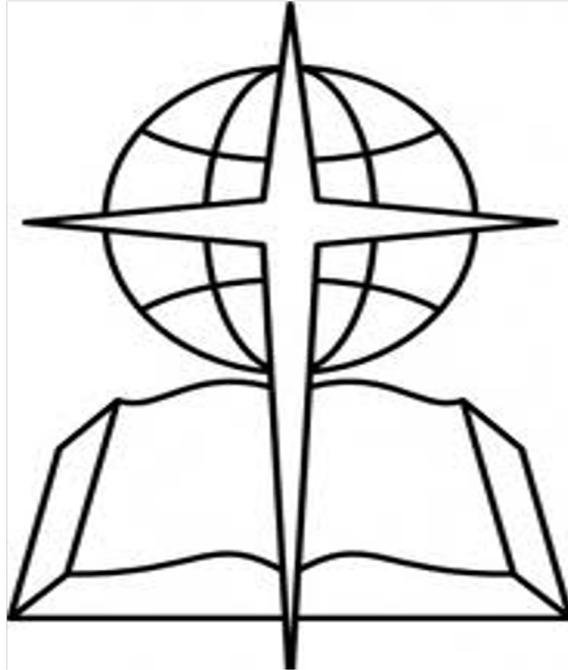


Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone be the Glory



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Order of Worship

Call to Worship & Prayer of Praise

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

**Even before he made the world,
God loved us and chose us in Christ
to be holy and without fault in his eyes.**

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

**So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us
who belong to his dear Son.**

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

**He has showered his kindness on us,
along with all wisdom and understanding.**

God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.

**And this is the plan:
At the right time he will bring everything together
under the authority of Christ —
everything in heaven and on earth.**

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

**God's purpose was that we who were the first to trust in Christ
would bring praise and glory to God.**

And now you have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

**The Spirit is God's guarantee
that he will give us the inheritance he promised
and that he has purchased us to be his own people.
He did this so we would praise and glorify him.**

Hymns of Praise

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (*HYMN #98*)

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 thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I 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 thy goodness 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

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN (*Hymn #105*)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

*Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide; What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe,
All who are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

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Scripture Reading *Ephesians 2:1-10*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of Response

BY GRACE ALONE (*Ward*)

Out of the depths I cry to You...Lord, hear my voice of pleading;
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray,...Your humble servant heeding.
If You remember each misdeed, And of each thought and word take heed,
Who can remain before You? Only by grace, by grace alone.

Your pardon is a gift of love...Your grace alone must save us,
Our works will not remove our guilt; The strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast, But let us own the Holy Ghost
For He alone can change us: Only by grace, by grace alone.

Though great our sins and sore our woes. His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He, Who will set all His people free
From all their sin and sorrow: Only by grace, by grace alone.

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Scripture Readings

COLOSSIANS 2:16-25

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

²⁰If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—²¹“Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²²(referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

HEBREWS 13:7-15

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Sermon “Christian Teaching on Grace”

I. THE CHRISTIAN TEACHING ON GRACE

A. God’s Grace is His *Unmerited Favor*

- His G_____ that we do not D_____
- His R_____ that we have not E_____

B. God’s Grace Alone... (Eph. 2:1-10; Heb. 13:9)

- ...S_____ us from H_____ (*Justification*)
- ...S_____ our H_____ (*Sanctification*)
- ...S_____ us in H_____ (*Glorification*)

II. SOME STRANGE TEACHINGS ON GRACE

A. The Teachings of the Judaizers (Colossians 2:16-23)

- Salvation by W_____ of the L_____ ...
- ...especially F_____ and F_____

B. The Teachings of Pelagius (c. 390 – 418 AD)

- The Essential G_____ of Human N_____
- The Absolute F_____ of the Human W_____
- Salvation by C_____ the G_____

III. THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE OF GRACE

God’s Grace for the Christian produces...

- ...H_____ without H_____ (Eph. 2:1-10)
- ...C_____ without C_____ (Heb.4:14-16)

Hymn of Response

AMAZING GRACE (*Hymn #104*)

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 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

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.

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Prayers of the Church

Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Closing Hymn

TO GOD BE THE GLORY (*Hymn #28*)

1. To God be the glory! Great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:

And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be;
Our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see.

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Benediction