and forevermore, He never leaves You. (2 X's)

(Chorus)

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Father, forgive us for the sin that entangles us.

**Forgive us, Lord, for minds set on things below;
For eyes drawn to unworthy images;
For ears turned toward the world's whispers;
For lips that profane your name and denigrate others;
For hands that hurt rather than help;
For feet that so quickly run to evil;
For hearts that do not love you as they should.**

Scripture declares that if we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just to forgive them and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Verse 3

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
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Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Adapted from the writings of C.H. Spurgeon

Christ stood in the place of his people;
for them he so suffered,
for them he made so full an atonement
that not a sin of theirs shall ever be laid at their door.
As the Father's love embraced them,
so the death of His Son reconciled them.

Thanks be to Jesus

**for His life, death, burial and resurrection on our behalf
and by which we are saved forever!**

**Our Sung Profession of Assurance
Cannons**

Verse 1

It's falling from the clouds, a strange and lovely sound,
I hear it in the thunder and the rain.
It's ringing in the skies, like cannons in the night,
The music of the universe plays.
We're singing:

Chorus 1

**You are holy, great and mighty.
The moon and the stars declare who You are.
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are.**

Verse 2

Beautiful and free, the song of galaxies,
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way.
Let's join in the sound, come on let's sing it out
As the music of the universe plays.
We're singing:

Chorus 2

**You are holy, great and mighty,
The moon and stars declare who You are.
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me.
Forever my heart will sing of You.**

Bridge

All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours, amen.
All glory, honor, power is Yours forever, amen.

(Chorus 1)

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

On the first Sunday of each month we have a Mission Moment to highlight the different missions giving opportunities we have at Grand. Members are encouraged to give to GABC Missions to support these missions.

You may give electronically at gabcame.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 41:1-20 (ESV)

¹ Listen to me in silence, O coastlands;
let the peoples renew their strength;

let them approach, then let them speak;
let us together draw near for judgment.

²Who stirred up one from the east
whom victory meets at every step?
He gives up nations before him,
so that he tramples kings underfoot;
he makes them like dust with his sword,
like driven stubble with his bow.

³He pursues them and passes on safely,
by paths his feet have not trod.

⁴Who has performed and done this,
calling the generations from the beginning?
I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

⁵The coastlands have seen and are afraid;
the ends of the earth tremble;
they have drawn near and come.

⁶Everyone helps his neighbor
and says to his brother, "Be strong!"

⁷The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith,
and he who smooths with the hammer him who
strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good";
and they strengthen it with nails so that
it cannot be moved.

⁸But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;

⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, "You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off";

¹⁰fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

¹¹Behold, all who are incensed against you
shall be put to shame and confounded;
those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.

¹²You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them;
those who war against you shall be as nothing at all.

¹³For I, the LORD your God,
hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, "Fear not,
I am the one who helps you."

¹⁴Fear not, you worm Jacob,
you men of Israel!
I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD;
your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge,
new, sharp, and having teeth;
you shall thresh the mountains and crush them,
and you shall make the hills like chaff;

¹⁶you shall winnow them, and the wind
shall carry them away,
and the tempest shall scatter them.
And you shall rejoice in the LORD;
in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them;
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
¹⁸ I will open rivers on the bare heights,
and fountains in the midst of the valleys.
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.
¹⁹ I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
²⁰ that they may see and know,
may consider and understand together,
that the hand of the LORD has done this,
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Isaiah 41:1-20 – Fear Not! – Jonathan Philgreen

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

Good and Gracious King

Verse 1

I approach the throne of glory,
Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance,
From a good and gracious King.

Verse 2

I will give to you my burden
As you give to me your strength.
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to you this praise. (Chorus)

Chorus

**You deserve the greater glory!
Overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing,
Empty handed I rejoice.
You deserve the greater glory!
Overcome with joy I sing!
By your love I am accepted.
You're a good and gracious King.**

Verse 3

O, what grace that you would see me
As your child and as your friend.
Safe, secure in you forever,
I pour out my praise again. (Chorus)

Bridge

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty!
Good and gracious, good and gracious!
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty!
Good and gracious King! (2 X's)

(Chorus)

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Blessing

Based on Isaiah 41:10 (CSB)

Go in peace, for the Messiah is with you;
do not be afraid, for he is your God.
He will strengthen you; he will help you;
he will hold on to you with his righteous right hand.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Isaiah 42