

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

**May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

**May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

**May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

* **God's Greeting**

* **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, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

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

* **Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid**

#425:1,3 (PH)

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit every pious mind;
Come, pour thy joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free
And make thy temples worthy thee.

Plenteous of grace, descend from high,
Rich in thy sevenfold energy;
Make us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us thyself that we may see
The Father and the Son by thee.

* **My Tribute**

#365 (HFG)

How can I say thanks
For the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved,
Yet You gave to prove Your love for me;
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude.
All that I am, and ever hope to be; I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me;
With His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee;
And if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.
With His blood He has saved me;
With His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Call to Confession: based on Psalm 116:1-2 (NRSV)

The psalmist declares:

**I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
We gather as a community in need of a Savior.
We offer our honest confession,
in faith and trust in our covenant God,
knowing that God hears our voice.**

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

How Blest Are They Whose Trespass

#32:1,2,3 (PH)

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

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiven,
Whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heaven.
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin,
Who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief:
Your hand was heavy on me; my soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass and did not hide my sin,
Then you forgave my guilt, LORD, restored my life within.

So let the godly seek you in times when you are near;
No whelming floods shall reach them
Or cause their hearts to fear.
O LORD, you are my refuge, you are my hiding place,
And you surround me always with songs of saving grace.

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **O Word of God Incarnate**

#279:1,3 (PH)

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the Scripture's page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

O make your church, dear Savior a lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your traveling pilgrims by this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, we see you face to face.

* **Scripture:** Exodus 33:18-19 (ESV)

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¹⁸Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Exodus 34:6-7a (ESV)

⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Gospel is the Glory of God*

*** Grace Greater than Our Sin** #105:1,2,3 (HFG)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured –
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace God’s grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss:
Grace, that is greater – yes grace untold –
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide –
Whiter than snow you may be today. *Refrain*

*** God’s Blessing**

*** My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever,
Now and forever, amen.

The Gospel is the Glory of God

Exodus 33:18-19; 34:6-7a

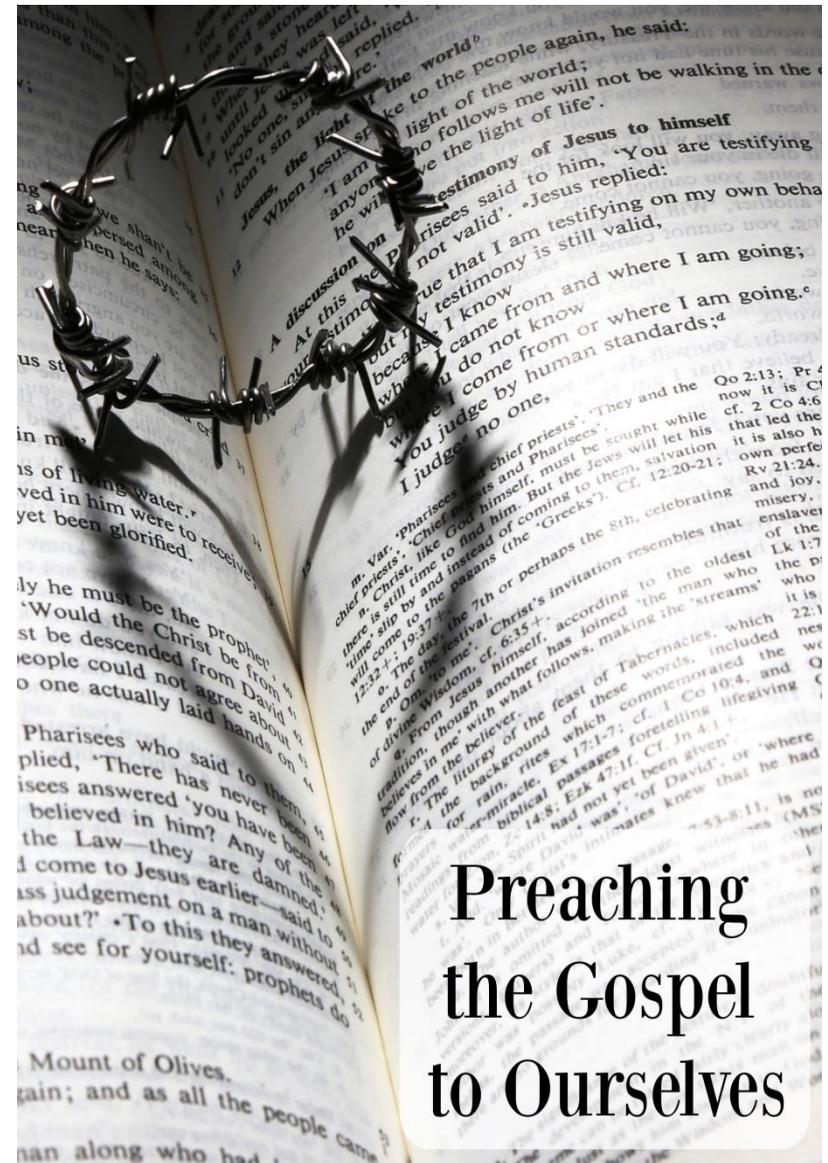
A very great sin.

A very great consequence.

A very great prayer.

A very glorious Gospel from a very gracious God.

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