

## Gathered by God's Grace

### \* Call to Worship: from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

A thousand years in your sight are like a day  
that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

**Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

### \* God's Greeting

### \* In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine.  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## Gratitude for God's Grace Received in 2019

### Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Grace Greater than Our Sin

#105:1,2,4 (HFG)

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Education Building during this song. Visitors welcome!)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured  
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 seawaves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss:  
Grace, that is great – yes grace untold  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving for 2019

*Sentence prayers from congregation*

### Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Petition for God's Future Grace Needed in 2020

### Scripture: Acts 12:5, 11-17

<sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

<sup>11</sup> When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

<sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. <sup>13</sup> And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup> Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup> They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" <sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup> But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

### Meditation: Pray First

### \* O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#170:1,2,3 (PH)

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
To endless years the same.

### Prayers of Petition For Our Church's Future

*Sentence prayers from congregation*

## Service of Covenant Renewal

### Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

#### **All Glory Be to Christ**

(A Love Offering for Tim Nieuwsma, with Youth Dynamics,  
will be received during this song.)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ!

*Refrain:* All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above;  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! *Refrain*

#### \* **God's Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### \* **To God Be the Glory**

#632 (PH)

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.

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.  
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\* please join us in standing if you are able

Pastor: Robert Prayer: Lance

Music: Sharon , Cheryl

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance helps cover tuition cost  
of First church families sending their children to Christian schools.

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**Pray First**  
Acts 12:5, 11-17



*You crown the year  
with Your goodness,  
And Your paths  
drip with abundance.*

*Psalm 65:11*



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