

Pre-service Song

Show Us Christ

Verse 1

Prepare our hearts, O God,
Help us to receive.
Break the hard and stony ground,
Help our unbelief.
Plant Your Word down deep in us,
Cause it to bear fruit,
Open up our ears to hear,
Lead us in Your truth. (Chorus)

Chorus:

**Show us Christ, show us Christ,
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.**

Verse 2

Your Word is living Light
Upon our darkened eyes,
Guards us through temptations,
Makes the simple wise.
Your Word is food for famished ones,
Freedom for the slave,
Riches for the needy soul,
Come speak to us today. (Chorus 2 X's)

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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 61:10-11

Rejoice in the Lord!

**We will greatly rejoice in the Lord!
Our souls shall be joyful in our God.**

For He has clothed us with the garments of salvation,
He has covered us with the robes of righteousness.

**As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels**

For as the earth brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth

**So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.
Rejoice in the Lord!**

Our Sung Call to Worship

Come Thou Fount

Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise:
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home:
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Adapted from the writing of Charles Spurgeon

One great besetting sin of ancient Israel was idolatry,
and we who are the Israel of God are vexed
with a tendency to the same folly!

Lord, we confess our idolatry.

**Thou no longer bow down to sticks and stones,
Mammon still intrudes his golden calf
and the shrines of pride are not forsaken.**

**We struggle to subdue self in various forms
and flesh sets up its altars in our hearts.**

**We make idols of our children
and dote on them above measure.**

**You give us good blessings
which we turn into worthless idols
which will neither comfort**

nor help us in our time of need.

We know you, the true God,
but we often forsake you
and turn to lesser things.

**Lord, forgive us through Jesus' work
and purge us from this grievous sin
and make our hearts wholly yours.**

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
Because the Lord has anointed me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,

To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;

**That we may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.**

**Our Sung Profession of Assurance
On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

Verse 1

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Verse 2

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God, the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away. (Chorus)

Chorus (Women Echo)

**I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the promised land.**

Verse 3

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
Can reach that healthful shore,
Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death,
Are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

Verse 4

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? (Chorus)

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Almost Home

Verse 1

Don't drop a single anchor; we're almost home.
Through ev'ry toil and danger, we're almost home.
How many pilgrim saints have before us gone?
No stopping now, we're almost home. (Chorus)

Chorus

**Almost home, we're almost home;
So press on t'ward that blessed shore.
O, praise the Lord, we're almost home.**

Verse 2

That promised land is callin'; we're almost home.
And not a tear shall fall then, we're almost home.
Make ready now your soul for that kingdom come.
No turning back, we're almost home. (Chorus)

Verse 3

This journey ours together, we're almost home.
Unto that great forever, we're almost home.
What song anew we'll sing 'round that happy throne.
Come faint of heart, we're almost home. (Chorus)

Verse 4

This life is just a vapor, we're almost home.
That sun is settin' yonder, we're almost home.
Take courage, for this darkness shall break to dawn.
O, lift your eyes; we're almost home. (Chorus)

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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 gabcames.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 61 & 62 (only Isaiah 61 will be read)

61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of our God's vengeance; to comfort all who mourn, ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion; to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, festive oil instead of mourning, and splendid clothes instead of despair. And they will be called righteous trees, planted by the LORD to glorify him.

⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore the former devastations; they will renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers will stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners will be your plowmen and vinedressers.

⁶ But you will be called the LORD's priests; they will speak of you as ministers of our God; you will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their riches.

⁷ In place of your shame, you will have a double portion; in place of disgrace, they will rejoice over their share. So they will possess double in their land, and eternal joy will be theirs.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and injustice; I will faithfully reward my people and make a permanent covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants will be known among the nations, and their posterity among the peoples. All who see them will recognize that they are a people the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I rejoice greatly in the LORD, I exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness, as a groom wears a turban and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth produces its growth, and as a garden enables what is sown to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62:1 I will not keep silent because of Zion, and I will not keep still because of Jerusalem, until her righteousness shines like a bright light and her salvation, like a flaming torch.

² Nations will see your righteousness and all kings, your glory. You will be given a new name that the LORD's mouth will announce.

³ You will be a glorious crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God's hand.

⁴ You will no longer be called Deserted, and your land will not be called Desolate; instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so your sons will marry you; and as a groom rejoices over his bride, so your God will rejoice over you.

⁶ Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen on your walls; they will never be silent, day or night. There is no rest for you, who remind the LORD.

⁷ Do not give him rest until he establishes and makes Jerusalem the praise of the earth.

⁸ The LORD has sworn with his right hand and his strong arm: I will no longer give your grain to your enemies for food, and foreigners will not drink the new wine for which you have labored.

⁹ For those who gather grain will eat it and praise the LORD, and those who harvest the grapes will drink the wine in my holy courts.

¹⁰ Go out, go out through the city gates; prepare a way for the people! Build it up, build up the highway; clear away the stones! Raise a banner for the peoples.

¹¹ Look, the LORD has proclaimed to the ends of the earth, "Say to Daughter Zion: Look, your salvation is coming, his wages are with him, and his reward accompanies him."

¹² And they will be called the Holy People, the LORD's Redeemed; and you will be called Cared For, A City Not Deserted.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Isaiah 61 & 62 – Ambassadors of the Holy City – 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

We Will Feast

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,”

We will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire,

He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—

Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn,

My soul be not afraid.

For the promised morning, o how long!

O God of Jacob be my strength. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed—

You are the faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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Blessing

Isaiah 62:11b-12a

Surely your salvation is coming;

Behold, God’s reward is with him,

And his work before him

And they shall call them The Holy People.

We are the Redeemed of the Lord!

Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Scripture text for next Sunday: Isaiah 63 & 64