

## Guide for Home Worship

November 15, 2020

### Opening Prayer

*(select someone from your group to open your service in prayer)*

### Call to Worship

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (ESV)*

LEADER: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

CONGREGATION: *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;*

LEADER: That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation

CONGREGATION: *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.*

LEADER: We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

CONGREGATION: *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### Songs and Liturgy

*(sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)*

#### I STAND AMAZED

(Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, 1856-1932)

I stand amazed in the presence,  
of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
and made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
and suffered and died alone.

(CHORUS)

CHORUS:  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden,  
He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
but sweat-drops of blood for mine.

(CHORUS)

He binds up the broken hearted,  
brings honor to those with shame.  
The unclean he graciously cleanses,  
the outcast receives his embrace.

(CHORUS)

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## AMAZING GRACE

(John Newton, 1779)

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

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## Prayer Time

*(You may have an open time of prayer or select someone to pray)*

- Pray for our nation – that the good news of Jesus Christ would draw people to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those suffering from the ongoing spread of the coronavirus.
- Pray for those experiencing racial injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

## Listen to Sermon

**“Knowing God in His Grace”**

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

**Matthew 5:43-48, Titus 3:4-7, Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)**

*Matthew 5*

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

*Titus 3*

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Romans 3*

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## *Ephesians 2*

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **Confession of Faith**

LEADER: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

*CONGREGATION: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

LEADER: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

*CONGREGATION: First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.*

## **Sharing Time**

*(have everyone share one thing that struck them from the sermon)*

## **Closing Meditation**

*adapted from Psalm 136*

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

*PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: To him who alone does great wonders,  
to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
to him who spread out the earth above the waters.

*PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: To him who made the great lights,  
the sun to rule over the day,  
the moon and stars to rule over the night.

*PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: To him who divided the Red Sea in two,  
who overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
who led his people through the wilderness

*PEOPLE: For his steadfast love endures forever.*

LEADER: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
and rescued us from our foes,  
he who gives food to all flesh,

*PEOPLE: Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

## **Benediction**

*(The leader or individual should read this aloud relishing in the confident assertion that Christ has conquered.)*

*Luke 12:29-32*

LEADER: Do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

*PEOPLE: Amen!*