



Worship · Witness · Walk in Love

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into a community that worships, witnesses, and walks in love.

Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

The paraments are red in remembrance of Grace Kernersville's particularization on August 4, 1996.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 89:1-2 (NIV)

¹ I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.
² I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

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.	Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.	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've first begun.

words St. 1-3 John Newton, 1779; St. 4 A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790
tune AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American Melody arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, LORD'S DAY 31

83 Q. *What are the keys of the kingdom?*

A. The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both preaching and discipline open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

Matt. 16:19; John 20:22-23

84 Q. *How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?*

A. According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and every one, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and

hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

Matt. 16:19; John 3:31-36; 20:21-23

85 Q. How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

A. According to the command of Christ: Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and after repeated and loving counsel refuse to abandon their errors and wickedness, and after being reported to the church, that is, to its officers, fail to respond also to their admonition—such persons the officers exclude from the Christian fellowship by withholding the sacraments from them, and God himself excludes them from the kingdom of Christ. Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church.

Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:3-5, 11-13; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; Luke 15:20-24; 2 Cor. 2:6-11

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the
Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat
(repeat)

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be
To You the Only Wise King

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You

Filled with wonder,
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power
Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come,
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is nothing good in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent;
According to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name.
Amen

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT - Psalm 103:8, 10-12 (ESV)

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown	Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Your boundless love	Before our sov'reign God
Unfailing grace and mercy shown	<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight	<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>
Around Your glorious throne	
They raise their voices day and night	Let ev'ry creature in the sea
In praise to You alone	And ev'ry flying bird
<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>	Let ev'ry mountain
<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>	Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
	Let all the moons and all the stars
Lord we are weak and frail	In all the universe
Helpless in the storm	Sing praises to the living God
Surround us with Your angels	Who rules them by His Word
Hold us in Your arms	<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>
Our cold and ruthless enemy	<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>
His pleasure is our harm	<i>Hallelujah glory be to our great God</i>
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SCRIPTURE READING - Galatians 6:11-18 (ESV)

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For even those who are circumcised do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION - Numbers 6:24-26, 1 John 3:1a

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.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us that we should be called his children.

And that is what we are!

A PARTING BLESSING: MAY OUR GOD BE KNOWN

May our God be known for his grace;

may the earth rejoice in his blessing.

May our God be known for his love,
and the smile that shines from His face.

May Your way be known on the earth
so that all the nations will sing
and rejoice in knowing the God of grace!

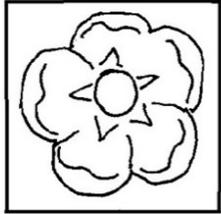
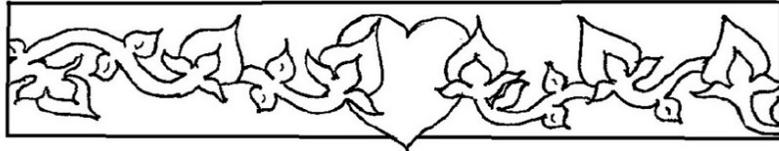
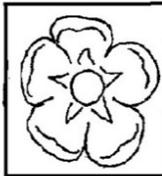
Let the nations sing and be glad
for the Lord is coming with justice.

Let the nations sing and be glad
for our God is coming with peace.

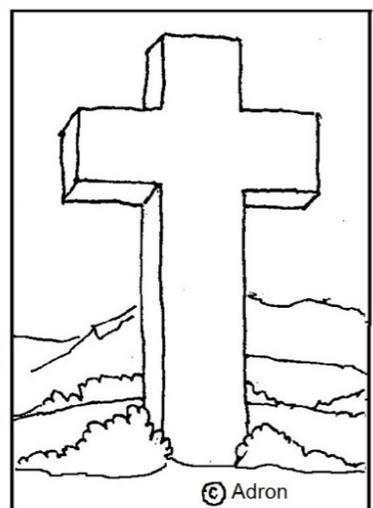
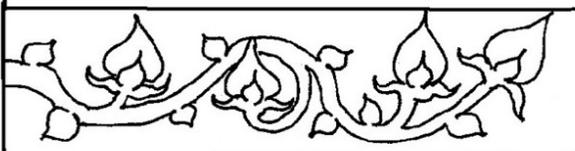
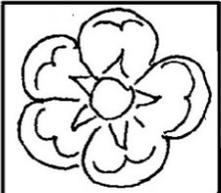
* Now let all the ends of the earth
fill with holy wonder and joy,
for our God is coming to reign as king!

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May I never boast
except in the
cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
through which
the world has
been crucified
to me, and I
to the world.



Galatians 6:14

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