



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**August 2, 2020** **Communion** **10:00 a.m.**  
**Livestream**

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PRELUDE **“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”** Bouman  
Randy Benfield

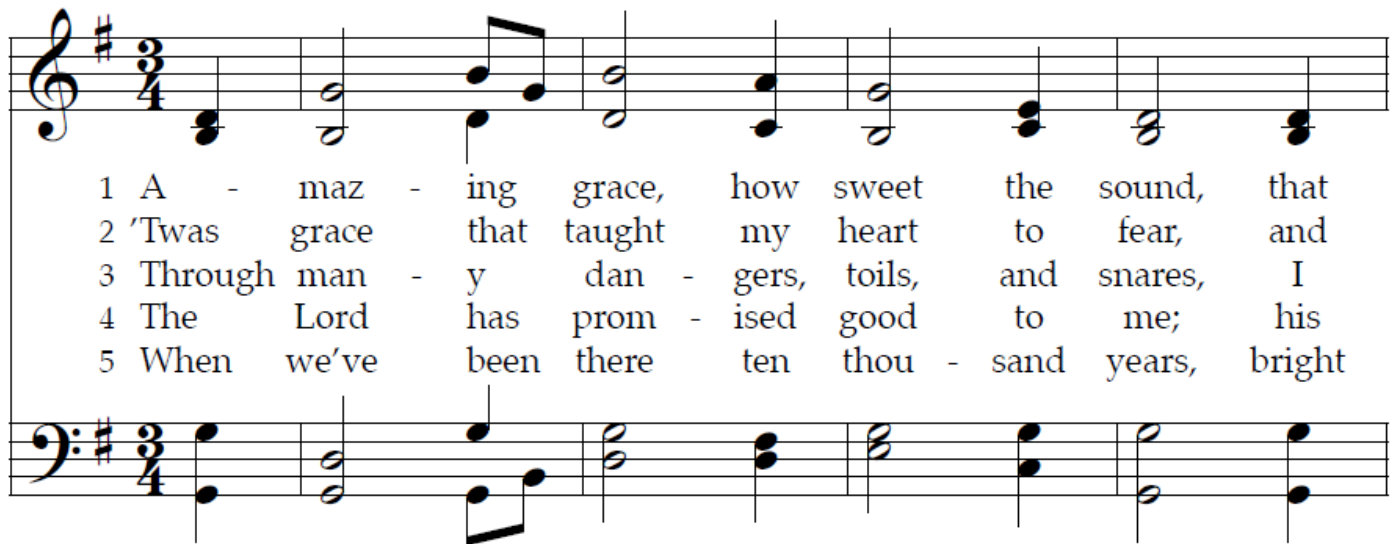
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Keith L. DeVries  
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CALL TO WORSHIP Katie Jordan  
from Psalm 17:1-7

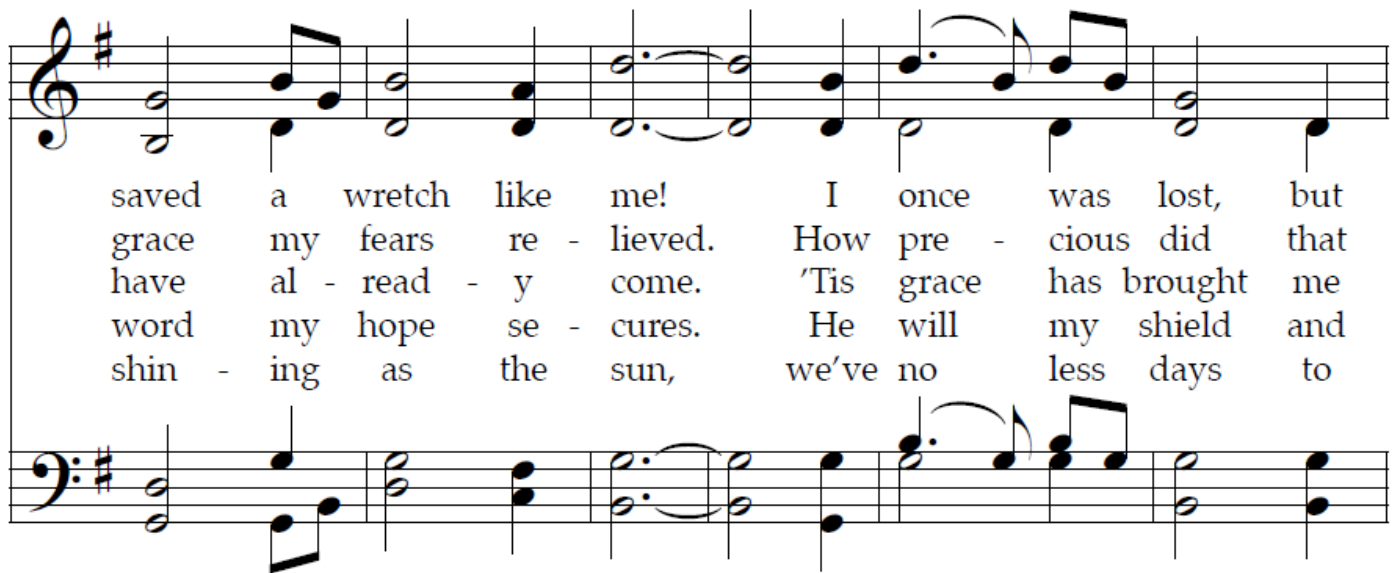
Leader: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

