

Pre-service Song

The Glory of Our God (This is Jesus)

Who is this, who from all eternity
dwelt in holy majesty,
made the earth, the sky, and sea?
Who is this, who the ancient chaos tamed,
made the stars and gave them names
formed a people for his fame?
This is Jesus—the Beginning and the End,
this is Jesus—our Creator and our Friend.
He gave us breath and took on flesh that we could walk with him.
This is Jesus—the glory of our God.

Who is this, who when captive Israel cried,
heard from his throne on high
and refused to let them die?
Who is this, who has paid redemption's price
through a spotless sacrifice
giving freedom, joy, and life?
This is Jesus—the merciful "I AM"
this is Jesus—the slain and risen Lamb.
Our ev'ry sin was borne by him that we could live again.
This is Jesus—the glory of our God.

Who is this, who took Israel by the hand,
brought them to the promised land
that his covenant might stand?
Who is this, who will bring his people home,
the redeemed before the throne,
ever gathered as his own?
This is Jesus—the Faithful and the True,
this is Jesus—He is making all things new.
Our praise we bring to the King of kings, forever we will sing.

Beginning, End, Creator, Friend, the Slain and Risen Lamb.
The Faithful, True makes all things new, the merciful "I AM."
This is Jesus, the glory of our God.
This is Jesus, the glory of our God.
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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 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
Salvation Belongs to Our God**
Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength.

Chorus

**Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever,
Amen.**

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity,
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength. (Chorus)

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength.

(Chorus)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken/Sung Confession

O, Lord, our God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we are aware of the sins we have not put to death,
we feel the weakness of our flesh and our need of grace.
Remember that we are dust, and hear us we pray:

Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Lord, deliver us from all pride, vanity, and hypocrisy,
from all envy, hatred, and malice,
from all lack of charity, gossip, and slander.

Remember that we are dust, and hear us we pray:

Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord

Lord, deliver us from all disordered desires and sinful affections,
from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Remember that we are dust, and hear us we pray:

Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord

Lord, deliver your church from hardness of heart
from all false doctrine, heresy, and division,
from contempt of your Word and your will.

Remember that we are dust, and hear us we pray:

Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Lord, deliver us from disease, sickness, and plague,
from natural disaster, pestilence, and famine,
from conspiracy, rebellion, and violence,
from murder, war, and dying unprepared.

Remember that we are dust, and hear us we pray:

Lord, have mercy / Christ, have mercy. / Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Heavenly Father, we ask all these things
in name of Jesus our Lord and on the basis of
his perfect life—our righteousness;
his death—our sacrifice for sin;
his resurrection—our hope of glory;
his ascension—our intercession.

Through your Holy Spirit, be with us and dwell in us.

Remember that we are dust, and hear us we pray:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Christ, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

Time of silent lament, confession and prayer.

Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

Romans 8:31-35,37-39 (CSB)

Remember the Gospel!

If God is for us, who is against us?

He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

How will he not also with him grant us everything?

Who can bring an accusation against God's elect?

God is the one who justifies.

Who is the one who condemns?

Christ Jesus is the one who died,

but even more, has been raised;

he also is at the right hand of God

and intercedes for us.

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Can affliction or distress or persecution
or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.**

**For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Poor Sinner Dejected with Fear (Distribution Song)

Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go,"
But surely will take out thy stain;
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

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Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the lamb of God
Who takes away our sin.
Behold the lamb of God
The life and light of men.
Behold the Lamb of God
Who died and rose again.
Behold the lamb of God
Who comes to take away our sin.

Son of God (Emmanuel),

Son of man (we praise You),
Behold (behold) the Lamb,
The hope (the hope) of man,
Behold the lamb.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Thank You, Jesus, For the Blood

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
But from the far side of the chasm,
You held me in your sight.

So you made a way across the great divide,
Left behind heaven's throne to build it here inside.
There at the cross, You paid the debt I owed.
Broke my chains, freed my soul,
For the first time, I had hope.

Chorus

**Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life,
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.**

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
But then You walked right out again.
And now death has no sting, and life has no end.
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb. (Chorus)

There is nothing stronger,
than the wonder working power of the blood, the blood
that calls us sons and daughters.
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood, the blood. (2 X's)

(Chorus)

Glory to His name,
Glory to His name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name.

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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 gabccomes.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 9:1-8 (ESV)

¹And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?"

⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷And he rose and went home.

⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Matthew 9:1-8 – The Power Source of Forgiveness -- Brian Morgan

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

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Chorus

**I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.**

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh. (Chorus)

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all. (Chorus)

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him. (Chorus)

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Blessing

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV)

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Matthew 9:9-17