



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

*Words and Music by
David (Beaker) Strasser*

♩ = 104

D A G G/A D

O God, You are my God, and I will ev - er praise You. O

A G G/A D Bm

God, You are my God, and I will ev - er praise You. I will seek You in the morn -

A G Em D A

ing, and I will learn to walk in Your ways; And step by step You'll lead me, and I will

G G/A D

fol - low You all of my days.

Open Our Eyes

Words and Music by
Bob Cull

♩ = 76 D Dsus/E D/F# G2(#4) G G/A A Bm7 A7/C# G/D

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -

7 D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj9 Em A7 Bm7 A7/C#

sus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we

14 G/D D Dmaj7 D Dsus/E D/F# G2(#4) G Em7

love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord, and

21 A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj9 Em

help us to lis - ten. O - pen our eyes, Lord,

28 A7 G2/B A7/C# Em/D D

we want to see Je - - sus.

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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

CHORUS 1a

$\text{♩} = 73$

F C G/B Am F C Gsus G

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like

VERSE 1

F Am F G Am F G F/C C F/C C F C

nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. 1. The sun comes up, it's a
2. You're rich in love and You're

G Am F C G Am F C G Am

new day dawn - ing, it's time to sing Your song a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all your good-ness, I will keep on sing-ing;

F C Gsus G C F/C C D.S. al Coda

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. Bless the
Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find.

F/C C

21

VERSE 2

F C G Am F C G Am F C

- d ness, I will -

G/B Am F C Gsus G C F/C

27

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

E E/G# A E/G# C#m B E E9/D C#7 C#7/E# F#m E/G# A6



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I know that it's the
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you know Him in His
3. If you say He saved you from your sin; Now you're weak, you're bound and

E/B B7 E A/E E E/B B7 E E/G# A E/G# C#m B E E9/D C#7 C#7/E#



Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
full - ness and be - lieve. You're the one to prof - it when you say, "I am
can - not en - ter in. You can make it right if you will yield; You'll en -

CHORUS

F#m E/G# A6 E/B B7 E A/E E E 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." _____
joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel. _____

E G#7/D# C#m F#7 B7 E A/E E E/B



Dove, stay right here with us, fill - ing us with Your love. And for these bless - ings we

E G#7/D# C#m A F#7/A# E/B B#7 C#m C#m/B A F#7/A# E/B B#7 C#m F#m



lift our hearts in praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have been re - vived when

E/B E6/B A/B B7 E



we shall leave this place. _____

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

Words by
Julia Harriette Johnston

Music by
Daniel Brink Towner

VERSE

F C7 Dm C/E F C7 F C F/C

() () ()

1. Mar ve - lous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex -
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold, threat - en the
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide; What can a -
 4. Mar ve - lous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be -

C7 F Bb/F F C7 Dm C/E F C7

() () ()

ceeds our sin and our guilt; Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out -
 soul with in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er, yes, grace un -
 vail to wash it a - way? Look, there is flow - ing a crim - son
 stowed on all who be - lieve; You that are long - ing to see His

CHORUS

Dm Bb F/A Gm7 F/A Bb F/C C F F

() ()

12 poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace;
 told, points to the ref - uge, the might - y Cross.
 tide; Whit - er than snow you may be to - day.
 face, will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

Bb/F F C7 F Bb/F F

()

19 God's grace. Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in. Grace,
 Bb/F F Bb F/A Gm7 F/A Bb F/C C F

() ()

26 grace; God's grace. Grace that is great - er than all 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”
All


Traditional

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Words and Music:
Traditional


VERSE

D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/D G D D/C# Bm D/A



1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing; Give me oil in my lamp, I
 2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me prais - ing; Give me joy in my heart, I
 3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me rest - ing; Give me peace in my heart, I
 4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing; Give me love in my heart, I


4 G E/G# A7 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/D G D D/A A



pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing; Keep me burn - ing till the break of
 pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me prais - ing; Keep me prais - ing till the break of
 pray. Give me peace in my heart, keep me rest - ing; Keep me rest - ing till the break of
 pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing; Keep me serv - ing till the break of


CHORUS

8 D D G A7 D/F# G D/F# D



day. Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King of kings!
 day.
 day.
 day.

13 G A7 D



Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King!

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Amazing Grace" All

by Walker & Excell

Amazing Grace

Words by
John Newton
and John P. Rees

Music by
William W. Walker
and Edwin Othello Excell

VERSE

A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -
The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His Word my hope se -
Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y
Yea when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mor - tal life shall
When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing as the

7 F/A F F/A Bb F F/A Dm

me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but
lieved; How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour I
cures; He will my shield and por - tion be, as long as
come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will
cease; I shall pos - sess with - in the veil, a life of
sun; We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we

14 F/C C7 F

now I see.
first be - lieved!
life en - dures.
lead me home.
joy and peace.
first be - gun.

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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 gcpc.org/eggs

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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