

# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

***The Lord's Day***

**April 23, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Mike Palombo**

**Kairos Announcement: Roger Ervin**

**Prelude: Lynne Fowlkes, flute**

***Lord of the Dance***

*Shaker Tune, arr. by Joel Raney*

**Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:1-6**

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 457**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou fount of ev'ry 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.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring 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 that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring 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.

## **Confession of Sin**

### **Need of Confession: Psalm 25:7,11**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

### **Personal Confession of Sin**

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 32:5**

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## **Song of Praise**

*How Great Is Our God*  
The splendor of the King,  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide;  
And trembles at his voice,  
And trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God!  
Sing with me,  
"How great is our God!"  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

And age to age he stands,  
And time is in his hands;  
Beginning and the End,

Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

(Bridge)  
Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing,  
“How great is our God!”

### **The Lord’s Prayer / Pastoral Prayer**

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
*Hebrew melody, arr. by Joel Raney*

### **Doxology**

*(During this song, children ages 4 thru 2nd grade may go to Children’s Worship)*

***New Life Sermon Series: Romans - Gospel Partnership***  
***Part III: Gospel People (Understanding Grace)***  
**Romans 11:1-6**  
**Pastor Jeff Birch**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? <sup>3</sup>“Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.” <sup>4</sup>But what is God's reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” <sup>5</sup>So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup>But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

### **Hymn 465**

***Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord***  
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)

## **The Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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