

PRELUDE

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name/ arr. M Hayes

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Lead Me Lord/Day by Day/ arr. L. Bergquist

WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Ephesians 2:4-10, 3:20-21 (NIV)

Leader: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions.

People: **It is by grace you have been saved.**

Leader: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

People: **It is by grace you have been saved.**

Leader: In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

People: **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.**

Leader: And this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

People: **It is by grace you have been saved.**

Leader: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

People: **Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 345

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

from *The Valley of Vision*

Unison: O GOD OF GRACE,

Thou hast imputed my sin to my substitute,
and has imputed his righteousness to my soul,
clothing me with a bridegroom's robe,
decking me with jewels of holiness.

But in my Christian walk I am still in rags;

my best prayers are stained with sin;

my penitential tears are so much impurity;

my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin;

my receiving the Spirit is stained with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance;

I need my tears to be washed;

I have no robe to bring to cover my sins,

no loom to weave my own righteousness;

I am always standing clothed in filthy garments,

and by grace am always receiving change of raiment,

for thou dost always justify the ungodly;

I am always going into the far country,

and always returning home as a prodigal,

always saying, Father, forgive me,

and thou art always bringing forth the best robe.

Every morning let me wear it,

every evening return in it,

go out to the day's work in it,

be married in it,

be wound in death in it,

stand before the great white throne in it,

enter heaven in it shining as the sun.

Grant me never lose sight of

the exceeding sinfulness of sin,

the exceeding righteousness of salvation,

the exceeding glory of Christ,

the exceeding beauty of holiness,

the exceeding wonder of grace.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly
to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Psalm 31: 1-2 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT Dr. Stephen & Susan Beck, video

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *Gather by the River to Pray/* arr. P. Choplin

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

II Corinthians 12:8-10 (NIV)

⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power
is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more
gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults,
in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak,
then I am strong.

SERMON

Beautiful Grace in Weakness

Rev. Eric Noll

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **676** *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

Toddler class through 5th grade dismissed to the 3rd floor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Have Thine Own Way, Lord/ arr. T. Smith