



COVENANT GRACE
C O L U M B I A

July 14th 2024

Liturgy

Call to Worship

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

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Amazing Grace

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	<i>My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me 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! Unending love, amazing grace!</i>
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed	
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come 'Tis grace hath 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'd first begun

The Law of God

God requires righteousness of all people.

Confession of Sin

God's people acknowledge their sin before Him.

Matthew 22:37–40

³⁷ "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Merciful Father, if our salvation is something we must maintain, it is as good as lost. Our best days fall so short of your holiness. When we look to ourselves, we see weakness, foolishness, and failure. Our love is cold and self-serving; our obedience is half-hearted and prideful; our faith wavers and is mixed with doubts. So we turn from ourselves to plead Christ. When you look at us, see only Him. See his perfect righteousness that clothes us and his death that secures our pardon. Preserve us in him by your Spirit and bring us safely home. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God shows his people mercy and grace in Jesus Christ

1 John 1:8–2:2 - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God	Sent of heaven God's own Son
By His own betrayed	To purchase and redeem
The sin of man and wrath of God	And reconcile the very ones
Has been on Jesus laid	Who nailed Him to that tree

Silent as He stood accused	Now my debt is paid
Beaten, mocked, and scorned	It is paid in full
Bowing to the Father's will	By the precious blood
He took a crown of thorns	That my Jesus spilled

*Oh, that rugged cross,
my salvation*

Where Your love

poured out over me

Now my soul cries out,

"Hallelujah"

"Praise and honor unto Thee"

Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised

In Tenderness

In tenderness He sought me	He died for me while I was sinning
Weary and sick with sin	Needy and poor and blind
And on His shoulders brought me	He whispered to assure me
Back to His fold again	"I've found thee; thou art Mine"
While angels in His presence sang	I never heard a sweeter voice
Until the courts of heaven rang	It made my aching heart rejoice

Ooh, the love that sought me!

Ooh, the blood that bought me!

*Oh, the grace that brought me to
the fold of God*

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of God*

Upon His grace I'll ponder
And sing anew His praise
With all adoring wonder
His blessings I retrace
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sing His praise

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 13:1-3, 10-17, 34-35
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

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace
of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin
and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's
mount outpoured
There where the blood
of the Lamb was spilt

*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

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

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

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

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.