

*The Lord is
GRACIOUS,
and full of
COMPASSION;
slow to anger,
and of great mercy.*

Psalm 145:8

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Gardeners know the importance of good root development before leaves & flowers emerge. So, too, our life in God should be deeply rooted and grounded before we presume to produce flowers & fruits; lest we risk shooting up into one of those lanky plants which can never do without a stick. (C. Spurgeon)

LET US WORSHIP

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW** (stand in body or spirit & sing)

***PSALM 145** (NIV ~ all read the bold)

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and filled with kindness.*

The Lord is loving to everyone and has compassion over all he created.

**The Lord upholds all who fall,
and lifts up those who are weighed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon the Lord who gives food in due season.

**You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

*The Lord is near to all who call upon him
and holds near all those who love him.*

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all bless his holy name forever.**

***HYMN 69 "I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY"**

~ Share the Peace of Christ ~

*Welcome & Announcements
Children's Time with the Pastor*

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah (55:1-5, NIV)

*“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Why
spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on
what doesn’t satisfy?”*

*“Listen to me and eat what is good, and you will delight in
the richest of fare. Give ear, and listen that you may live.*

*“I will make an everlasting covenant with you, as my
faithful love promised to David who has become a witness to
the people. Surely you will summon nations you do not know,
and nations will come running to you because of the Lord, your God.”*



A TIME OF CONFESSION *(all read the bold)*

*God of love, through your covenant you blessed us beyond measure
and have showered us with abundance, not always visible, but always present.*

*So when asked how we maintain faith in chaos and turmoil, we say ~
with five loaves of love and two fish of courage.*

*When asked how we stand against a tyrant ~
with five loaves of wisdom and two fish of hope.*

*When asked how we left an abusive relationship ~
with five loaves of courage and two fish of grit.*



*When asked how we stumbled through recovery ~
with five loaves of forward and two fish of faith.*

*When asked how we fed the hungry
and clothed the impoverished ~
with five loaves of unselfishness, and grace provided.*

*God of mercy and compassion, you have showered us with
blessings and abilities we tend to forget we have. **Forgive us.***

*All sing “**Take, O Take Me As I Am**” (hymn #698, or on the screen)*

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & PARDON . . . And all say: Thanks be to God.

WE AFFIRM OUR FATH *(screen)*

MenSING!

“Amazing Grace”

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

Matthew 14:13-21

The Word of God is Opened to Us

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HYMN 498 “LOAVES WERE BROKEN”

(remain seated to sing v. 1, 3, 4)



A TIME OF PRAYER

concluding with THE LORD’S PRAYER (screen)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

A follower of Jesus once wrote:

*‘Think what kind of people you are whom God has called:
not many wise by human standards, not many powerful or of noble birth.
Yet to shame the wise, God has chosen what the world counts foolish;
and to shame the strong, God has chosen what the world counts weak.’*

*It is not for our virtue that we are here.
It is not for who we are that we are called to this table.
It is only for one reason - that God wants us.*

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you ~ **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts ~ **we lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God ~*

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

*It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return.*

*You conceived the universe and hold all life in your hand.
You watch us waking or sleeping; you keep every tear we shed,
and hear every prayer we make, and you will not let us go.*

*So with rain, wind, and sunshine; with all that moves in time with its Maker,
we join with angels and archangels, with saints from long ago,
and with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, and sing ~*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!



*Blessed is he who was born among us without privilege or status,
who told the deepest truths in ordinary language, who touched and healed,
blessed and disturbed without fear or favor, and showed inclusive love.
For all this, he was crucified, died and was buried, and for us, he rose again and is among us now.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art! How great thou art!
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THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

(An usher will direct you to the front to receive the bread & cup (gluten-free bread is available). Please discard the cup in the receptacles at the end of the front rows as you return to your seat. If you prefer to be served in your pew, let the usher know.)



***HYMN 839 "BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE"** (stand in body or spirit & sing v.1 & 3)

***BENEDICTION**

~ Join us for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall ~



**The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by
Josie and Raz Collier in celebration of Megan's birthday!**



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