



**COVENANT GRACE**  
C O L U M B I A

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

## **Liturgy**

### **Call to Worship**

**God gathers his people to care for them and receive their worship.**

Psalm 103:1-13

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

4 who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

5 who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

6 The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

## **Jesus Firm Foundation**

How firm a foundation,  
you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith  
in His excellent Word.  
What more can He say  
than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge  
to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, He is with us,  
oh be not dismayed  
for He is our God,  
our sustainer and strength.  
He'll be our defender  
and cause us to stand,  
upheld by His merciful  
almighty hand.

How firm our foundation!  
How sure our salvation!  
And we will not be shaken;  
Jesus, firm foundation.

The soul that is trusting  
in Jesus as Lord  
will press on enduring  
the darkest of storm.  
And though even hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
He'll never, no never,  
no never forsake,  
He'll never, no never,  
no never forsake.

Age to age He stands,  
faithful to the end;  
all may fade away,  
but He will remain,

## **The Law of God**

### **God requires righteousness of all people.**

Deuteronomy 6:4–9, 12-15

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. 12 Take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 13 It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— 15 for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God— lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

## **Confession of Sin**

### **God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.**

**Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is true: namely, if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to Heaven and bring our prayer before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. But, O Lord, since you have commanded us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits – of which there are none – but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in your mercy alone. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ**

John 6:37–40 - 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

### **Psalm 46 (Lord Of Hosts)**

O come behold the works of God	O God of Jacob fierce and great
The nations at His feet	You lift Your voice to speak
He breaks the bow	The earth it bows
and bends the spear	And all the mountains
And tells the wars to cease	move into the sea
O Mighty One of Israel	O Lord You know the hearts of men
You are on our side	And still You let them live
We walk by faith	O God who makes
In God who burns	the mountains melt
the chariots with fire	Come wrestle us and win

*Lord of hosts You're with us  
with us in the fire  
With us as a Shelter  
With us in the storm  
You will lead us  
Through the fiercest battle  
Oh where else would we go  
But with the Lord of hosts*

O God who makes  
the mountains melt  
Come wrestle us and win  
O God who makes  
the mountains melt  
Come wrestle us and win

Though oceans roar  
You are the Lord of all  
The One who calms the  
wind and waves  
And makes my heart be still  
Though the earth gives way  
The mountains move into the sea  
The nations rage  
I know my God is in control

### **My Savior Left His Throne Above**

My Savior left his throne above	He kept his Father's every word
Exchanged his wealth for poverty	The Law he followed perfectly
He took my hate and gave his love	So all God's pleasure he secured
All this and more he did for me	All this and more he earned for me
Because he chose the lowly way	Because his righteous life is mine
And bowed before his Father's will	And all his merits now I own
I can with all assurance say	I am a child of God on high
My God is near and loves me still	I am adopted loved and known
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He felt the storms of human pain	When Jesus left his heavenly home
He felt temptation's whelming seas	His face was set on Calvary
He felt the tears of sorrow's rain	The steepest hill he climbed alone
All this and more he felt for me	All this and more he did for me
Because he knows my every strife	Because he died once for all time
And is acquainted with my grief	And bore the curse of death and hell
I can't be shaken in this life	Final forgiveness here is mine
The Friend of Sinners walks with me	So it is finished all is well
The Friend of Sinners walks with me	Yes it is finished all is well

## **Prayer**

**After the Pastor leads us in prayer for our church and community, pray together as Jesus taught us:**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.

## **Sermon - Matthew 12:33-37**

**God proclaims His word to His people.**

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

**God's people confess the faith once for all delivered to the saints.**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ,  
His only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come again to judge the living 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.

\* "catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

## **Nothing But The Blood**

What can wash away my sin?	Nothing can for sin atone:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.	nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?	Naught of good that I have done:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.	nothing but the blood of Jesus.

<i>O precious is the flow</i>	This is all my hope and peace:
<i>that makes me white as snow;</i>	nothing but the blood of Jesus.
<i>no other fount I know;</i>	This is all my righteousness:
<i>nothing but the blood of Jesus.</i>	nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## **The Lord's Supper**

**God gives his people the sign of their New Covenant union with Christ.**

### **Doxology**

**God's people praise Him in light of all they have received.**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

### **Benediction**

**God sends His people out with His blessing.**

Numbers 6:24–26

<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be  
gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give  
you peace.

