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Kingdom Impact

*Seeking to impact the world for the
Kingdom of God through:*

Establishing Disciples biblically,

Engaging Culture redemptively,

Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.

The Lord's Day

March 22, 2020

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us - for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree" - so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14

PRELUDE

During the prelude selection, prepare for worship by reflecting on Galatians 3:13-14 printed above.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamentations 3:22-26

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

INVOCATION

HYMN

"Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song"

(sheet music pg. 8)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here:
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
all praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

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Covenant's Mission Statement

*Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.*

Covenant's Values

*Covenant is ***biblical*** by affirming the Bible as the
authoritative Word of God,
connectional by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church
in America (PCA),
confessional by adhering to the Westminster Standards,
missional by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and
relational by encouraging families to build community.*

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

(sheet music pg. 9)

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.

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

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?

chorus

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CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus.

We know that all things work together for good for those
who love God, who are called according to
God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor
powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in
all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:1-14

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within;
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God!

written by Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863/tune by Vikki Cook, 1997/CCLI 209271

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, You see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.
We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care.
We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns.
We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts.
We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.
Apart from You, we are nothing.
Only Your grace can sustain us.
Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole.
Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation
now and forever. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT PRAYER)

ASSURANCE of Pardon

Titus 3:5-7

*He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration
and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

HYMN

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
nailed to a cross of wood.

chorus: This the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath
we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
'Finished!' the victory cry.

chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
won through Your selfless love!

Final chorus: This the power of the cross Son of God --- slain for us.
What a love, what a cost we stand forgiven at the cross.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 27:1-13

Now Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep the whole commandment that I command you today. And on the day you cross over the Jordan to the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones and plaster them with plaster. And you shall write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over to enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you. And when you have crossed over the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, concerning which I command you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster. And there you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. You shall wield no iron tool on them; you shall build an altar to the LORD your God of uncut stones. And you shall offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God, and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and shall eat there, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God. And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly."

Then Moses and the Levitical priests said to all Israel, "Keep silence and hear, O Israel: this day you have become the people of the LORD your God. You shall therefore obey the voice of the LORD your God, keeping his commandments and his statutes, which I command you today."

That day Moses charged the people, saying, "When you have crossed over the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. And these shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

SERMON

Pastor Reed

"Covenant Renewal: Curses, Blessings, and the Cross"

HYMN

"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.

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SCRIPTURAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sermon Outline
 "Covenant Renewal: Curses, Blessings, and the Cross"
 Deuteronomy 27:1-13

I. Mt. Ebal and Curses.

II. The Altar and Grace.

III. Mt. Gerizim and Blessings.



THY MERCY MY GOD IS THE THEME OF MY SONG

Words by John Stoker
 Music by Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
 out thy sweet mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I live here; and the

4 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
 cov - e - nant love its of thy cruc - i - fied son; dis -

6 free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness I fall to the ground and
 praise to the spi - rit whose whis - per di - vine seals

8 won he my af - fec - tions and bound my soul
 he weep that for the first made me still a
 mer - cy and praise par - don of the and mer - cy I've
 ness

10 fast. live. found. 2 With 3. Thy

14 mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals

18 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

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GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Words by Julia Johnstone
 Music by Daniel Towner

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord
 2. Sin and de - spair like the sea - waves cold,
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace

3 Grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt
 Threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss
 What can a - veil to wash it a - way?
 Free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve

5 You - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured
 Grace that is great - er, yes grace un - told
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide
 You that are long - ing to see His face

7 There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt
 Points to the re - fuge, the ty - cross
 What - er than snow you may be to - day
 Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

9 Chorus: Grace, grace, God's grace

11 Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in

13 Grace, grace, God's grace

15 Grace that is great - er than all our sin!

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