

Pre-service Song

A Mother's Prayer

Before you close your eyes to sleep
I have a promise still to keep
as I hold you in my arms.
I pray your little frame grows strong,
and that faith takes hold while you are young.
This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand;
I'll teach you the way to go.
Through the joys, through the tears,
the journey of these years,
may you trust Him 'til the end.
May you trust Him in the end.

This world is not as it should be,
but the Savior opens eyes to see
all that's beautiful and true.
Oh, may His light fill all you are,
and the jewel of wisdom crown your heart;
This is my prayer for you.

Hold my hand;
I'll teach you the way to go.
Through the joys, through the tears,
the journey of these years,
He is with us 'til the end.
He is faithful 'til the end.

You'll travel where my arms won't reach,
as the road will rise to lead your feet
on a journey of your own.
May my mistakes not hinder you,
but His grace remain and guide you through;
This is my prayer for you.

Take His hand,
and go where He calls you to;
And whatever comes, seek Him with all your heart.
This will be my prayer for you;
This will be my prayer for you.

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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

1 Peter 1:3-4, 6-7 (ESV)

According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again
to a living hope through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from the dead,
**to an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled, and unfading,**

kept in heaven for you.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while,
if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
**so that the tested genuineness of your faith—
more precious than gold that perishes
though it is tested by fire—
may be found to result in praise and glory
and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.
Come to the table, He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us,
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us,
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love. (Repeat)

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save,
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us,
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting.
God so loved the world.

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18 (ESV)

Remember your mercy, O LORD,
and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Chorus:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thru death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conq'rors we are! (Chorus)

His word shall not fail you--He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well;
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell! (Chorus)

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Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

Romans 5:1, 8-11 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**For if while we were enemies
we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life.**

More than that, we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

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.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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of this old story that rescued me.
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.

I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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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.

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

2 Corinthians 5:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

2 Corinthians 5:15-21 – The King Commissions His Ambassadors – 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 spoken word.

Blessing

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Amen.

Honoring Graduates

Scripture text for next Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12