

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 (ESV)

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

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

Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

**Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!**

Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Romans 7:18-25 (ESV)

For I know that nothing good dwells in me,
that is, in my flesh.
For I have the desire to do what is right,
but not the ability to carry it out.

**For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.
Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it,
but sin that dwells within me.**

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right,
evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God,
in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and
making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

**Wretched man that I am!
Who can deliver me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind,
but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

I Am One of Those

I am one of those, at the table not invited,
And to all here at the feast it's very plain,
I cannot hide in etiquette or conversation,
But Christ himself sent word to me and so I came.

I am one of those who was dead and fully buried,
And I still bear every stigma of decay,
There is no way I can cover what I've been through,
Because when Jesus called I came out of the grave.

Chorus

**Though the world may number me among the foolish,
I think Jesus Christ is all I need to know
Jesus suffered and paid blood to buy the lowest of the low
Hallelujah! Amen! That's me! I am one of those!**

I am one of those, who was a leper and contagious,
The deformities and scars I have today,
Yet while I was vile with sickness Jesus loved me,
And He healed, restored and through and through remade.

I am one of those who was doomed to death in prison,
And I've done more evil things than I could say,
But Jesus broke inside and there unlocked my shackles,
And to set me free, he died and took my place. (Chorus)

I am one of those, who was hard to love and ugly,
Self-righteous, critical; religion was my stain,
Then I came to Christ to wash and be discovered,
Jesus came to me and covered up my shame. (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

New City Catechism, Questions 22-24

Remember the Gospel!

Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

**That in human nature he might on our behalf
perfectly obey the whole law
And suffer the punishment for human sin;
And also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses.**

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

**That because of his divine nature his obedience
And suffering would be perfect and effective;
And also that he would be able to bear
The righteous anger of God against sin**

And yet overcome death.

Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**Since death is the punishment for sin,
Christ died willingly in our place
To deliver us from the power and penalty of sin
And to bring us back to God.
By his substitutionary atoning death,
He alone redeems us from hell
And gains for us forgiveness of sin,
Righteousness, and everlasting life.**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Run and Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)

Run and run, the law demands;
but gives me neither feet nor hands.
Better news, the gospel brings;
it bids me fly, it gives me wings.

Bearing shame and all my sin,
there in my place He stood condemned.
Here I stand, now justified;
my guilt is His, His grace is mine.

Chorus

Praise the Lord!

Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!

Now and forevermore, my heart confess:

Christ is all my righteousness;

Christ is all my righteousness.

My accuser, he may roar
of countless sins that I have done.
These I know, and thousands more.
Behold, my God, He knows not one. (Chorus)

When I stand before the throne,
there dressed in beauty not my own,
then, Lord, shall I fully know,
not till that day, how much I owe.

Praise the Lord!

Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!

Now and forevermore, my heart confess:

Christ is all my righteousness;

Praise the Lord!

Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!

For now this sinner's heart has found its rest;

Christ is all my righteousness;

Christ is all my righteousness.

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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 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

Psalm 15 (ESV)

- ¹ O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Psalm 15 – Who May Dwell With the Lord? – 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

Not in Me

No list of sins I have not done,
No list of virtues I pursue,
No list of those I am not like,
Can earn myself a place with You.
O God! Be merciful to me—
I am a sinner through and through!
My only hope of righteousness
Is not in me, but only You.

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,

No lifted hands, no tearful song,
No recitation of the truth
Can justify a single wrong.
My righteousness is Jesus' life,
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by Him
And He alone can give me rest.

No separation from the world,
No work I do, no gift I give,
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;
I cannot cause my soul to live.
But Jesus died and rose again—
The pow'r of death is overthrown!
My God is merciful to me
And merciful in Christ alone.

My righteousness is Jesus' life,
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,
My weary load was borne by Him
And He alone can give me rest.
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Blessing

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to do far more
abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever.**

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 16