

* **Call to Worship: *Come, People of the Risen King***

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all!” *Refrain*

* **God's Greeting**

* **Our Church**

Here we are now, a crowd assembled,
Peace like incense fills the air.
Men and women, the sounds of children,
Young and old have come to share.
In the beauty of this place,
We have gathered by His grace.

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith,
On this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
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Walls are falling, hearts disarming
As his presence ushers in.
Waves of mercy fill the building
As His Spirit stirs within.
In the beauty of this place,
We have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* ***I Come to the Cross***

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.
Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

Call to Confession: *from Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
**Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.**
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we are reminded this morning that we are
dust. You know our brokenness, our frailties. We bring
them before you this morning, trusting in you to bring
forgiveness and healing.
We confess that sometimes we simply don't trust you
with our lives, and the lives of those we love.
We confess our unbelief of the promises in your Word
that your grace really is sufficient for us.
We confess our sins, the times we have willingly gone against
your good will for our lives, choosing that which is wrong.
We confess that there are times we ignore the promptings
of your Spirit, and fail to do the good deeds you have
prepared for us to do.
Forgive us, Lord, and continue to shape us by your grace.
We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

Assurance: *Ephesians 2:4-9; Psalm 103:12; Micah 7:18-19*

Not What My Hands Have Done #260:2 (PH)

Your voice alone, O Lord, can speak to me of grace;
Your power alone, O Son of God, can all my sin erase.
No other work but yours, no other blood will do;
No strength but that which is divine
Can bear me safely through.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Lighthouse Mission

Morning Prayer

* ***Teach Me, O Lord, Your Way of Truth*** #276:4,5 (PH)

Your wondrous testimonies, Lord,
My soul will keep and greatly praise;
Your word, by faithful lips proclaimed,
To simplest minds the truth conveys.

I thirst for you commandments, Lord,
And for your mercy press my claim;
O look on me and show the grace
Displayed to all who love your name.

* **Scripture:** *Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)* pg. 1225

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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—
³ 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. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the
great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were
dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with
Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us
up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he
might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you
have been saved through faith. And this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that
no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Grace or Merit? Grace Alone*

Prayer

* **Grace Alone**

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith;
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine;
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies;
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach;
Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away;
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Not What My Hands Have Done** #260:3 (PH)

I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.

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

Prayer: Dustin H, Patrick J

Music: Ken & Lisa Q

Offering: Lighthouse Mission Ministries is a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923; it is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children. For more information, visit www.thelighthousemission.org.

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Grace or Merit? Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:1-10

Luther and grace.

Ephesians 2:1-3, We are dead, defiant, doom.

Ephesians 2:4-9, But God is mercy, love and grace.

Ephesians 2:10, Grace alone is never alone.

Implications and application.

Sola Gratia

Saved by Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Through Faith Alone

Solus Christus

In Christ Alone

Sola Scriptura

According to Scripture Alone

Soli Deo Gloria

For the Glory of God Alone

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