



For by  
**GRACE**  
you have been saved through  
**FAITH**  
and that not of yourselves; it is the  
**gift** of  
**God**  
**NOT** of WORKS  
that no one would boast

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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# Welcome and Greeting

*Please Stand*

## Call to Worship

P God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

C **We will not fear though the earth gives way!**

P The Lord of hosts is with us;

C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P Behold the works of the Lord, “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*sts. 1–4*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Confession of Sin

P Today as we remember God's call to the church to be reformed, we recognize our own need for reformation in our life. We have not loved the Lord with our whole heart, nor have we loved others with the kind of love we have received. God calls us to repent and promises us hope as we do. So, we pause now to reflect on our personal need for forgiveness once more before we pray together.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Prayer of Confession:

P Heavenly Father,

**C Too often we have failed to be honest about our own sin. We have pointed our fingers at others to shift the blame or duck our responsibility. We have failed to love you or those around us. We have not thought your thoughts, spoken your words, or taken action as you did to share your love. We have lived as slaves to sin instead of the children you call us to be in Christ. We ask you to forgive us and renew us by your Holy Spirit. For the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Faith

P Sisters and brothers, God has heard our prayer and has forgiven us all our sins! God gave us his only son, Jesus to save us and for his sake we are redeemed. We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. It is with great joy that I have the privilege to announce God's forgiveness to you today, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen! Thank you, Lord! We are forgiven!**

*Please be seated*

**Hymn of Praise Video: " I Am Redeemed" by Big Daddy Weave**

## Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated*

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 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— 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. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

### **John 8:31-36**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

*sts. 1, 4-6*



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,  
5 I am trust-ing Thee for pow - er; Thine can nev - er fail.  
6 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus; Nev - er let me fall.



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
Words which Thou Thy - self shalt give me Must pre - vail.  
I am trust - ing Thee for - ev - er And for all.

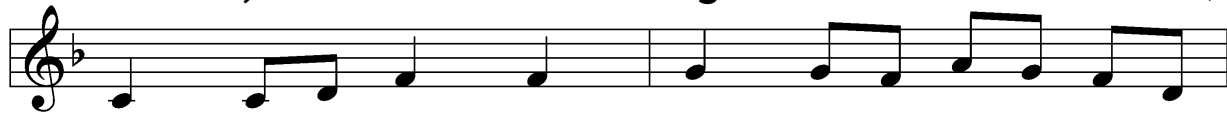
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**SERMON: EVERYONE IS A GIFT (EPHESIANS 2:1-10)**

Please Stand

## 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

sts. 1, ref, 2, 4



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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## Prayer of the Congregation

A Lord, in Your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa - ther which art in Hea - ven hal - low - ed be Thy name.



Thy king - dom come Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Hea - ven.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread and for - give us our debts as we for - give our  
 debt - ors and lead us not in to temp - ta - tion but de - li - ver us from e - vil for  
 Thine is the King - dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry for - e - ver A - men

*Please remain standing*

### Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

**Video During Communion: "How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art" by CeCe Winans**

### Continuous Distribution by Pastor

*(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)*

### All Receive the Sacrament together

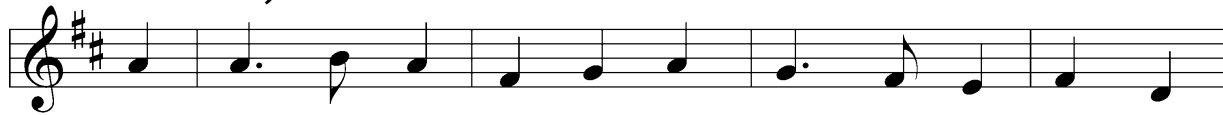
*(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)*

### 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt  
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is  
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -  
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -  
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.  
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

## Benediction

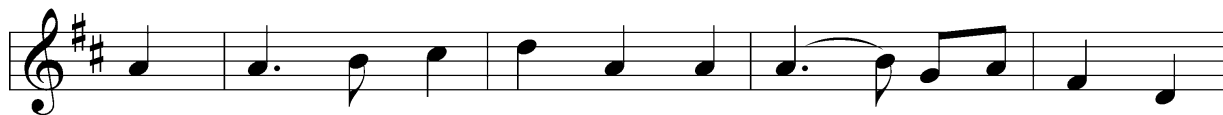
### 785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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## Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated and please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.*



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