Pre-service Song

Sons and Daughters Verse 1 Before He spoke creation, the God of Heaven knew our names. Formed in His reflection, we are His glory on display.

PreChorus And His heart is good. He is always kind. With a cross He proved He is on my side.

Chorus

We are the sons, we are the daughters of God. No matter where we go we're close to the Father's heart. And though we stumble He will not let us fall. We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own. We are sons, we are the daughters of God.

Verse 2 His love He lavished on us and called us children of the King. And in His lovingkindness, He chose the lowly and the weak. (PreChorus, Chorus)

Bridge When the lies speak louder than the truth, remind me I belong to You. When I can't see past the dark of night, remind me You're always by my side. (Repeat)

(Chorus)

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Call To Worship

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

Our Spoken Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-2; 49:13 (CSB)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines over you.
For look, darkness will cover the earth, and total darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will shine over you, and his glory will appear over you.

Shout for joy, you heavens! Earth, rejoice! Mountains break into joyful shouts! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Our Sung Call to Worship

Come People of the Risen King Verse 1 Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in. (Chorus)

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!

Verse 2

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night. Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease; But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith. Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing; shore to shore we hear them call The truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all." (Chorus 2X's)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession The Daily Liturgy podcast, July 10, 2021 Almighty God,

You have commanded me to love my neighbor as myself. But today, as I contemplate my lack of love, I am humbled to the dust.

Too often, I avoid others when they bother me. I ignore others when they don't interest me. I use others when they benefit me. I reject others when they sin against me.

My love is shallow and self-serving.

Forgive me, O God.

Thank you that in Christ, you have loved me with a love incomprehensible.

May your love fill me, and transform me, for the glory of your name.

Amen.

Time of silent confession.

<u>Assurance and Peace</u> We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel Matthew 26:26-30 (CSB); reading from A Gentle Answer by Scott Sauls

As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

What right do we have to dine at the Table of Jesus?

We have every right to dine at his Table.

What gives us this right?

We have this right because Jesus came not for the strong, but for the weak; not for the righteous, but for sinners; not for the self-sufficient, but for those who know they need rescue. To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who feel worthless and wonder if God even cares; to all who are weak and frail and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior-Jesus welcomes into his circle, adopts into his family, and reserves a place at his Table. For he is the mighty friend of sinners, the ally of his enemies, the defender of the indefensible, and the justifier of those who have no excuses left. **Our Sung Profession of Assurance** There is an Everlasting Kindness (The Compassion Hymn) (Distribution Song) Verse 1 There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us, When the radiance of heaven Came to rescue the lost. You called the sheep without a shepherd To leave their distress For Your streams of forgiveness

And the shade of Your rest.

Verse 2 And with compassion for the hurting You reached out your hand As the lame ran to meet You And the dead breathed again. You saw behind the eyes of sorrow And shared in our tears; Heard the sigh of the weary, Let the children draw near. (Chorus)

Chorus

What boundless love, what fathomless grace You have shown us, O God of compassion. Each day we live an offering of praise, As we show to the world Your compassion.

Verse 3

We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry And gazed on Your face At the thorns of oppression And the wounds of disgrace; For surely You have borne our suff'ring And carried our grief, As You pardoned the scoffer And showed grace to the thief. (Chorus)

Verse 4 How beautiful the feet that carry This gospel of peace To the fields of injustice And the valleys of need. To be a voice of hope and healing, To answer the cries Of the hungry and helpless With the mercy of Christ. (Chorus)

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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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 <u>gabcames.org/giving/</u> or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-22

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD shines over you.

² For look, darkness will cover the earth, and total darkness the peoples; but the LORD will shine over you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations will come to your light, and kings to your shining brightness.

⁴ Raise your eyes and look around: they all gather and come to you; your sons will come from far away, and your daughters on the hips of nursing mothers.

⁵ Then you will see and be radiant, and your heart will tremble and rejoice, because the riches of the sea will become yours and the wealth of the nations will come to you.

⁶ Caravans of camels will cover your land— young camels of Midian and Ephah— all of them will come from Sheba. They will carry gold and frankincense and proclaim the praises of the LORD.

⁷ All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered to you;

the rams of Nebaioth will serve you and go up on my altar as an acceptable sacrifice. I will glorify my beautiful house. I will glorify my beautiful house.

⁸Who are these who fly like a cloud, like doves to their shelters?

⁹Yes, the coasts and islands will wait for me with the ships of Tarshish in the lead, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the honor of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

who has glorified you.

¹⁰ Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Although I struck you in my wrath, yet I will show mercy to you with my favor.

¹¹ Your city gates will always be open; they will never be shut day or night so that the wealth of the nations may be brought into you, with their kings being led in procession.

¹² For the nation and the kingdom that will not serve you will perish; those nations will be annihilated.

¹³ The glory of Lebanon will come to you— its pine, elm, and cypress together— to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will glorify my dwelling place.

¹⁴ The sons of your oppressors will come and bow down to you; all who reviled you will fall facedown at your feet. They will call you the City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁵ Instead of your being deserted and hated,

with no one passing through, I will make you an object of eternal pride, a joy from age to age.

¹⁶ You will nurse on the milk of nations, and nurse at the breast of kings; you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

¹⁷ I will bring gold instead of bronze; I will bring silver instead of iron, bronze instead of wood,

and iron instead of stones. I will appoint peace as your government and righteousness as your overseers. ¹⁸ Violence will never again be heard of in your land; devastation and destruction will be gone from your borders. You will call your walls Salvation and your city gates Praise.

¹⁹ The sun will no longer be your light by day,

and the brightness of the moon will not shine on you. The LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your splendor.

²⁰ Your sun will no longer set, and your moon will not fade; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your sorrow will be over.

²¹ All your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever; they are the branch I planted, the work of my hands, so that I may be glorified.

²² The least will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; I will accomplish it quickly in its time.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

<u>Sermon</u>

Isaiah 60:1-22 – The Light of the Holy City of God – Pastor Michael Felkins 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

Be Thou My Vision Verse 1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord: Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Verse 3 Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight; Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r: Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 4 High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Blessing

May the grace of the Lord be upon you as you go out into the world declaring the peace of Christ!

Amen!

Scripture text for next Sunday: Isaiah 61 & 62