

Pre-service Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. (Chorus)

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

(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

Psalm 46 (CSB)

God is our refuge and strength,
a helper who is always found in times of trouble.

**Therefore we will not be afraid,
though the earth trembles
and the mountains topple
into the depths of the seas,
though its water roars and foams
and the mountains quake with its turmoil.**

There is a river — its streams delight the city of God,
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.
God is within her; she will not be toppled.
God will help her when the morning dawns.
Nations rage, kingdoms topple;
the earth melts when he lifts his voice.

**The Lord of Armies is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Come, see the works of the Lord,

who brings devastation on the earth.
He makes wars cease throughout the earth.
He shatters bows and cuts spears to pieces;
he sets wagons ablaze.
“Stop fighting, and know that I am God,
exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth.”

**The Lord of Armies is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**Our Sung Call to Worship
A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow'r are great
And, armed with cruel hate—
On earth is not His equal.

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He!
Lord Sabaoth, His name!
From age to age the same!
And He must win the battle!

Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him!
His rage we can endure
For lo, his doom is sure—
One little word shall fell him!

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth!
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth!
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also.
The body they may kill—
God's truth abideth still!
His kingdom is forever!

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 130 (CSB)

Out of the depths I call to you, Lord!

**Lord, listen to my voice;
let your ears be attentive
to my cry for help.**

Lord, if you kept an account of iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness,
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord; I wait
and put my hope in his word.

**I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning —
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Israel, put your hope in the Lord.
For there is faithful love with the Lord,
and with him is redemption in abundance.

**And he will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

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

Colossians 1:15-23 (CSB)

Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

**For everything was created by him,
in heaven and on earth,
the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or authorities —
all things have been created through him and for him.**

He is before all things,
and by him all things hold together.

He is also the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have
first place in everything.

**For God was pleased to have
all his fullness dwell in him,**

**and through him to reconcile
everything to himself,
whether things on earth or things in heaven,
by making peace
through his blood, shed on the cross.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

What Wondrous Love is This (Distribution Song)

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Verse 1

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Verse 2

When I was sinking down,
Sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great "I Am";
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Verse 4

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be;
And thro' eternity,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.

Words American Folk Hymn, Music by William Walker & William J. Reynolds

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Old Rugged Cross

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain. (Chorus)

Chorus

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Verse 2

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. (Chorus)

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
Such a wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. (Chorus)

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. (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 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 66 (only Isaiah 66:12-16 will be read)

¹This is what the LORD says: Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool. Where could you possibly build a house for me? And where would my resting place be?

²My hand made all these things, and so they all came into being. This is the LORD's declaration. I will look favorably on this kind of person: one who is humble, submissive in spirit, and trembles at my word.

³One person slaughters an ox, another kills a person; one person sacrifices a lamb, another breaks a dog's neck; one person offers a grain offering, another offers pig's blood; one person offers incense,

another praises an idol—all these have chosen their ways and delight in their abhorrent practices.

⁴ So I will choose their punishment, and I will bring on them what they dread because I called and no one answered; I spoke and they did not listen; they did what was evil in my sight and chose what I did not delight in.

⁵ You who tremble at his word, hear the word of the LORD: “Your brothers who hate and exclude you for my name’s sake have said, ‘Let the LORD be glorified so that we can see your joy!’ But they will be put to shame.”

⁶ A sound of uproar from the city! A voice from the temple— the voice of the LORD, paying back his enemies what they deserve!

⁷ Before Zion was in labor, she gave birth; before she was in pain, she delivered a boy.

⁸ Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day or a nation be delivered in an instant? Yet as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her sons.

⁹ “Will I bring a baby to the point of birth and not deliver it?” says the LORD; “or will I who deliver, close the womb?” says your God.

¹⁰ Be glad for Jerusalem and rejoice over her, all who love her. Rejoice greatly with her, all who mourn over her— ¹¹ so that you may nurse and be satisfied from her comforting breast and drink deeply and delight yourselves from her glorious breasts.

¹² For this is what the LORD says: I will make peace flow to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flood;

you will nurse and be carried on her hip and bounced on her lap. ¹³ As a mother comforts her son, so I will comfort you, and you will be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You will see, you will rejoice, and you will flourish like grass; then the LORD’s power will be revealed to his servants, but he will show his wrath against his enemies.

¹⁵ Look, the LORD will come with fire— his chariots are like the whirlwind— to execute his anger with fury and his rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶ For the LORD will execute judgment on all humanity with his fiery sword, and many will be slain by the LORD.

¹⁷ “Those who dedicate and purify themselves to enter the groves following their leader, eating meat from pigs, vermin, and rats, will perish together.” This is the LORD’s declaration.

¹⁸ “Knowing their works and their thoughts, I have come to gather all nations and languages; they will come and see my glory. ¹⁹ I will establish a sign among them, and I will send survivors from them to the nations—to Tarshish, Put, Lud (who are archers), Tubal, Javan, and the coasts and islands far away—who have not heard about me or seen my glory. And they will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰ They will bring all your brothers from all the nations as a gift to the LORD on horses and chariots, in litters, and on mules and camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the LORD, “just as the Israelites bring an offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ I will also take some of them as priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²² “For just as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, will remain before me”— this is the LORD’s declaration— “so your offspring and your name will remain.

²³ All humanity will come to worship me from one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another,” says the LORD.

²⁴ “As they leave, they will see the dead bodies of those who have rebelled against me; for their worm will never die, their fire will never go out, and they will be a horror to all humanity.”

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Isaiah 66 – The End- Pastor Eric Schumacher

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
I Stand Amazed

Verse 1

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner, condemned, unclean. (Chorus)

Chorus

How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

Verse 2

For me it was in the garden
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."
He had no tears for His own griefs,
But sweat drops of blood for mine. (Chorus)

Verse 3

He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,
And suffered and died alone. (Chorus)

Verse 4

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages
To sing of His love for me. (Chorus)

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Blessing

Psalm 67:1-3 (CSB)

May God be gracious to us and bless us;
may he make his face shine upon us —
so that your way may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Matthew 1:1-17