Pre-service Song

What Grace Is Mine

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul,
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live, and in His name be known?

So, I will go wherever He is calling me.
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me?
Beneath His wings, my wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee, for death's dark night is overcome:
My Saviour lives and reigns forevermore.

So, I will go wherever He is calling me.
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I give my all to gain the hope that never dies.
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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 147:1-6, 10-12 (ESV)

Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
Hallelujah!

Our Sung Call to Worship

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation,
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,
and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness:
I'll look to Him who hears me.

Chorus:
O praise Him, hallelujah,
my Delight and my Reward.
Everlasting, never failing;
My Redeemer, my God.

Find rest my soul in God alone,
amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come, and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven. (Chorus)

I'll set my gaze on God alone,
and trust in Him completely,
with ev'ry day pour out my soul;
and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am His forever. (Chorus)

O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah!
O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah!
O praise Him, O praise Him, hallelujah, hallelujah! (Chorus)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession
Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession
Have Mercy (Psalm 51)
Have mercy on me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God.
I am calling on Your kindness
In accordance with Your love.
Have mercy on me, O God.

I know, God, that I have sinned.
It's you I have sinned against.
Would You blot out my transgressions?
Would you come now and forgive?
I know, God, that I have sinned.

Oh, a broken, contrite heart You will not turn away.
Oh, Lord, open up my lips that I might sing Your praise.

God wash me as white as snow,
And carry Your lost child home.
Come create in me a clean heart,
Come and break this heart of stone.
God, wash me as white as snow.

Oh, a broken, contrite heart You will not turn away.
Oh, Lord, open up my lips that I might sing Your praise.

Restore to me the joy of my salvation,
Renew in me a willing heart,
And I will sing in praise of Your redemption,
and I will sing of Your mercy God. (Repeat)

Have mercy on me, O God.
Have mercy on me, O God.
I am calling on Your kindness
In accordance with Your love.
Have mercy on me, O God.

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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
Galatians 3:10-13; 2:20; 6:14 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”

I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

<u>Our Sung Profession of Assurance</u>
Psalm 34 (Taste and See)
I sought the Lord, and He answered me,
And delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant.
They’ll never be ashamed, they’ll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard me,
And saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints.
He will deliver them, He will deliver them.

Chorus:
Magnify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name forever.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.
O blessed is he who hides in Him.
O fear the Lord, O all you saints.
He’ll give you ev’rything, He’ll give you ev’rything. (Chorus)

Let us bless the Lord ev’ry day and night,
Never ending praise.
May our incense rise.
Let us bless the Lord ev’ry day and night,
Never ending praise.
May our incense rise. (Repeat)

Magnify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me.
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His Glory and My Good
I have seen my Father’s glory revealed in Jesus Christ
and the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should,
then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good.

There is hope in ev'ry trial, for I can trust the Lord.
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn.
So, in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood,
for I know that he is working for His glory and my good.

Chorus:
To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God.
For I know His glory is my good.

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness deserves my ev'ry praise.
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood.
Yes, I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good. (Chorus)

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more.
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all.
I will stand before my Father, where the faithful saints have stood.
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good.
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To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God.
For I know His glory is my good. (Repeat)

Yes, I know His glory is my good.

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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.

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Scripture Reading
Psalm 37 (ESV)
Of David.
1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
2 For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!
8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
9 For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
11 But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
12 The wicked plots against the righteous
and gnashes his teeth at him,
13 but the LORD laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that his day is coming.
14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose way is upright;
15 their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.
16 Better is the little that the righteous has
than the abundance of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the LORD upholds the righteous.
18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will remain forever;
19 they are not put to shame in evil times;
in the days of famine they have abundance.
20 But the wicked will perish;
the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.
21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;
22 for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD,
when he delights in his way;
24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the LORD upholds his hand.
25 I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.
26 He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.
27 Turn away from evil and do good;
so shall you dwell forever.
28 For the LORD loves justice;
he will not forsake his saints.
They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
29 The righteous shall inherit the land
and dwell upon it forever.

30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks justice.
31 The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.
32 The wicked watches for the righteous
and seeks to put him to death.
33 The LORD will not abandon him to his power
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
34 Wait for the LORD and keep his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
35 I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.
36 But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;
though I sought him, he could not be found.
37 Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
for there is a future for the man of peace.
38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

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

Sermon
Psalm 34 (ESV) - "How Shall We Then Live?" - Pastor Dean VanEvery

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.

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Blessing
2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and
to the day of eternity. Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 38