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preparing our hearts

The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

– Proverbs 19:23<sup>ESV</sup>

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\*\* call to worship

*Leader:* Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

**All:** Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

*Leader:* Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

**All:** In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

*Leader:* And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

– 1 Chronicles 29:11-13<sup>ESV</sup>

## COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* How excellent is your loving kindness, O God. Your adopted children have put their trust under the shadow of your wings. Satisfy us now with the goodness of your house. In your light make us to see your glory and truth. May your Holy Spirit be with us in prayer and praise, in speaking and hearing from your Holy Word. Bless us with all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ, for his name's sake. Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What is the duty that God requires of man?

**All: The duty God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.**

*Leader:* What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

**All: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.**

*Leader:* Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

**All: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the Ten Commandments.**

*Leader:* What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

**All: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.**

– *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q&A 39-42

## 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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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives; for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land. Though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.

– Adapted from Psalm 37:21-24<sup>ESV</sup>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord, we thank you for generously providing for all our needs.  
We realize, however, that we have become greedy.  
We squander the gifts you've provided,  
And we are more concerned about ourselves than about others.  
We never seem to be satisfied.  
We always want more.  
We keep when we should give, and we take when it belongs to others.  
O Lord, you see our hearts and examine our motives.  
Have mercy on us, for we are ashamed for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive us, cleanse us, and make us new.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

– Jeremiah 33:8<sup>ESV</sup>

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE (PSALM 62)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;  
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me;  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. \*

\* *Chorus:*

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;  
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations;  
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. \*

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;  
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,  
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. \*

O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! \*

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*Leader:* Ephesians 4:25-32  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is 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,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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\*\* passing the peace

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace.*

*If you are joining us from your home, unmute yourself so that you can greet one another.*

*If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ while being careful to practice safe social distancing.*

Series | “The Ten Commandments – Living in Freedom”

Sermon | “The Eighth Commandment: Stop Stealing”

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**Exodus 20:1-17** ESV | 1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**



1. What God forbids
2. What God requires
3. How Jesus changes us

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

– Adapted from Colossians 3:12-14<sub>ESV</sub>

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## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.*

*Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.*

***NOTE TO PARENTS:*** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24<sup>ESV</sup>

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

**All: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. And as this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in this world, bringing all glory and honor to your great Name.**

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.*

## BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as he has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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**\*\* offering  
& song of thanksgiving**

*As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.*

*Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

**ALL MUST BE WELL**

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well  
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well  
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying  
Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

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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.**