FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023
10:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Timothy Boggess

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken*
(The Band)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Mariah Martin

We do not live by bread alone,
so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.
We come at the Spirit's leading
to offer ourselves in service to Christ.
Come, find strength for the journey.
Let us worship the one, true God.

*** HYMN 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Timothy Boggess

Merciful One,
we are so easily tempted.
We turn away from your word so quickly.
We seek anything that claims to save us from
discomfort, inconvenience, pain, fear, and emptiness.
But these are false idols, dissolving in the wind.
You are our true hope and salvation,
our hiding place, our guide, our guardian.
We confess our transgressions to you:
forgive our sins.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF JOY 611 (v. 1)** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM *Rejoice in the Lord* John Behnke
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain:

Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord. And again I say rejoice!

Let all know your moderation, for the Lord is at hand. (Refrain)

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your request be made to God. (Refrain)

And the peace of God which passes all human understanding
will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Refrain)

- Text from *Philippians 4:4-7*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11 Page 2 and 879

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Needful Things* Timothy Boggess

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)
Mariah Martin

We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *Take My Life* Tomlin

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing
always only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as you choose.

Chorus

Here am I, all of me.
Take my life, it's all for thee.

Verse 3

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
ever only all for thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

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.

***SONG OF FAITH** *Your Grace is Enough* Mayer

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 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven/
(The Band) arr. Phillips

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