



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, September 26, 2021)

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FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Ray and Ilse Klopotek in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary.

Prelude: "Bist du bei mir" J. S. Bach
If You are with me
 Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Sharon MacInnes, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

We gather together in person and virtually, so that we can worship our God together...

We gather to hear God's Word that restores us to life.

We gather so that we can follow Jesus...

Whose hopes for justice are crystal clear.

We come so that we can learn from the Spirit...

Whose teachings help us to understand how to live as God's people.

Friends, let us Worship our God!

Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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!

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.

Call to Confession (Liturgist)
God has made it a habit to stick with us through thick and thin, even in moments when we haven't been the best investment. In response to God's grace, let us confess the ways we have fallen short. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

You offer us words which can restore lives, ours and others. Teaching God, yet we are prone to twist words into insults and accusations. You welcome us into the family of those who serve humbly, yet at the same time we are prone to self centeredness and making it all about "us." You bless us with all manner of gifts, yet we continue to envy what others have. Keep us on our toes, Loving God, lest we continue to trip over our foolishness. In your mercy, may we not offer a fist, but a helping hand to another; may we walk with the lonely, rather than push them away; may we look for the forgotten, rather than right past them. Have mercy upon us, and restore us to a right relationship, with you and our fellow travelers. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"God's dream for us is clear." With forgiveness, God restores us to new life; with love. God sends us out to live as faithful people . God uses the building blocks of grace, hope, and love to create new hearts, new lives for us.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

Response: "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

Divine Spirit, surround us with the wisdom of your word, enable us to hear it, and then live it, as messengers of your truth in this world. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-21

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate. "

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,
Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

"I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it,'

cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Middle Hymn: "Give Thanks to God"

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days
With wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,
And in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,
Then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.

If you have ever lived inside the prison of your gloom
And cried to God, who broke your bonds and raised you from your tomb,
Then praise the One who sets you free, who makes dry places bloom.

So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known,
Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown.
And tell the world what God has done--Praise God and God alone!

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

In response to God's continuing grace and favor towards us, let us respond with our tithes and offerings. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication:

Prayer of Dedication

Loving and generous Lord, like a master cook, we pray that you would add to these our gifts, the spices of grace, hope, joy, and peace, so they might contribute to new lives, new communities, new joy in those around us. Receive our gifts in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's 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.

Closing Hymn: "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.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Benediction

Postlude: LASST UNS ERFREUEN Arr. Lani Smith

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O brother sun with golden beams, O sister moon with silver gleams,
sing praises!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*O sisters, brothers take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Today's Worship Participants:

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