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**preparing our hearts**

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

– Matthew 19:13-14<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**All:** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

*Leader:* Know that the LORD, he is God!

**All:** **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

– Psalm 100:1-3<sub>ESV</sub>

## HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. \*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

– Psalm 139:23-24<sup>ESV</sup>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Almighty and most merciful Father;**  
**We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**  
**We have offended against your holy laws.**  
**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**  
**And we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**  
**There is no health in us.**  
**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.**  
**Spare those who confess their faults and restore those who are penitent,**  
**According to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**  
**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;**  
**That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**  
**To the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**All:** **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

– Hebrews 4:15-16<sup>ESV</sup>

## AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'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 has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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.

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## Sermon | “Remember Your Baptism”

February 6, 2021

**Genesis 17:1-7, 10-11** <sup>ESV</sup> | 1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” 3 Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4 “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

10 “This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.”

**Galatians 3:26-29** <sup>ESV</sup> | 26 [F]or in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Candidates for baptism** | Clayton Daniel Saye  
Micaiah Walter Flynn  
Luna Alexia Schell  
Eleanor Jean Narwold

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>ESV</sup> | And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**Romans 6:4-5** <sup>ESV</sup> | We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF AN INFANT

1. Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION \*\*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of these children?

## JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. \*

\* *Chorus:*

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. \*

Jesus loves me, loves me still, though I'm very weak and ill;  
From his shining throne on high comes to watch me where I lie. \*

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way:  
If I love him, when I die he will take me home on high. \*

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\* doxology**

**All:        Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
              Praise him all creatures here below;  
              Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
              Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**