



November 9, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

The measure of all love is its giving. The measure of the love of God is the cross of Christ.
-J.I. Packer, "Knowing God"

Prelude

*The prelude is a bridge from our busy lives into this hour of worship.
Feel free to greet one another during this time, or to quiet your heart in prayer and reflection.*

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 126

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!

All: And we are filled with joy!

Leader: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

All: our tears into songs of joy!

Leader: O Spirit, come anew in our hearts this day,

All: And remain in us forever.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

"Come Thou Fount" Words: Robert Robinson, Public Domain, 1758; Music: Asahel Nettleton, Public Domain, 1825

* Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Devotion (8:30)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

"Be Thou My Vision" Words and Music: Trad. Irish, ca. 8th c.

Sacrament of Baptism (9:45) Moses James Johnson, Daphne Jayne Johnson, Sybil Donna Johnson
Children of Kenny and Anna Johnson
Baptized by TE Andy Lewis, assisted by RE Jamie Lightcap

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 145:14-19

Choral Offering

Not One Sparrow Is Forgotten

Hawley

Not one sparrow is forgotten, e'en the raven God will feed;
And the lily of the valley from His bounty hath its need.
Then shall I not trust Thee, Father, in Thy mercy have a share?
And through faith and prayer, my Savior, rest in Thy protecting care?

Words: based on Luke 12:6; Music: Shaker hymn, arr. William Hawley, © 1998, Plymouth Music Co., Inc.

LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

All: Heavenly Father, we humbly confess that we are an anxious, fearful people. We do not trust you as we should, and often try to control our circumstances to prevent hardship and pain. We are slow to seek you in prayer and quick to forget your faithfulness. Forgive us for the folly of self-preservation and self-trust. Forgive us for doubting your goodness. By your mercy, renew our minds and hearts that we might walk by faith and not by sight. Through Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

*From the love of my own comfort, from the fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions, deliver me, O God.*

*From the need to be understood, from the need to be accepted,
From the fear of being lonely, deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.*

*And I shall not want, no, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness, I shall not want.*

*From the fear of serving others, from the fear of death or trial,
From the fear of humility, deliver me, O God. Deliver me, O God.*

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CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Psalm 23:1-2, John 10:14, 15

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

*Hymn of Rest

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;

Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you—rest in Him.

He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;

Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior—rest in Him.

How sure His compassion for us, Oh how deep is His love,

So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.

Are you hopeless, are you guilty, caught in shame for all your sin?

He pursues you to forgive you—rest in Him.

He has paid for every failure, mercy flows in endless streams.

Come and follow, freedom calls you—rest in Him.

Are you waiting in your sorrows for this broken world to heal?

He is coming, soon returning—rest in Him.

We will see him, we will know Him; Oh what heights of grace revealed!

From His kindness every promise then fulfilled;

Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end.

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Foster and Adopt Ministry Update

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Generosity: The Grace That Gives

Tim Pitzer

*Hymn of Response

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.

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

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has 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've first begun.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Tim Pitzer, Next Generation Pastor

Liturgist: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor (8:30); Jamie Lightcap, Ruling Elder (9:45)

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November Elective—Faith in Action: Giving (Begins Today) in B111

If God loves a cheerful giver, how do I know if I'm generous, if I'm giving the right amount, or with the right motives? Join us for the four-week series "Faith in Action: Giving". This class will be based on the book "True Riches: What Jesus Really Said About Money and Your Heart" and taught by Denny Vauters.

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