

# Outdoor Worship

August 17, 2025

## Opening

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.*

**C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.**

*P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.*

**C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.**

## Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry  
I will live Lord, as you ask me,  
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -  
find - ing truth in your com - man - -  
let me know your pres-ence he - - -  
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. \_\_\_\_\_



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving  
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,  
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.  
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.  
as your faith - ful, I will stand.  
Come, I want you to be near.  
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

## Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## Dialog & Prayer of the Day

*P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,*

**C: We give you thanks.**

*P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,*

**C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.**

*P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.*

**C: Teach us to love kindness.**

*P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.*

**C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.**

*P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,*

**C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.**

*P: Let us pray:*

**Almighty and everlasting God, come nurture our hearts, our minds and our souls with the wisdom of your word, the grace of your table and the encouragement of our fellowship. Refresh and sustain us for this life and for our hope in the eternal life promised through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**A**fter Eve and Adam disobey God by eating of the fruit of "The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil," God explained to them the result of their sin, saying: "Adam, because you have listened to the voice of your wife, Eve, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You will not eat of it,' cursed is the soil because of you; with toil and pain you will eat from it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it will sprout for you; and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken - you are dust, and to dust you will return."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## Psalms

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*Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.*

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.*

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;*

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

*Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters  
will not reach them.*

**You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

*I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or else it will not stay near you.**

*Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.*

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

Luke 13

**B**ut in that very critical time there were some present who were informing Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus responded to them saying, "Do you think, therefore, that these Galileans were more sinful than all other Galileans because they suffer? 'No,' I say to you. But, if you may not repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them - do you think that they were worse debtors than all the others inhabiting Jerusalem? 'No,' I say to you. But if you may not repent, you all likewise will perish."

Then he told this parable: "Someone had a fig tree growing in his vineyard and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

But he said to the viticulturist, 'Behold! For three years I have come seeking fruit in this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it off! For what reason does it waste the land?

But the viticulturist responded, saying, 'Lord, forgive it for this year - until I may dig around it and may throw manure on it - perhaps it may produce fruit in the coming season, but if not, indeed, you will cut it off.'"

*P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!*

## Sermon

# Hymn of the Day

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## Prayers & Passing of the Peace

### Words of Institution

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.*

*In that night in which he was handed over . . .*

*P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

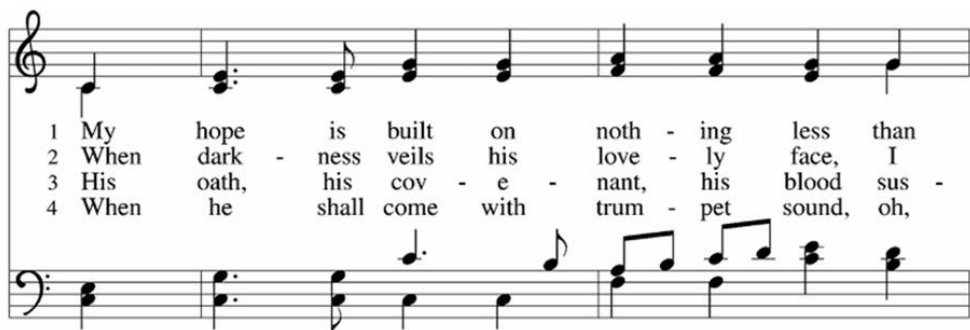
## Post Communion Prayer

*P: Let us pray.*

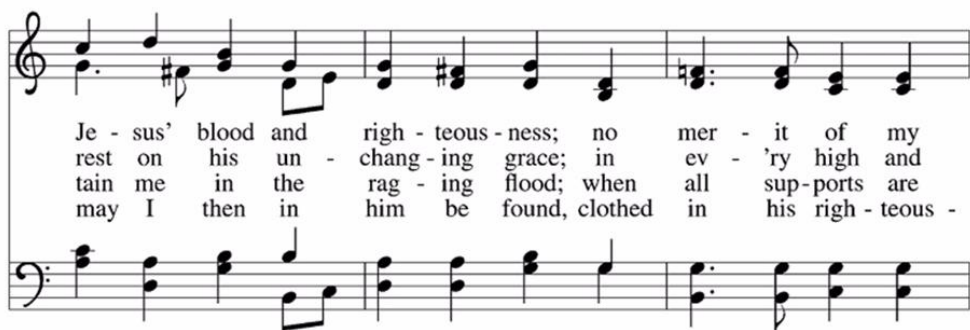
**C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this**

sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that  
presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

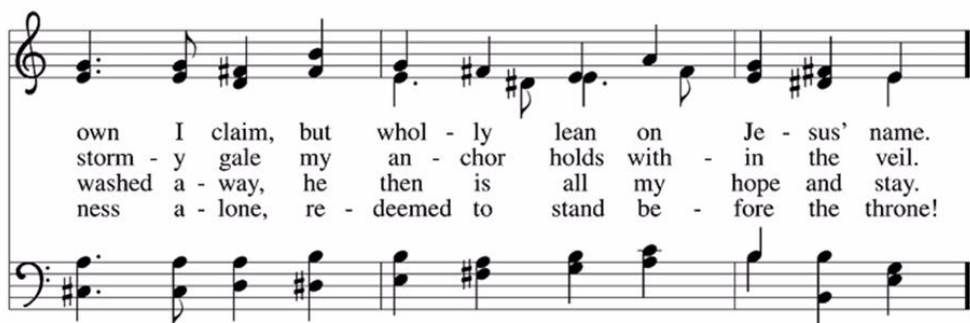
## *Benediction/Recessional*



1 My hope is built on nothing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

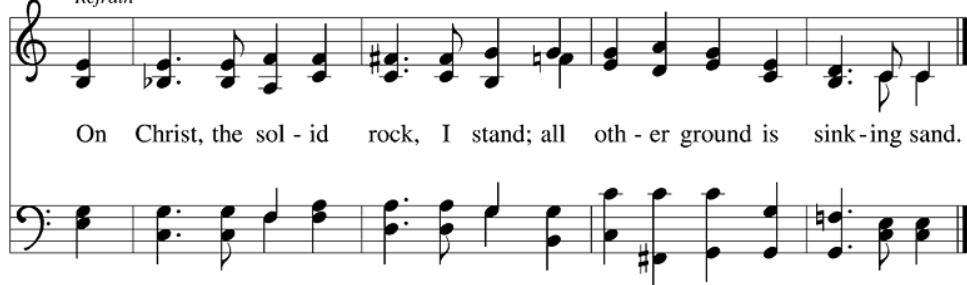


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*Dismissal*    **A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!**    *C: Thanks be to God!*

## **Grace could use some HELP! . . .**

Grace wants to be a place where you have the opportunity to use your hands, your heart, your skills and your gifts to make faithful things happen. Let's face it, Covid really changed the way we do things at work, at school, at home, and, yes, even at church and help is needed in some areas of Grace's ministry:

**The #1 need at Grace right now is help with Sunday School.** Sure, it is really hard to think about making a commitment to being part of something every Sunday – who does that anymore? So, don't. But with more people there is more flexibility and more variety! Don't think about what you can't do, consider what you can and let Pastor Chris know.

There is need at Grace for help with the upcoming Fellowship Events. You know how that works, so reach out to Georgette Muller at [gmuller5@gmail.com](mailto:gmuller5@gmail.com).

There is a need at Grace for help as Assisting Ministers, Lectors and Communion Assistants. Those who already have answered the call to serve in one of these ways can tell you that it may be a bit nerve-racking at first, but there is great joy and satisfaction in being an important part of worship leadership. Think you have what it takes? Contact Deacon Carol Straub at [DCBstraub@verizon.net](mailto:DCBstraub@verizon.net).

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