

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 15, 2009

10:30 A.M.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude: *Amazing Grace* arr. Frederick Swann

Welcome and Announcements David Wade, Ruling Elder / Shepherd

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

***Doxology:** No. 731 - *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Ascription of Praise:** Romans 3:23-24 Mr. Jay Forester, Youth Minister-Elect

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

***Call to Worship:** The Grace of God

Leader: *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (Jn. 1:14)*

Congregation: **And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (Jn. 1:16-17)**

Leader: *Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 5:20-21)*

Congregation: **For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age. (Titus 2:11-12)**

Leader: *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy ... so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5, 7)*

ALL: **For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God. (Eph. 2:8)**

***Praise Medley:** The Grace of God *(sing the first stanza of each)*

No. 455 - *And Can It Be* Charles Wesley

No. 465 - *Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord* Julia Johnston

No. 466 - *I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew* Anonymous

No. 467 - *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* Haldor Lillenas

***Profession of Faith:** No. 845 - *The Apostles' Creed* 2nd century

***Trinitarian Praise:** No. 735 - *Gloria Patri* 2nd century

DEDICATING OUR LIVES

Prayer of Confession Dr. Larry Roff, Associate Pastor

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:8-9

Missions Faith Promise Challenge

*Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

*God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times,
you may abound in every good work.*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed for sowing
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity. 2 Corinthians 9

Offertory Anthem: *Amazing Grace* arr. Jay Althouse
(Mrs. Norma Ashley, piano)
Please fill out Blue Cards in pens, and place them in the offering plates.

*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.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*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 first begun.*

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn:** *God of Grace* Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

Prayer for Children's Church Mr. John Panico, Youth Ministry Intern

PREACHING HIS WORD

Scripture: *Nehemiah 4:1-9* Pastor Roff

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "IS IT OKAY TO HAVE A PRAYER 'HIT LIST'?"

Prayer for Divine Blessing

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn:** No. 32 - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Thomas Chisholm
Please leave Blue Cards in the bronze boxes at the exits if you have questions, requests, or comments.

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Celebration* (Mrs. Carol DeMonaco) James Denton

EVENING WORSHIP ... 6:00 P.M.

Scripture: Psalm 1
Sermon: "A TALE OF TWO MEN"
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Jay and Anna Forester will be joining the ministry team at LOPC in June. Jay is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. He is a "son" of this church, having grown up here in this congregation. He currently teaches at a Christian School near Jackson, MS and directs youth ministry in the Madison Presbyterian Church. He will bring tonight's message from God's word.

SERMON NOTES

“IS IT OKAY TO HAVE A PRAYER ‘HIT LIST’?”

Nehemiah 4:1-9

1. Learn to **EXPECT** Criticism ... vs. 1

Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews.

2. Learn to **UNDERSTAND** Criticism ... vs. 2-3

What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice?

3. Learn to **RESPOND** to Criticism ... vs. 4-5

Hear, O our God. Turn back their taunt on their own heads, for they have provoked You to anger.

4. Learn to **RESIST** Criticism ... vs. 6 and 9

So we built the wall. And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

5. Learn to **PERSEVERE** Through Criticism ... vs. 7-8

The repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the breaches were beginning to be closed

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*All have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by His grace as a gift
through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 3:24-25

LOVING GOD ... SERVING PEOPLE

Celebrating Our Fifty-first Anniversary