

Pre-service Song

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.

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Baptism

Call To Worship

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

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 113 (CSB)

Hallelujah!

Give praise, servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and forever.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting,
let the name of the Lord be praised.**

The Lord is exalted above all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

**Who is like the Lord our God —
the one enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look
on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the trash heap
in order to seat them with nobles —
with the nobles of his people.

**He gives the childless woman a household,
making her the joyful mother of children.**

Hallelujah!

Our Sung Call to Worship

Jesus What A Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!

Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole. (Chorus)

Chorus

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving,

He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my victory wins. (Chorus)

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll.

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my comfort, helps my soul. (Chorus)

Jesus, what a guide and keeper!

While the tempest still is high,

Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,

He, my pilot, hears my cry. (Chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him,

More than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness

I am His, and He is mine. (Chorus)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

1 John 1:8-9 (CSB) + Traditional Confession

If we say, "We have no sin,"

we are deceiving ourselves,

and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

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 2:13-15; 2 Corinthians 2:14

Remember the Gospel!

When you were dead in trespasses
and in the uncircumcision of your flesh,
he made you alive with him
and forgave us all our trespasses.

**He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations,
that was against us and opposed to us,
and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.**

He disarmed the rulers and authorities
and disgraced them publicly;
he triumphed over them in him.

**Thanks be to God, who always leads us
in Christ's triumphal procession!**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are the days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer—
though I fall His love is sure!
For Christ has paid for every failing;

I am His forevermore!

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley, I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted—
Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armour for this battle,
strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
where beside the King, I walk.
For there, my heart has found its treasure—
Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
for His love is my reward!
Fear is gone, and hope is sure—
Christ is mine forevermore. (Repeat)

And mine are keys to Zion city,
where beside the King, I walk.
For there, my heart has found its treasure—
Christ is mine forevermore.

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

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.**

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)

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)

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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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/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:5, Psalm 37:1-11, Matthew 11:28-30 (CSB)

⁵ Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.

¹ Do not be agitated by evildoers; do not envy those who do wrong. ² For they wither quickly like grass and wilt like tender green plants.

³ Trust in the LORD and do what is good; dwell in the land and live securely.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act, ⁶ making your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like the noonday.

⁷ Be silent before the LORD and wait expectantly for him; do not be agitated by one who prospers in his way, by the person who carries out evil plans.

⁸ Refrain from anger and give up your rage; do not be agitated—it can only bring harm.

⁹ For evildoers will be destroyed, but those who put their hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked person will be no more; though you look for him, he will not be there.

¹¹ But the humble will inherit the land and will enjoy abundant prosperity.

²⁸ "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Matthew 5:5 – Empty (Part Three): An Inheritance for the Humble

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

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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

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.**

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

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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Blessing

Jude 1:24-25 (CSB)

Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling
and to make you stand in the presence of his glory,
without blemish and with great joy,
**to the only God our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, power, and authority
before all time, now and forever.**

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Matthew 5:6