



September 27, 2026 – Livestream
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Relentless Grace Series

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Renew and Rejoice Weekend

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

arr. D. Blackwell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, loving Lord,

People: and fill us with your love.

Leader: Come, Blessed Savior,

People: and fill us with your peace.

Leader: Come, Marvelous Spirit

People: and fill us with your hope.

*OPENING HYMN #365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

***Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.***

***Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!***

***Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the refuge, the mighty cross. [Refrain]***

***Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
brighter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]***

***Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive? [Refrain]***

OPENING PRAYER

**We gather, O God,
as a wounded and weary people trusting in your faithfulness.
We come seeking the peace that only Christ can bring.
Send your Spirit with the gift of his forgiveness
that creates the hope of reconciliation for all people. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Grace

arr. M. Hayes
Cathedral Singers

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound; that saved a wretch, a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;
This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home.

I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #766

Psalm 32

with musical response

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**People: Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

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

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

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

Leader: Therefore let those who are godly offer prayer to you;

People: at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you encompass me with deliverance.

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

Leader: Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,

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

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

People: shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Shaw

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." ² But Abram replied, "O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since you've given me no children, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ³ You have given me no descendants of my own, so one of my servants will be my heir."

⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own who will be your heir." ⁵ Then the Lord took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" ⁶ And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord counted him as righteous because of his faith.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #385

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

***Let us plead for faith alone, faith which by our works is shown;
God it is who justifies, only faith the grace applies.***

***Active faith that lives within, conquers hell and death and sin,
hallows whom it first made whole, forms the Savior in the soul.***

***Let us for this faith contend, sure salvation is the end;
heaven already is begun, everlasting life is won.***

***Only let us persevere till we see our Lord appear,
never from the Rock remove, saved by faith which works by love.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2162

Grace Alone

***Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown God will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.***

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal

R. Clausen
Cathedral Singers

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-2, 6-11

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reconciling Grace

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #369

Blessed Assurance

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.***

**Refrain: *This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: Go forth as artisans of reconciliation.

People: We will forgive as we have been forgiven in the name of Jesus.

Leader: Speak out as messengers of peace.

People: We put our trust in the faithfulness of Christ.

Leader: May the peace of God that surpasses our understanding
hold us in the loving revelation of God in Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God the Lover, the Beloved, and the Love
abide among you this day and all days.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sortie in G

M. Ellis

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in memory of Charles (Daddy), Genieve (Mother), Hosea (brother), Joyce Ann (sister), Kyle Anderson (Godson), Adolphe (Jack's father), and Emma Lee (Jack's mother) by Jacqueline Blackwell Leonard and Jack Leonard.

Upcoming Events:

Fall Festival, Today, 4:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Children's Ministry Scavenger Hunt, October 4, 12:30pm

Blessing of the Animals, October 4, 5pm, Courtyard

Revelation Uncovered: A Bible Study of the Book of Revelation
Wednesdays, October 7-28, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Conference Room

Youth Fall Retreat
October 23-25



Today's worship leaders:

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Jill Moffett

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