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WELCOME

“O COME TO THE ALTAR”

[Verse 1]

Are you hurting and broken within,
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well,
Jesus is calling.

[Chorus]

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

[Verse 2]

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.

[Chorus]x2

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness—was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

[Bridge]x2

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

[Chorus]x2

O come to—the altar
The Father's arms are open wide.
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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: This is our 8th annual “State of Grace” Sunday. As we consider the state of Grace, our church, it is also important to consider our personal state and time of grace. Our time of grace is spent here on earth. It is the time that we are given by God, during which it is his will for us to come to know him. In today’s reading from Exodus 14, God hardened Pharaoh’s heart, yet before this Pharaoh had hardened his own—repeatedly. His time of grace came to an end while he was still alive. This sad actuality serves as a great reminder for us about how we spend our time of grace and our attitude toward sin. We do not want to become calloused by sin or harden our hearts toward God. Confessing our sins to God, receiving his forgiveness, and meditating on his Word guard our hearts from spiritual callouses and renews our spirit to use our time of grace according to his will until we reach heaven. With this in mind, let us confess:

Congregation: Have mercy on me, oh God. According to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my sins: sin of thought, word, and deed; they are always before me. Against you—and you alone—have I sinned. My heart is broken and contrite over what I have done and what I have failed to do. Forgive me for Jesus sake. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Grant a willing spirit to sustain me and give me peace.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are a dearly loved child of God. May the God of hope fill you with the joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to sustain you as long as you live. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!"

⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷ He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸ The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly.

⁹ The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord.

¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?"

¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so, neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

²⁴ During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen."

²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 4:16-21

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.

He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."*

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

"YOU NEVER LET GO"

[Verse 1]

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
Even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

[Bridge]

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

[Chorus]

Oh, no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh, no You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh, no You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

[Verse 2]

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart
that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end
to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

[Bridge]

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

[Chorus] x2

Oh, no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh, no You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh, no You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

8TH ANNUAL "STATE OF GRACE" MESSAGE

based on Philippians 4:13

Grace's Mission Statement

To carry out our Savior's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), we intend to:

- Nurture ourselves and those among our fellowship with Word and Sacrament.*
- Reach out with loving Christian witness to all with whom we come into contact, especially those residing in the immediate neighborhood of our church.*



PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

PRAYER

The Prayer will be offered by Pastor Kevin, following that:

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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.

“ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST”

[Verse 1]

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

[Verse 2]

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

[Chorus]

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

[Verse 3]

His will be done; His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

[Verse 4]

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ.

[Chorus]

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

[Verse 5]

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new!

[Verse 6]

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

[Chorus] x2

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ.

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BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊*



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