

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

January 2, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Mr. Carlton Curtis

Prelude

Call to Worship - Psalm 100: Dr. David Todd

The Invocation

***Hymn of Praise**

God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power.
Crown thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness;
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage
That we fail not man nor Thee,
That we fail not man nor Thee.

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Song of Praise**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

(Chorus)

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed *(Chorus)*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures *(Chorus)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine *(Chorus)*

The Lord's Prayer / Pastoral 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.

Offertory: Chancel Choir

God's Grace
Arranged by Earlene Rentz

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

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

Sermon: What's So Amazing About Grace?

***Hymn**

Grace Greater than our Sin
Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

(Chorus)

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!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *(Chorus)*

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. (*Chorus*)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? (*Chorus*)

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**All songs covered by CCLI license #1257045
Please enjoy our complementary Wi-Fi at LOPC Public. Password not required.*