



Service of Worship July 27 , 2025 9:30am
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

"Grace Flows Down"

as recorded by Shane & Shane

Words and Music by
David E. Bell, Louie Giglio
and Rod Padgett

VERSE

D Bm G2 Asus A D

A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound; a - maz - ing love,

6 Bm G2 Asus A G Asus A

now flow - ing down from hands and feet that were

D D/C# Bm A G Asus A D Dsus

11

nailed to the tree as grace flows down and cov - ers me.

CHORUS

INSTRUMENTAL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Karen Wright

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: While we were still on the sidelines, before we ever stepped up to the plate, God's grace was already at work.

ALL: While we were still sinners, Christ stepped in and gave everything for us.

ONE: Not because we earned it, not because we got it right, but because God is rich in mercy and overflowing in love.

ALL: By grace we have been saved— not by our own doing, but by the gift of God.

ONE: Come, beloved of God — let us worship the One who always brings us home.

All: Thanks be to God — grace bats last, and grace wins the day!

*SONG TO PRAISE

"Flawless"

by Mercy Me

All/Praise Team

*There's got to be more than going back and forth
From doing right to doing wrong 'cause we were taught that's who we are
Come on get in line right behind me -you along with everybody
Thinking there's worth in what you do*

*Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're
on the edge of our seats saying it's too late
Well let me introduce you to amazing grace*

**No matter the bumps, no matter the bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is the cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.**

**No matter the hurt or how deep the wound is,
No matter the pain, still the truth is the cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.**

*Could it possibly be that we simply can't believe
That this unconditional kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this and wrap him up in righteousness
But that's exactly what He did.*

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No matter the scars, still the truth is the cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.**

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No matter the pain, still the truth is the cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.**

*Then like a hero who takes the stage when we're
on the edge of our seats saying it's too late
Well let me introduce you to grace, grace, God's grace.*

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A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is on summer hiatus. Our Nursery welcomes young children, and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Nelson Dixon

Sometimes we run ahead of God's timing. We take risks without listening, steal bases we weren't called to steal, and find ourselves caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. But even then — especially then — God calls us back with mercy. Let us return to God with honesty and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that too often, we try to steal the win on our own. We run when You call us to wait. We act when You ask us to listen. We trust in our own hustle, not in Your grace. And when we get caught — in pride, in fear, in selfishness — we hesitate to return to You. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember that Your love is not earned by clever moves or fast feet, but given freely. Slow us down. Return us to home base, where grace welcomes us every time. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Not because we played a perfect game, but because God's love is greater than our mistakes. By grace you have been saved — this is the gift of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you and all others!**

*SONG OF PEACE

"Trust in You"

by Lauren Daigle

All

Trust In You

Words and Music by
Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren
and Paul Mabury

VERSE 1

♩ = 88

A F#m Bm

1. Let ting go of ev - 'ry sin - gle dream, I lay each one down at Your feet. Ev - 'ry mo - ment of my

VERSE 2

D A

won - der - ing nev - er chang - es what You see. I've tried to win this war, I con - fess.

F#m Bm

My hands are wea - ry; I need Your rest. Might - y war - rior, King of the fight,

CHORUS

D A E

no mat - ter what I face, You're by my side. When You don't move the moun - tains I'm need - ing You to move,

F#m D A E

when You don't part the wa - ters I wish I could walk through, when You don't give the an - swers as I cry out to You,

VERSE 3

F#m D A 2nd time to BRIDGE N.C.

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You. Truth is You know what to -

A F#m Bm

mor - row brings. There's not a day a - head You have not seen. So in all things be my life and breath;

Trust In You - 2

to CHORUS

33 D

I want what You want, Lord, and noth - ing less.

BRIDGE

38 D E

You are my strength and com - fort; You are my stead - y hand.

42 F#m D

You are my firm foun - da - tion, the Rock on which I stand. Your ways are al - ways high - er;

45 E F#m E/G#

Your plans are al - ways good. There's not a place where I'll go You've not al - read - y stood.

CHORUS

49 A E F#m

When You don't move the moun - tains I'm need - ing You to move, when You don't part the wa - ters

51 D A E F#m

I wish I could walk through, when You don't give the an - swers as I cry out to You, I will trust, I will

ENDING

55 D A E F#m D A

trust, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

61 E F#m D A

I will trust in You.

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1–11 (NRSVue)

Ceryl Johnson

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces

hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person, someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SONG TO REFLECT

"Grace Got You"

by Mercy Me

Praise Team

*Have you ever met those who keep hummin' when the song's through?
It's like they're living life to a whole different tune
And have you ever met those that keep hoping when it's hopeless?
It's like they figured out what the rest haven't yet
The second you realize what you have inside
It's only just a matter of time*

*'Til you sing, so the back row hears you~ Glide 'cause walkin' just won't do
once, you don't have to know how to ever since, ever since grace got you
Laugh, 'til your whole side's hurtin'~ Smile, like you just got away with somethin', why?
'Cause you just got away with somethin' ever since, ever since grace got you*

*So when you're standin' in the rain again, you might as well be dancin', why?
'Cause there ain't no storm that can change how this ends
So next time when you feel blue, don't let that smile leave you, why?
'Cause you have every reason just to*

*Sing, so the back row hears you~ Glide 'cause walkin' just won't do
Dance, you don't have to know how to ever since, ever since grace got you
Laugh, 'til your whole side's hurtin'~ Smile, like you just got away with somethin', why?
'Cause you just got away with somethin' ever since, ever since grace got you
Ever since, ever since grace got you grace got you
The second you realize what you have inside
It's only just a matter of time*

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'Cause you just got away with somethin' ever since, ever since grace got you
Grace got you*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:1–10 (NRSVue)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Grace Bats Last”

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“Broken Vessels/Amazing Grace”

by Myrin & Houston

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Words and Music by
Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin

VERSE

♩ = 70

Em G Em G

1. All these piec - es bro - ken and scat - tered, in mer - cy gath - ered, mend - ed and whole. Emp - ty
(2.) fail - ure, You take our weak - ness. You set Your trea - sure in jars of clay. So take this

PRE-CHORUS 1a

5 Em G D Em D C

hand - ed but not for - sak - en. I've been set free, I've been set free. A - maz - ing grace, how
heart, Lord, I'll be Your ves - sel. The world to see Your life in me, oh.

10 D Em C D

sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. Oh, I once was lost but now I am found. Was

CHORUS

15 Em C G D Em

blind but now I see. Oh, I can see You now, oh, I can see the love in Your eyes.

20 C G D 1 Em C

Lay - ing Your - self down, rais - ing up the bro - ken to life.

INSTRUMENTAL 1

(1) Em G Em G 2 Em C

2. You take our bro - ken to life.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

*SONG TO SEND

“Centerfield”

by John Fogerty

*Stand in body or spirit

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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