



He was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

MARK 11:17

*We gather to worship Jesus Christ, who makes His people fruitful.*

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# PREPARATORY HYMN: GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, What can a - veil to  
 3. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt, Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,  
 wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;  
 all who be - lieve; All who are long - ing to see His face,

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace,  
 Whit - er than snow you may be to - day. Mar - vel - ous grace,  
 Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

God's in - fi - nite grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; Grace,  
 in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous

grace, God's in - fi - nite grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin.  
 grace, in - fi - nite grace,

## SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 56:6-7

<sup>6</sup> “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—  
<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

# O CHRIST WHAT BURDENS BOWED THY HEAD

1. O Christ, what bur - dens bowed thy head! Our load was laid on  
 2. Death and the curse were in my cup: O Christ, 'twas full for  
 3. Je - ho - vah lift - ed up his rod: O Christ, it fell on  
 4. Je - ho - vah bade his sword a - wake: O Christ it woke 'gainst  
 5. For me, Lord Je - sus Thou hast died, And I have died in

Thee; Thou stood - est in the sin - ner's stead, Didst  
 Thee! But Thou hast drained the last dark drop, 'Tis  
 Thee! Thou wast sore strick - en of Thy God; There's  
 Thee! Thy blood the flam - ing blade must slake, Thy  
 Thee: Thou'rt ris'n, my bands are all un - tied, And

bear all ill for me. A vic - tim led Thy  
 emp - ty now for me. That bit - ter cup, love  
 not one stroke for me. Thy tears, Thy blood, be -  
 heart its sheath must be. All for my sake, my  
 now Thou livest in me; When pu - ri - fied, made

blood was shed! Now there's no load for me.  
 drank it up, Now bless - ings draught for me.  
 neath it flowed; Thy bruis - ings heal - eth me.  
 peace to make: Now sleeps that sword for me.  
 white, and tried, Thy glo - ry then for me.

# ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; What have I to ask be-side?  
2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Cheers each wind-ing path I tread,  
3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Oh, the full-ness of His love!

Can I doubt His ten-der mer-cy, Who thro' life has been my guide?  
Gives me grace for ev-'ry tri-al, Feeds me with the liv-ing bread;  
Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised In my Fa-ther's house a-bove:

Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
Tho' my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, And my soul a-thirst may be,  
When my spir-it, clothed im-mor-tal, Wings its flight to realms of day,

For I know what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well;  
Gush-ing from the Rock be-fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;  
This my song thro' end-less a-ges: Je-sus led me all the way;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Rock of Ages". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "For I know what-e'er be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well. Gush - ing from the Rock be - fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see. This my song thro' end - less a - ges: Je - sus led me all the way." The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

### JEREMIAH 7:1-15

**7** The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’

<sup>5</sup>“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup>then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

<sup>8</sup>“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’ –only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel. <sup>13</sup>And now, because you have done all these things, declares the LORD, and when I spoke to you persistently you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, <sup>14</sup>therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, and in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup>And I will cast you out of my sight, as I cast out all your kinsmen, all the offspring of Ephraim.



## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **MATTHEW 7:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **ISAIAH 6:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

# SPEAK, O LORD



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You\_ to re-ceive the food\_ of Your Ho - ly Word.  
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho - ly rev - er ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.\_  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.\_



Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;\_ shape and fash - ion us\_ in Your like - ness; That the  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes in the ra - di ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to day\_ in our acts of love and our deeds of\_ faith.  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see\_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es;\_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with\_ us.



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us\_\_\_ all Your pur - pos - es\_\_\_ for Your  
 Words of pow'r that / can nev - er fail;\_\_\_ Let their truth pre - vail\_\_\_ o - ver  
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,\_\_\_ and the earth is filled. with Your

glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

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# SERMON

## FRUITLESS

### MARK 11:11-25

<sup>11</sup>And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

<sup>12</sup>On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. <sup>13</sup>And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>And he said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

<sup>15</sup>And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>16</sup>And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. <sup>17</sup>And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.” <sup>18</sup>And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. <sup>19</sup>And when evening came they went out of the city.

<sup>20</sup>As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. <sup>21</sup>And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” <sup>22</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup>And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

# IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that  
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com-fort-  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I  
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I  
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of  
 -turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

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# HOLY SPIRIT

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing  
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I  
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has

soul. Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -  
do. Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each  
made, show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your

-new my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come a - live in me;  
thought and deed and at - ti - tude. Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
church to hun - ger for Your ways. Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;

Give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your  
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to  
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.  
works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.  
face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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## WHO IS JESUS?

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Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

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## FOLLOWING JESUS

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**Baptism** is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

**Discipleship** is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

**Membership** is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

**Service** to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

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## VISITORS & GUESTS

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**Welcome!** If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally. You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about this church or about what it means to be a Christian.



**Families with Children** We offer Sunday School classes at 9:30am for grades K-12 and childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

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## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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### Goodbye Gathering

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after this morning's service for refreshments and an opportunity to express our love for the Waters' family as they depart.

### Prayer Meeting - Tonight

Please join us for a time of corporate prayer tonight at 5PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### Members' Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our next Members' Meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. This is an important opportunity in the life of the church and we encourage all members to make it a priority.

**Sermon Text for Next Week:** Mark 11:27-33

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Wednesday  
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