

Worship Outline

May 3, 2020

Meditation

“Grace dismantles your confidence in you, while it gives you more hope and courage than you have ever had.” – *Paul Tripp*

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! – *Psalms 99:1-5*

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power.
He is able; He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify.
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall,
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
Can do helpless sinners good. (2x)

Profession of Faith

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going.’ Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’ ” – *Zechariah 8:20-23*

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

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.

Chorus: 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
Chorus

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
Chorus

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?
Chorus

Confession of Sin

“Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your plea for mercy before him: If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I relent of the disaster that I did to you. Do not fear the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not fear him, declares the LORD, for I am with you, to save you and to deliver you from his hand. I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and let you remain in your own land.” – *Jeremiah 42:10-12*

Assurance of Pardon

“For I am with you, to save you and to deliver you from his hand.” – *Jeremiah 42:11*

“Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace”

Come boldly to the throne of grace,
Ye wretched sinners come,
And lay your load at Jesus' feet
And plead what He has done.
“How can I come?” some soul may say,
“I'm lame and cannot walk;
My guilt and sin have stopped my mouth;
I sigh but dare not talk.”

Come boldly to the throne of grace,
Though lost and blind and lame.
Jehovah is the sinner's Friend
And ever was the same.

He makes the dead to hear His voice;
He makes the blind to see;
The sinner lost He came to save
And set the prisoner free.

Come boldly to the throne of grace,
For Jesus fills the throne,
And those He kills He makes alive;
He hears the sigh or groan.
Poor bankrupt souls, who feel and know
The hell of sin within,
Come boldly to the throne of grace;
The Lord will take you in

Announcements

- *Online only for all worship services and events through at least May 15 at this time.*
- *Get Help/Give Help: southwood.org/covidhelp – Link here for serving lunches through May – sign up!*
- *Zoom Prayer Gathering Wednesday at NOON. Check email for invite.*
- *Electronic Giving: southwood.org/give OR on the Southwood App.*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Preaching of the Word

Joshua 2:1-24

“Redemption Stories”

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

Sermon Outline

Right in our place of greatest fear and failure, God writes his story of greatest grace and redemption – to magnify his sovereign grace and strengthen our faith in Him.

1. Israel's Spies

2. Rahab's Home

3. Rahab's Family

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. Why do you think the story of Rahab and the spies is here at this point in the story? How or when do we find ourselves needing God's "extra help" to be strong and courageous?
2. What is your favorite story of grace and redemption in literature or history? How does it reflect God's glory?
3. What is a moment of fear or failure in your own life that you have seen God redeem? How does He continue doing that in your life today? Where do you sometimes get stuck facedown and paralyzed by fear of failure?
4. Who is someone in your life who doesn't look like he/she would fit with God's people? How can you pray for him/her? How could you be a part of welcoming him/her into the community of God's people?
5. Why do you think the Bible ignore Rahab's "lie"? How does that help us focus on the main purpose of the story?
6. What is the most amazing part of Rahab's story to you? How does that help you marvel at our God of grace?

Prayer Guide 5/3/20

Core Commitment

We strive to love the least, lost, littlest, lonely, and left-out.

Pray that those rejected by others would find a gracious welcome in our church family.

Ask that God would burden our hearts for our friends, neighbors, and co-workers who don't know Him.

Pray for boldness to speak of God's grace in our lives to those struggling with fears and failures.

Mission Partner

Derek and Laura Dougherty - Cusco, Peru

The Doughertys' ministry in Peru focuses on leadership training and discipleship; however, they are currently in the States due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please support them by praying for these requests.

Pray for God's guidance in developing ministry goals during this time.

Pray that we can establish a healthy new rhythm of life here in the States.

Ask that God would give us wisdom in raising financial support under these circumstances.

Specific Needs

Pray for Patrick Suggs and his family in the death of his father.

Praise God for Hazel Marian Athey, born to Molly and Vinnie this week.

Pray for our weekly online prayer gatherings to be rich times of renewal for our hearts and the kingdom.

Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual battles in our community and around the world as we deal with the ongoing pandemic.

Pray for our local and state leaders as they seek wisdom in making decisions that impact so many people in so many different ways.

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