



Knowing Jesus Christ

Growing in grace

Going into the world with hope

"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people."

I Timothy 4.10

Sunday Service Times:

Adult & Children's Sunday School: 9:15 – 10:05am
Worship Service: 10:30 – 11:45am

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Song of Gathering

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A Debtor to Mercy Alone

Words by Augustus Toplady, 1771, Music by Kevin Twit, 1998

A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

*The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.*

My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven.

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Galatians 1.3-5

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.*

Call to Worship

Ephesians 1.3-10

Leader: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*

People: **In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight*

People: **Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words by John Newton, 1779, Music by Chris Tomlin, Public Domain

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

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

(Chorus)
*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love Amazing Grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
is word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

(Chorus)
*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love Amazing Grace*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbears to shine;
But God, who call'd me here below,
Will be for - ever mine
Will be for - ever mine

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872, Music by Christopher Miner, 1997

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand

Women:

The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land

Men: The shadow in a weary land

Women:

A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way

Men: A home, a rest, upon the way

From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see

Women:

The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me

Men: The very dying One for me

Women:

And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess

Men: And from my heart, I confess

The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place

Women:

I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face

Men: I ask, no other than His face

Women:

Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss

Men: Content to know, no gain nor loss

My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Song of Thanksgiving

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Words by Horatius Bonar, 1889, Music by Kevin Twit, 1998

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one lay down,
Your head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in Him my resting place,
And He has made me glad.

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
From that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
'Til pilgrim days are done.

Prayer for the Kingdom

Sermon

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The Conversion of Saul: An Unexpected Answer to Prayer
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Celebration of Communion

Song of Meditation

God Be Merciful to Me

Words by Richard Redhead, Music by Christopher Miner, 1997

God be merciful to me on Thy grace, I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within
Cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless, I, Thy mercy trust

I am evil born in sin, Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust, By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins, oh, hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace

Song of Response

And Can It Be

Words by Charles Wesley, 1738, Music by Thomas Campbell, 1825

And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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*'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, Let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace
 Humbled Himself so great His love,
 And bled for all His chosen race:
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me!
 Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
 Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
 Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Benediction

| Calendar for this Week: | | |
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| Today | 9:15am | Sunday School |
| | 10:05am | Fellowship & Refreshments |
| | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 12:30pm | Potluck Picnic @ Autumn Ridge Park |
| | 6:00pm | Woods Care Group, 6 Mt. Ararat Rd. (Rob & Karen, 659-3248) |
| Monday | 7:00pm | Murphy Care Group, 21 Kimmer Ct (James & Katie, 752-6118) |
| Thursday | 10:30am | Play group @ Smith Lake Park Playground 370 Doc Stone Rd. (Amy 720-4089) |
| | 7:00pm | Praise Team Practice (Pete Griffin, 286-1821) |

Upcoming Events:

- Every 2nd Thursday** Prayer and Praise @ Griffins, 7pm
- Every 4th Thursday** Prayer @ Chapman's, 7pm
- July 9** Backyard Bible Club planning meeting @ Bailey's, 7pm
- August 4-8** Backyard Bible Club @ Wright's, 9am-noon
- August 11-15** Backyard Bible Club @ Griffin's/Murphy's 9am-noon

Nursery Schedule: (Katie Murphy, 752-6118)

- June 29** Sunday School: J. Jany/K. Murphy/S. Griffin
Worship: P. Griffin/A. Best/S. Gensimore
- July 6** Sunday School: J. Jany/S. Turner/K. Murphy
Worship: A. Bailey/M. Wright/R. Bailey

Birthdays this week: 6/29 – Karen Benke, 7/5 – Pam Griffin

Sermon

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The Conversion of Saul: An Unexpected Answer to Prayer

Pursuing an enemy (v1-9)

Saul pursues Jesus

Jesus pursues Saul

Confronting a former enemy (v10-19)

Jesus confronts Ananias

Ananias confronts Saul

Receiving a new ally... sort of (v20-31)

Saul accomplishes what he set out to... sort of

Saul received in Jerusalem... sort of

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church. Note: Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church uses wine in this celebration. If, whether for reasons of health or conscience, you prefer grape juice it is provided in the outer ring of cups.

Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing

If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen. (If you are praying this today for the first time, please touch base with the Pastor after the service).

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.