

# Sunday Worship

Who? I Am

September 6, 2020

The Gospel &  
Redemption in a Time of  
Exodus

## Live Stream Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Pastors' Moment

##### Welcome/Call to Worship

> *Welcome from Grace Sacramento.*

> *My name is ... Thank you for joining us on the live stream of our worship service this morning.*

(anything personal you want to share)

1. *We want to connect and hear from you. If you're visiting for the first time or are new to Grace, we would love to meet you, help answer any questions, add you to our weekly email or get you connected to our wonderful community. You can find us on our website at [www.wearegracesac.org](http://www.wearegracesac.org). Find the "contact us" tab and tell us how we can care for you and your family.*

2. *If you are in need of material help or prayer or any another kind of assistance, follow the resources button on our website and click on either request prayer or request help.*

3. *If you'd like to give to Grace from home follow the "give" link on the menu for instructions for online giving or where to mail a gift if you'd like. [Pause]*

*This morning, I have the privilege of leading us in the call to worship. The call to worship comes from Colossians 1:15-20. As we read it together, let's look to Jesus and be reminded of His goodness and grace and be encouraged by who He is, the holy and righteous king of Kings.*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.**

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

*Let's continue to worship our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer!*

#### ***This Is Amazing Grace***

V1, V2, C, V3, V4, C, B, C, Ending

***What A Beautiful Name***

V1, C1, V2, C2, Instr., B1, B2, C3, Ending

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## Confession/Assurance

### Prayer of Confession (Based on Matthew 18:15-20)

*New every morning is God's love for us, and so new each day is our opportunity to clean the slate, to make our confession, and to be assured of God's forgiveness and love. After each prayer, I'll say the words, "Lord, in Your mercy." And if you would, please respond with the words, "Forgive us" followed by the words you'll find on your screen, "Teach us . . ." On this new day, let us come to God in prayer.*

Merciful God,  
You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness,  
to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light.  
We confess the times when we have failed,  
giving in to our darker thoughts and desires;  
and acting in ways that do not bring honor to Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**  
**Teach us how to live as children of Light.**

You call us to love one another,  
to put the needs and interests of those around us above our own;  
to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.  
We confess the times when we have failed,  
allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence  
over the needs of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**  
**Teach us how to love as we have been loved.**

You call us to deal honorably with one another,  
even those who have hurt or offended us;  
to work through our disagreements with love and integrity,  
and to build up the Body of Christ.  
We confess the times when we have failed,  
finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships,  
or to talk behind people's backs rather than to their faces.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**  
**Teach us how to live with love and integrity.**

Give us hunger to know You more,  
so that we may do Your will  
and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

### Words of Assurance (Ephesians 4:31-32)

*Church, hear these words of assurance from Ephesians 4:31-32 that also serve as a reminder for why we also should forgive one another.*

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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## Thanks be to God!

### ***Come Thou Fount***

Intro, V1, Interlude, V2, Interlude, V3, Tag

### **Doxology**

### **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

### **Prayers of the People**

(Adapted from prayers by Scotty Smith)

The life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of every human being. Job 12:10

Heavenly Father, because of Your sovereign grip on everything, we can release our white-knuckled grip. Better to raise our hands in praise and surrender, than trying to put our fingers into the domain of Your providence.

We don't have control over the number of our days before You call us Home. But fill the ones You've marked for us with copious amounts of grace from You, trust in You, and love for others.

We don't have control over the pain, disappointments, and feelings people carry in their hearts. But free us to stay present with kindness, resisting the temptation to fix them or withdraw into indifference.

We don't have control over the hearts and choices of our family and friends. But constantly remind us You're the Author of our/their stories, not merely the garbage man who cleans up messes.

We don't have control over circumstances and people that can impact our next season. Over the next few months in our country, our political idols, tribe-love, and other-party-disdain will loom so large, we'll swear You'd vote the way we do, given the chance. Father, forgive us and free us from such nonsense. We don't have control, but You do, and You don't need us as Your consulting partner, coach, or motivator.

We don't have control over the impending election, a safe vaccination, data misrepresentation, or international manipulation. But you do. This doesn't lead to shrugging our shoulders, but bending our knees.

Father, make the good news of the Gospel, fresh news in our midst—the only news worth our attention. Show us so much of the glory and beauty of Jesus, the only possible response will be deep conviction of our sin, tear-laced lamenting of our arrogance, and total abandonment to Your mercy and grace.

Heavenly Father, you have an impeccable “track record” of rescuing, restoring, and renewing Your people. The history of redemption is filled with episodes of Your Spirit and grace at work among those who deserve the opposite. So, we come now to One who shows and offers forgiveness, “Do it again, Lord.” So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' glorious and grace-full name.

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## Artwork Interview

- 1) As you were thinking through the art for this sermon series, what were some of the thoughts you had about design and concepts and themes you wanted to include in your art piece? Can you tell us a little about that process in coming up with the art?
- 2) What medium did you use? What are the materials and why did you settle on these particular media?
- 3) Would you be able to walk us through what we see? Is there a story or a symbolism in it?

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-12

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Exodus 3:1-12. Please read with me the verses in bold.

[1] Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

**[2] And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.**

[3] And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

**[4] When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."**

[5] Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

**[6] And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.**

[7] Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

**[8] and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.**

[9] And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

**[10] Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."**

[11] But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

**[12] He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."**

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

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## TABLE

### *Only A Holy God*

V1, V2, C, V3, C, V4, Cx2

## SENDING

**Benediction**

**Live Stream Closing Video**

**Communion**

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