



GRACE
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C O N W A Y

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TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #395

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“In His Presence ”

- Patty

(“✠” please stand if you are able.)

✠ **HYMN**

“Rejoice The Lord Is King”

Hymn #215

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing a new song to the LORD!
Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!

People: **Sing to the LORD; praise his name.**
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

Leader: Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

**People: Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: The gods of other nations are mere idols,
but the LORD made the heavens!

**People: Honor and majesty surround him;
strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.**

- Psalm 96:1-6

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

Hymn #482

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful father,
we are thankful that your mercy is
higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life,
our callousness toward suffering,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life
so that we may desire what is good,
love what you love,
and do what you command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you . . .
(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 14:2-6a (p.701)

² And the word of the LORD came to me: ³ “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be consulted by them? ⁴ Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him as he comes with the multitude of his idols, ⁵ that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols.

⁶ “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn away from your idols...”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

Matthew 6:12-15 (p.811)

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

One: This is God’s Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Lord’s Prayer — Part 6
“Forgive Us Our Debts as We Have Forgiven Our Debtors”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Notes:

1. Evidence that we have accepted God's forgiveness, is that we can _____ others.

2. The secret to forgiveness is the death of an _____ in our heart.

3. If by God's help we could make the _____ from needing the happiness of the idol to instead only have the happiness of having God, then _____ becomes almost easy.

4. If we don't make that switch, _____ will remain impossible.

5. The goodnews is that Jesus died for _____ worshippers and _____ holders like us! Hallelujah!

✠ **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*the true Christian church of all times and places)*

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
 on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"It Is Well with My Soul "

- arr. Stowe

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **HYMN**

“I Surrender All”

Hymn #499

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn #395

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

POSTLUDE

“Redeemed”

- arr. Stowe

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Announcements:

- ◇ Please join us next Sunday (July 29) for a “pot-luck” lunch right after worship.
- ◇ Our Children’s Ministry is planning a Fun and Fellowship night at Urban Air, this Thursday evening, July 26.
- ◇ Mark your calendars for the Blessings of the Backpacks Sunday, August 12.
- ◇ Deacons are asking for canned protein foods for the Bethlehem House each Sunday of July.
- ◇ An Adult Sunday School Class is now studying the parables of Jesus through August 5. It is led by lay pastor Jim Hays and starts at 9:30 AM each Sunday.

Prayer Concerns:

Gary Green, friend of Jim Watkins; Margaret Baker, friend of Sheila Rupert; Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Cody Burnell, son-in-law of Nancy Davis; Bill Conner; Stuart Dorblaser, brother-in-law of Ken Hunter; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Bernice Chapin; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; and Edward Moss, brother of Debbie McConkie.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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