

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day
February 6, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Miss Hailey Heinen

Call to Worship: Psalm 150

The Invocation

***Hymn of Praise 460 (vv. 1-3, 6)**

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!

Thro' 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've first begun.

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**

Here I Am to Worship
Light of the world,

You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made
This heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus

So, here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
To the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor. (*Chorus*)

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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To see my sin upon that cross. (*Repeat*)

Chorus

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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: Russ & Jan Murray

Covenant Keeper Melody

***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 Series: Romans: Gospel Partnership
Sermon Text: Romans 5:18-21 (ESV)
Sermon Title: The Reign of Grace II

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are returning to our study in the book of Romans this week, and this week we are looking at the end of chapter five and The Reign of Grace (II). Romans 5 contrasts the first Adam and the consequences of his sin and disobedience with the second and greater Adam, Jesus Christ, and the consequences of his obedience and righteousness. Our thesis is that where the human race fell in Adam, due to Adam's sin, God has done far, far more in the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

The outline we will follow for this particular passage is quite simple. In vv.18-19 we will look at how the reign of grace brings a new status, and in vv.20-21 how the reign of grace is the end of the story. The result of the story is that God in Christ has formed a new humanity, the church, to be a preview society of the coming reign of God. Our job is to make the invisible reign of grace visible by how we live. Our status as justified frees us to be that preview society, living in this present age with the power of the age to come.

Reflection

"Jesus came to announce to us that an identity based on success, popularity, and power is a false identity – an illusion! Loudly and clearly, he says: 'You are not what the world makes you; but you are children of God'." (Henri J.M. Nouwen)

***Hymn 585 (vv. 1-3, 5)**

Take My Life, and Let It Be
Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
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,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

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,
It shall be thy royal throne.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

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