HYMN OF PRAISE **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”** No. 280

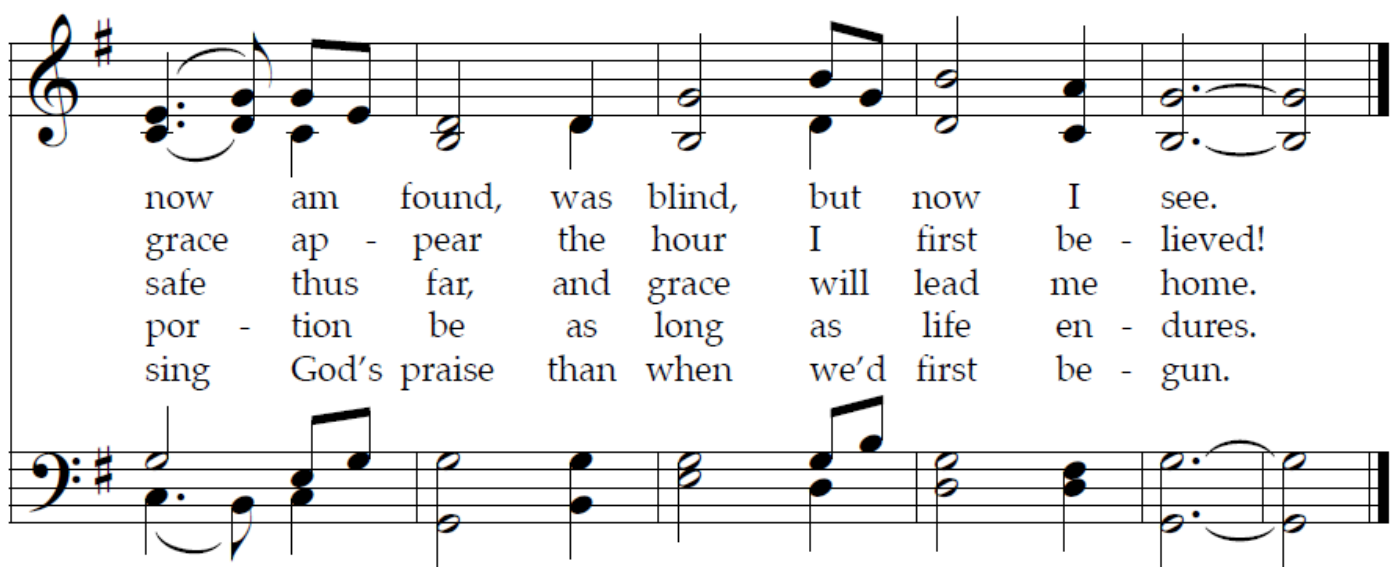
# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



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.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

The Hewitt Family  
from Psalm 145:8-9

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all creation. Confident of this promise, we come before God and one another to confess our sins, repent and seek God's forgiveness.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of abundance and compassion, we confess that when we see the overwhelming needs of your beloved world, we want to turn away, seek our own security and retreat from the chaos all around us. Forgive us for failing to heed Jesus' command to provide for the crowds. Forgive us for hoarding what we have, instead of willingly offering it to you that it might be blessed, multiplied and used to sustain everyone. We know that you are present in seemingly desolate places, meeting us in our doubts, using even our failings and mistakes for your purposes. In your abounding, steadfast love, grant us mercy and make of us a merciful, gracious and faithful people.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Psalm 145:17-18

Leader: The Lord is just in all ways, and kind in all that God does. God is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth. Friends, having called on the Lord in truth, we can trust that God is near, just and kind. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

#### **"The Gloria Patri"**

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### SONG

#### **"Your Grace Is Enough"**

Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God!  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart  
So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, Oh God  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Great is your love and justice, God our maker.  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of our salvation and all Your people sing along  
So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, Oh God  
Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.  
Your grace is enough for me. God, I see  
Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love.  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## SERMON

**God is Still God**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

## SONG

**“Only You Satisfy”**

Smith & Hubbell

Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us

Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us

Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us

Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us

Jesus, open up my heart. Jesus, open up my mind.

