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Matthew 15:27



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

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*Service Notes: Prayer cards are available in your pews for the sharing of Joys and Concerns. You can give them to Justin Gudel. We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **BOLD**.*

**Indicates when to stand in body or spirit.*

Worship Volunteers: Worship Leader: Justin Gudel – Lay Leader: Pam Callahan – Ushers: Nancy Current, Rachel Lilly, & Bill Werling– Tech: Bill Werling & Kevin Mahoney – Counters: Kevin Mahoney & Jill Werling – Pianist: Sue Creager – Choir Director: Tom Callahan.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship —

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,

With all our heart!

We will sing Your praises before all creation,

And rejoice in Your steadfast love!

You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself,

In You we become everything You have made us to be!

Opening Hymn #649 *“Amazing Grace”*

Call to Confession —

People often ask how to define sin. Sin is simply anything that harms relationships – our relationships with each other, our relationships with our true selves, and our relationship with God. We sin in many ways. Sometimes we sin with our actions, and sometimes we sin with our inaction. Let us pray for all the times we failed to stand up for what is right, failed to protect those who Jesus calls the least of these.

Prayer of Confession —

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

The good news in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment, inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free in grace. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Genesis 45:1-10

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Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. 9 Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. 10 You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Matthew 15:10-28

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10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

13 He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

15 Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

16 “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. 17 “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile

them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

25 The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

26 He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

27 “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

28 Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Sermon

Hearts & Butts

Affirmation 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #836 “*Abide With Me*”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s 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.

Call to Offering

All our faith can be summed up in the law of love for God and one another. We don’t just talk about love here at Grace; we bring it to life in ministry: we offer hospitality, we build community, we act in compassion, we do justice work, and in all these things we worship and love God, and we offer our love to our neighbor. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. We worship you, O Lord with all of our hearts, with all of our minds, with all of our spirits and with all our strength. We offer these gifts as a token of our desire to belong fully to you. Free us, we pray, from the obsession of possession and fill our hearts with the true treasure of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #465 “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Reports Due Wednesday, August 19th:

Sandy Out of the Office: Sandy will be gone August 10th through 16th for a pastoral retreat covering a variety of ministry directives.

Chair Yoga August 20th: The third Thursday of the month is Chair Yoga. This is open to everyone and costs \$5 (which goes for paying the instructor).

Share a Baptism Blessing: On Sunday, August 30, we are excited to celebrate the baptisms of Myles Hochstetler and Rosalind Lilly! Please help us welcome Myles and Rosalind into our church family by writing a brief note of encouragement, a prayer, a blessing, or a favorite Scripture verse.

Blank cards are available in the narthex. After writing your message, please place it in the designated basket. The cards will be presented to each family in a keepsake baptism box as a reminder that Grace Presbyterian surrounds them with love, prayer, and support as they grow in faith.

Please return your card by Sunday, August 23, so we have time to prepare the baptismal keepsake boxes before the celebration.

Fiber Arts Fridays: Do you knit? Crochet? Have another craft you'd like to work on while having some fellowship? Then join us on Fridays, at 11:00 AM, in the conference room.

Prayer Requests

- Peace for the Kachmar family on the passing of Marie.
- Peace for the family of Caroline Janet.
- Strength for Jason, and a speedy workers' comp resolution.
- Peace and strength for Bruce Barnet during cancer treatment.
- Prayers for Phil's wife as she begins cancer care.
- Comfort for Bruce as his body adapts to a new kidney.
- Healing for Jenny, JoAnn's niece, during her cancer treatment.
- Strength and recovery for Sue.
- Guidance for Tammy and her doctors.
- For the people of Colombia rebuilding after the earthquake.

Birthdays

Tamera Menkes - August 19th

Frank Dee Lehman - August 20th

Jon Wolf - August 21st

Bob Fahrenbach - August 24th

Anniversaries

Dr. Rachel & Greg Lilly – August 25th

Worship Volunteers for August 26, 2026

Lay Leader – Cathy German

Ushers – Nancy Current, Rachel Lilly, & Bill Werling

Technology – Bill Werling & Kevin Mahoney

Counters – Kevin Mahoney & Jill Werling

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

AMAZING GRACE

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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Phonetic Transcr. Navaho © Albert Tsosie

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Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

TEXT: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847
 MUSIC: William Henry Monk, 1861

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465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

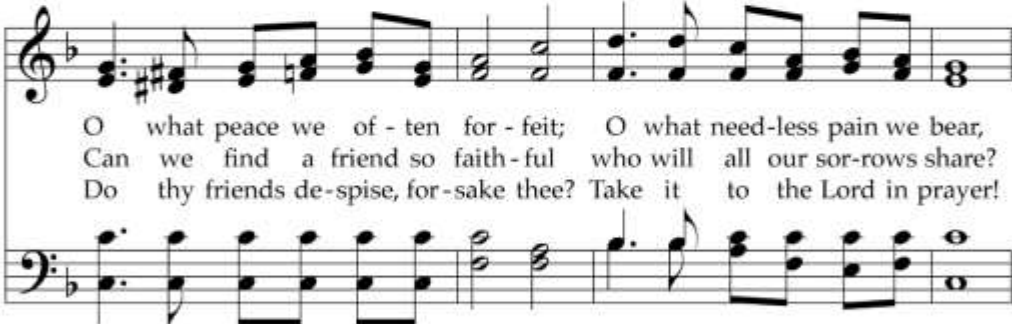
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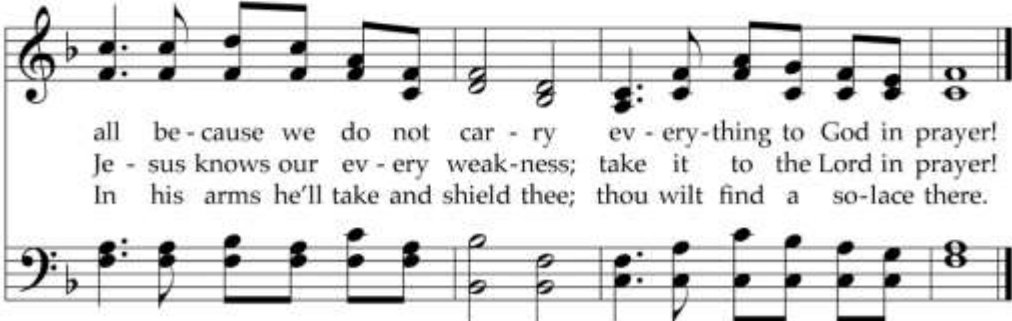
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

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 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868
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