

### **Pre-service Song**

#### **Faith's Review and Expectation (Amazing Grace)**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound!  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved:  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess, within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

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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**

*Revelation 7:10, 12; 15:3-4 (CSB)*

Salvation belongs to our God,  
who is seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and strength  
be to our God forever and ever.**

Great and awe-inspiring are your works,  
Lord God, the Almighty;  
**just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations.**

Lord, who will not fear  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.

**All the nations will come  
and worship before you  
because your righteous acts  
have been revealed.**

**Our Sung Call to Worship**  
**Rejoice the Lord is King**  
Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heaven,  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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### **Confession**

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

**Our Spoken Confession**  
*Psalms 80:1-3; 79:8-9 (CSB)*

Listen, Shepherd of Israel,  
who leads Joseph like a flock;  
you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.  
shine on your people.

**Rally your power and come to save us.**

Restore us, God;  
make your face shine on us,  
so that we may be saved.

**Do not hold past iniquities against us;  
let your compassion come to us quickly,**

**for we have become very weak.**

God of our salvation, help us,  
for the glory of your name.

**Rescue us and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake.**

*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**

*Galatians 3:10-13; 2:20; 6:14*

All who rely on the works of the law are under a curse,  
because it is written, "Everyone who does not do every  
thing written in the book of the law is cursed."  
Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by  
the law, because "the righteous will live by faith."  
But the law is not based on faith; instead,  
"the one who does these things will live by them."

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law  
by becoming a curse for us, because it is written,  
"Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

**I have been crucified with Christ,  
and I no longer live,  
but Christ lives in me.**

**The life I now live in the body,  
I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me.**

**I will never boast about anything  
except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Our Sung Profession of Assurance When I Survey (The Wonderful Cross)**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My riches gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood. (Chorus)

### **Chorus**

**O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross!  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross! O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

See from His head, His hands, His feet

Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown. (Chorus)

His dying crimson like a robe  
Spreads o'er his body on the tree  
Then I am dead to all the globe  
And all the globe is dead to me. (Chorus)

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### **There is One Gospel**

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.  
It is my story, my Father's plan, the Son has rescued me.  
Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace.  
My highest joy and my deepest need.  
Now and forever, He is my light.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.  
For there, where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross.  
No more I boast in what I can bring,  
no more I carry the weight of sin.  
For He has brought me from death to life.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks.  
For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free.  
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes,  
my life is His and His hope is mine.  
For He has promised I too will rise.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel, the church is one, we do not walk alone.  
We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home.  
And when in glory still I will sing  
of this old story that rescued me.  
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.  
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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 [gabcomes.org/giving/](http://gabcomes.org/giving/) or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

### **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born.

<sup>5</sup>"In Bethlehem of Judea," they told him, "because this is what was written by the prophet:

**<sup>6</sup> And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: Because out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."**

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and asked them the exact time the star appeared.

<sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report back to me so that I too can go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup>After hearing the king, they went on their way. And there it was—the star they had seen at its rising. It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy.

<sup>11</sup>Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

Matthew 2:1-2 – Anger, Anxiety, Apathy or Adoration - 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**

**Let the Nations Be Glad**

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy,  
May redemption be the theme of our song.

For by grace we have been saved,  
And by grace we shall proclaim  
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come. (Chorus)

### **Chorus**

**Let the nations be glad! Let the people rejoice,  
For salvation belongs to our God.  
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the Lord,  
For salvation belongs to our God, let the nations be glad.**

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,  
Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.  
Still we holding out the cross,  
Crossing oceans suffering loss,  
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. (Chorus)

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,  
With the glories of the gospel to explain,  
Now we pray Your kingdom come,  
And we pray Your will be done,  
For the honor and the glory of Your name. (Chorus)

Let the nations be glad.  
Let the nations be glad.

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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 2:13-23