



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF CHRISTMAS**
JANUARY 2, 2022
10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

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INTROIT

Call to Me
(Vicki and John Petrosky)

Text from Jeremiah 29 & 33
Music by Robert Lau

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 12:2 & 3

Surely God is our salvation;

We will trust, and will not be afraid.

For the Lord is our strength and our might;
and has become my salvation.

With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

*** HYMN 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoners leap to loose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Gracious God,
You made us for relationship.
In the ease and the friction of life together
you open our eyes.

Through all our allegiances,
remind us that your love is the mirror
in which we see each other
beloved and whole.

In this hour set apart,
welcome us home—
until all of life's choices
are reckoned by your love.

(silent prayer)

** Those who are able will please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* SONG OF JOY

Your Grace Is Enough

Maher

Verse 1

Great is your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus

So remember your people,
Remember your children,
Remember your promise, O God.

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me!

Verse 2

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation,
And all your people sing along.

(Pre-Chorus – Chorus 1 – Chorus 2)

Chorus 2

Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, your grace is enough
I'm covered in your love,
Your grace is enough for me for me,
For me.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Steven Phillips

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

Searching for Jesus

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SOLO

Mary, Did You Know?
(Vicky Petrosky)

Greene & Lowry

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All who search for Jesus have a standing invitation to meet him here,
In the company of others who hunger to know more of the life he offers.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right—and our greatest joy—to give you praise.
When all was chaos, you brought light from the darkness.
You called it good.

When we wandered in the wilderness
you stirred a pillar of fire to guide our way.

When still the shadows overwhelmed,
you came into our darkness as a child born of light.

Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices with every grateful, hopeful generation
into whose darkness you have shined:

*Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
Who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.*

At the birth of the Christ
you lit the sky for all to see.

Jesus grew and walked among us, the light of the world,
but we found it hard to follow. We turned away.

Still, you did not abandon us.
From the darkest of graves, you brought radiant life.

*God from the house of David a child of grace has given;
A Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
The prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.*

Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts.
Be known to us in the breaking of this bread,
spill again your life into this cup;
until your light dwells within us
and we shine with your love.

We pray for sisters and brothers all over the world
whose needs are vast, but far removed;
and we lift to you the names and faces we cherish,
whose suffering rends our hearts.
We come together as your children, to pray the family prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Holy God,
You have lit our darkness
and brightened our path.
Keep watch with us now as we seek to follow.

Give us curious, persistent, risk-taking hearts
until we discover the Christ in the poorest of places—
then bend, with joy, to offer our gifts.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
whose love lights our way.

*On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!*

* HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Your Grace is Enough

Steven Phillips and Band



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