

Sunday, March 27th

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are ambassadors for Christ.

People: God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

Leader: We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer our praise.

People: Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

***Hymn # 475 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we know that we are your good creation; made in your image and called to reflect your goodness. In Jesus Christ, you redeemed our brokenness and brought us into right relationship with you. And yet, despite our best efforts, and sometimes due to our worst efforts, we have sinned. Our sin leaves us feeling alienated and distant from what we love. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us back to wholeness, that we might witness to joy, for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Prodigal Son

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God

is to be sent into the world

as God's reconciling community.

This community, the church universal,

is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation

and shares God's labor of healing the enmities

which separate people from God

and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission

and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity

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**with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.**

Special Music

Prayers of the People

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. Amen.

***Hymn # 649 – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response: Hymn # 205 – Live in Charity (x2)**

*Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishumminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo jooá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'ít da út'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
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