



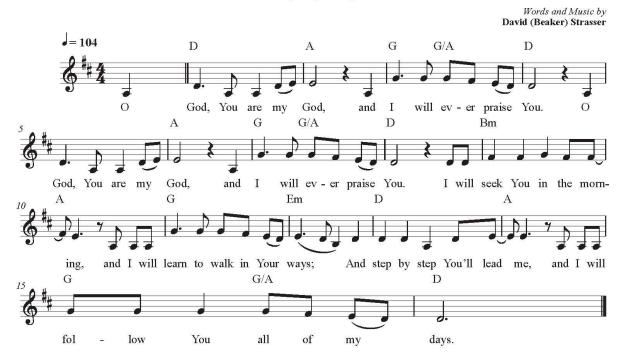
# Service of Worship September 7,2025 9:30am Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship in the Park

**SONGS TO GATHER** 

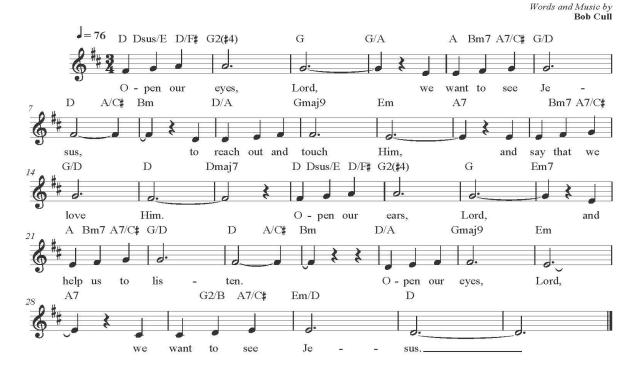
"Step By Step"
"Open Our Eyes"
All

by Strasser by Cull

### Step By Step



### **Open Our Eyes**



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### **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Come, people of God, forgiven and free!

ALL: We come, for God's mercy is wider than the sea.

ONE: We gather to praise the One who does not keep score.

ALL: God forgives, restores, and makes us whole.

ONE: Grace received becomes grace given—

ALL: Let us worship the God of grace together!

SONG OF PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons"

by Myrin & Redman

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman



### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We serve a God whose mercy is new every morning. Yet too often we withhold from others the very grace we have received. Trusting in God's endless compassion, let us confess our sin together.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have poured out grace upon grace in our lives. You forgive our failures, lift us up when we fall, and surround us with steadfast love. Yet we confess that we are quick to hold grudges, slow to forgive, and eager to judge those around us. We hoard your mercy as though it were scarce, forgetting that your love is abundant and overflowing. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven, to love as we have been loved, and to extend grace as freely as you give it. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! As Joseph forgave his brothers, as the king released the debtor, so God forgives us—completely and forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Grace received becomes grace given. 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 PRAISE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" by Akers

### **Sweet Sweet Spirit**

Words and Music by Doris Akers VERSE Е E/G# E/G# C#m B E E9/D C#7 C#7/E# F#m E/G# A6 1.There's Spir - it I a sweet, sweet in this place, and know that it's the 2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you know Him His 3. If Не saved you from your sin; Now you're weak, you're bound and you say A/E B7 E/G# A E/G# C#m B E E9/D C#7/E# Spir - it of the Lord. There I pres - sions on each face, and are sweet ex full - ness and be - lieve. prof - it when you say, "I You're the one to am can - not en - ter in. You can make it right if you will yield; You'll en -CHORUS В7 F#m E/G# A6 E/B Ε A/E Е Е A/E E A/E know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly going to walk with Je - sus all the way.". the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. Е B7 F#7 A/E E/B Ε G#7/D# C#m Dove, stay right here with us, fill - ing us with Your love. for these bless - ings And we Е G#7/D# A F#/A# E/B B∦° C#m C#m/B A F#/A# E/B B#° C#m C#m F#m praise. With - out a lift our hearts in doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when E6/B B7 Е E/B A/B

place.

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### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21 (CEB)

When Joseph's brothers realized that their father was now dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us, and wants to pay us back seriously for all of the terrible things we did to him?" So they approached Joseph and said, "Your father gave orders before he died, telling us, 'This is what you should say to Joseph. "Please, forgive your brothers' sins and misdeeds, for they did terrible things to you. Now, please forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God."" Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers wept too, fell down in front of him, and said, "We're here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I God? You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he's doing today. Now, don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." So he put them at ease and spoke reassuringly to them.

SONG TO REFLECT

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Towner

### **Grace Greater Than Our Sin**



### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

### Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?"

Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

"When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'

"Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. "When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn't you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don't forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

# Holy Wisdom, Holy Words Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Grace. Pass It On" 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 "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Traditional

### Give Me Oil In My Lamp



King!

ho - san - na to

Sing

ho - san - na,

sing

ho - san - na,

sing

### **CLOSING SONG**

## "Amazing Grace"

by Walker & Excell

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### **Amazing Grace**



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# **Upcoming Events and Services**

(Save these dates)

### **Generosity Town Hall**

Stewardship Stories & Scrambled Eggs "Sharing a meal, sharing our mission" (Brunch following worship)

Sunday, September 14, 10:30am
RSVP by September 7 at <a href="mailto:gcpc.org/eggs">gcpc.org/eggs</a>

### **Weekend Crafters Mini-Retreat**

Friday, October 3, 6-8pm Details and Registration at gcpc.org/crafters

### Fall BBQ w/Dixieland Band

Saturday, October 4, 5pm

### **World Communion Sunday**

Sunday, October 5, 9:30am

### **CROP Walk**

October 12, 2pm

#### Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, 11:45am-1pm

# Intergenerational Friendship Bracelet Making Party

Saturday, November 15, 1-3:30pm Heartland Hall

RSVP at gcpc.org/friendship

### **Advent Begins**

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am

### A Christmas Exclamation!

Sunday, December 7, 6pm

### The Longest Night

Sunday, December 21, 7pm

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

Wednesday, December 24, 5pm and 8pm

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### **Bingo Night**

Friday, January 23, Time TBA

# Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

### Palm Sunday

March 29, 9:30am

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2

### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 3

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5

### **Trivia Night**

Saturday, April 18, Time TBA



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