Jesus, open up my life. Jesus, 'cause only you satisfy.

You are the Christ, You are the blood, You are the Holy Spirit living in us

You are the truth, You are the life, You are the bread; only you satisfy

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(Place a plate with bread or crackers on a table in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)*

## GOD'S RELENTLESS INVITATION

Pastor : The Holy One be with you.

**People : And also with you.**

Pastor : Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**People: We open our hearts to you, O God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God, our life-breath.

**People: To the One who sustains us, we rejoice in your presence!**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor : With gratitude, O God, we remember that it is through you we are made truly alive. Every creature and creation – the tiny ones, the scaly ones, the human ones, the leafy ones – all that is has been shaped by you. There is nothing on this earth that has not been touched by your Sacred hand. In your love for us, you claim us – individually and as a whole – as your beloveds. You will us for life abundant and you invite us into co-working with you towards a world where harmony among all life is restored.

And yet, daily, we turn away from you and one another. Destructive and divisive powers lure us away from connection and relationship. We forget that we need each other. We pretend that our lives are not deeply entangled. When injustice threatens our neighbors, we too easily cower or hide.

Like those who turned on Jesus when things became too difficult, we too are tempted to desert those most vulnerable.

But you do not abandon us to our fear or sin. In the life of Jesus, Love enfleshed, we are shown that the invitation to join in your work of transforming and healing and restoring is always open. No matter our past. No matter our regrets. No matter the wrong done to us or the wrong we have done to others, you keep calling us back to you.

This relentless invitation of yours that entices with freedom and joy and forgiveness is such a threat to empire that it still attempts to crucify every incarnation of your love today. And so, we are reminded of the example given to us in the person of Jesus.

On the night of his arrest, he gathered around the table with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He did the same with the cup after the supper saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant."

And so in remembrance of the One who never gave up on love, we pray that the Spirit would make us one in our commitment to the liberation of all your creatures and creations. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, that through these ordinary gifts, we might taste a glimpse of your Kingdom. May they be for us a reminder of what we are capable of becoming and what we are capable of accomplishing together. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Break the bread and dip it in the cup. If you are with others, serve one another saying, "This is the bread of heaven. This is the cup of Christ.")*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: God, we give you thanks for this meal that nourishes us, body and soul. May it sustain us as we confront evil that keeps us from living the lives you intended for us and for all your creatures and creations. Until every life can be lived abundantly, be our guide, be our hope, be our comforter. Amen.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Arabesque"**  
Susan Herman, Flute

Debussy

#### OFFERING

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of abundant compassion and extravagant love, we join our hearts and voices in prayer to you, trusting your promise to hear and respond, not as we deserve, but as your mercy dictates. When we look within ourselves, we are chastened by the many ways we fall short of delighting in your law. We heed the advice of the wicked without even recognizing we are neglecting your commandments. We hurt those closest to us, injure those whom you call us to be compassionate toward and dread the consequences of our own behavior. And yet, it is in those dark, lonely places that you appear and bless us, make of us new creations and reshape us for

your divine purposes. We praise you for your unwillingness to let us go and we cling to you now as we wrestle with the chaos within and around us. We rejoice that you are present right here in this place.

God of bread and fish, hillsides and healing, we come to you like the crowds, in need of relief, fearful we do not have enough, eager to see Jesus face to face. We heed his instruction to sit and we cannot believe that the Savior of the world serves us and refuses to send us away. Having been satisfied with the bread of heaven, we ask to be a part of distributing the mercy, grace and justice of our Lord. We know we have been blessed in order to be a blessing to others. In that recognition we remember those in our midst who are hungry. As this pandemic continues and many wrestle with unemployment or underemployment or dangerous employment, grant security in all its forms to those most anxious about their well-being and that of those they love. We know that all around us your beloved children long for healing in body, mind or spirit. We know you see them with compassion and want for them abundant life. May we be conduits for Christ's power, embodying your love to all.

God of blessing and sending, we cannot count all the ways you come to us and give us that which we need. We revel in the beauty of creation. We relish the care of friends and family. We enjoy the taste of food, the voice of a loved one, the familiar melodies of hymns and the everyday mercies that are new every morning. As we sing our praise and express our thanks, we ask you to empower us to participate in your compassionate care for all the earth and every creature upon it. We pray in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray,

**Unison: 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.**

## THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,  
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,  
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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