



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
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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 WHOSOEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE **LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Our Worship and Celebration
(*Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost*)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

v.1 - Hymn #377

There is a Redeemer - Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, and
Leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Hays

PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

- arr. Kerr

(“✠” *please stand if you are able.*)

✠ **HYMN**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn #371

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lead me in the right path, O LORD, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow. Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

People: **For you bless the godly, O LORD; you surround them with your shield of love.**

- based on Psalm 5

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Ever present God, we thank you for calling us to meet with you today. We praise you for coming to us long before we came to you, for knowing who would be here today, and for knowing even our motives for coming. By your Spirit lead and guide us during this service, to help us hear you when you speak and to guide our responses with hearts and voices that rejoice in your presence. This we pray through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in heaven, your word tells us that when you invade our lives, our lives will change. We come this morning lamenting and protesting the lack of change in our lives. We so often live and act as if Christ has not come into the world; as if He has not come into our lives.

The truth is we still keep him at a distance. We question the reality of your grace, so we limit the part of our lives we allow him to touch. Light is sent into the darkness. Your Son has been sent into our lives to invade and drive away our darkness. We open ourselves to you. Have your way with us.

Hear us now as we lift 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

Amos 5:21-22 (p. 768)

²¹ “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

Micah 6:6-8 (p. 779)

⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hosea 6:6 (p. 754)

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“O God Beyond All Praising”

- Dan Forrest

"We can only wonder at ev'ry gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end."

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:12-14, 19-22 (p.1006)

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. . . .

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“One Perfect Sacrifice”

Jim Hays

Notes:

✠ 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

"Simple Blessings"

- Boyles

✠ 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

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Hymn #372

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

v. 2 - Hymn #377

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

POSTLUDE

“Fantasia on ‘Nun Danket’”

- arr. Livingston

(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.)

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to thank you all for your loving condolences when my brother passed away last week. The many cards, notes, flowers, prayers, and phone calls were truly appreciated. You are an amazing church family and we love you very much.

Peace and Grace,

Debbie McConkie

Announcements:

- ◇ Please sign up to volunteer to pack backpacks on Wednesdays. If you have questions see Ken Hunter.
- ◇ It is time to update our directory! Email or call the office about any corrections or mistakes.
- ◇ Please join our Wednesday night church service. We begin with sandwiches at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. we move into the sanctuary for singing, prayer, and a study of the book of Galatians.

Prayer Concerns:

Margaret Baker, friend of Sheila Rupert; Ilona Beczo; Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Joe Brown; Cody Burnell, Bill Conner; Laura Deem; Stuart Dornblaser, brother-in-law of Ken Hunter; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Booker Glover, Uncle of Adele and Joe Pruet; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Mark Kapera, friend of Kevin Tucker; Ann McCarron, sister of Rick McCarron; Walter Mosley, brother of Rusty Mosley; Ann Moss, mother 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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