

\* **Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 124 and James 5*  
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!  
**Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!**  
Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.  
**We come with songs of praise,  
with prayers too deep for words.**  
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!  
**Blessed be the Lord!**

### \* **God's Greeting**

#### \* ***Bless the Lord, O My Soul***

*Refrain:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

#### \* ***What a Beautiful Name***

You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God, the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation,  
Now revealed in You our Christ.  
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this,  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater,  
What could separate us now.  
What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this,  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
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\* join us in standing if able

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against,  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

#### \* ***O God, You Are My God***

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!  
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You!  
I will seek You in the morning,  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow You all of my days.

### **GEMS Litany**

Leader: God is the Fount of every blessing. He gives life,  
breath, and everything else. And of all the good gifts  
God gives, Jesus is our greatest blessing!

GEMS: *Look up! Bless God by thanking Him for your blessings.*

Congregation: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within  
me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits** (Ps. 103:1-2).

Leader: God blesses us so that we will be a blessing. We are  
blessed in Christ so that all peoples will come to Him!

GEMS: *Reach out! Bless others by speaking blessings.*

Congregation: **The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord  
make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace**  
(Numbers 6:24-26).

GEMS: *Reach out! Bless others by sharing your blessings.*

Congregation: **And God is able to bless you abundantly,  
so that in all things at all times, having all that you  
need, you will abound in every good work** (2 Cor 9:8).

ALL: **We will abound in all that is good by blessing God  
with thankfulness and blessing others with genuine  
love and care so that all peoples can know Him, too.**

### **GEMS Year-in-Review**

### ***Make Me a Blessing***

#473:1,3 (HFG)

Out in the highways and byways of life,  
Many are weary and sad.  
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
Making the sorrowing glad.

*Refrain:* Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,  
Out of my life may Jesus shine;  
Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray,  
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Give as 'twas given to you in your need;  
Love as the Master loved you.  
Be to the helpless a helper indeed;  
Unto your mission be true. *Refrain*

### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Because He Lives (Amen)*

#### **Offering:** GEMS

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's  
Church in the Ed. Building while the offering is received.)

### **Morning Prayer**

#### \* ***Blessed Be Your Name***

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where your streams of abundance flow;  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be your name.

*Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be."  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be your name. *Refrain*

\* **Scripture:** *II Corinthians 9:8-11 (ESV)* pg. 1213

<sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *The Gospel of God's Abounding Grace*

\* **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** #486:1,3 (PH)

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount – I'm fixed upon it –  
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for thy courts above.

\* **God's Blessing**

\* **We Receive Your Blessing**

We receive Your blessing, we receive Your grace,  
As we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him, above You heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and praise the Holy Ghost.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

## **The Gospel of God's Abounding Grace** *II Corinthians 9:8-11*

# GEMS Sunday



*And God is able to bless you abundantly,  
so that in all things at all times,  
having all you need,  
you will abound in every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:8

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary. The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Congregational Prayer: Ron K

GEMS Year in Review & Prayer: Alivia B, Kaelyn H

Music: Paul, Sharon, & Emily A, Tessa B,

Ella M, Ken & Lisa Q, Madison R

Offering: GEMS is a ministry to 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls in First church and to this community and is led by several other women in the congregation.

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