

March 17, 2024

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THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of our failures,

We stand in God's grace.

In the midst of our struggles,

We boast in our hope through Christ.

In the midst of our suffering,

We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

In every part of our lives,

The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

*SONGS OF WORSHIP

"Build My Life"

*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we are sinners...

we are not only sinners,

We are weak...

we are not only weak,

We fail...

we are not always failures,

We have destroyed...

also we have loved.

You, O God, do not limit us

to the stories by which the world knows us.

You see much more in us

than the labels we give ourselves.

Give us courage to defy all expectations –

especially our own –

and in your love become all of who we are in you.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Who You Say I Am"

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION

#472 "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

w. 1, 2, 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

"The Economy of Grace"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

#809 "Doxology"

Tithes/offerings placed in the box at the entrance of the sanctuary are transferred to an offering plate and brought forward during the "Doxology" as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#507 "I Then Shall Live"

w. 1, 2, 3

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

#502 "Amazing Grace"

vs. 4

POSTLUDE

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Participating In Worship

The Congregation

Becky Scholten

Rosalyn De Koster, Kathy Fictorie,

Patrick Muilenburg, Teresa Sampson,, JC De Koster

Children's Message

Sara Tolsma

Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Worship Team

Benjamin Langton

Liturgist & Prayers of the People

Leading in Worship





CHILDREN'S & YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Nursery

Located out the east doors of the sanctuary, nursery care is available **9:30–11:45 AM** for children birth through 4 years old.

Where? When?

Sunday School @ ARC

Children & Worship (PreK–1st Grade)
2nd & 3rd Grade
4th & 5th Grade
Middle School
High School

10:45-11:30 AM

Room 106
Room 105
Room 103
Room 107
Room 108

Sunday Night @ ARC

Leaps of Faith
**(6th-12th grade)*

4:40–5:45 PM

HSYG (9th–12th Grade)

**(The first Sunday of the month, the HSYG meets at various ARC members' homes for small group dinners from 6:00-7:30 PM. If you have questions about where to meet for this, reach out to Rose at rosalnarcoc@gmail.com.)*

6:30–8:00 PM

Wednesday Night @ ARC

F3 (2nd-5th Grade)
MSYG (6th–8th Grade)

**(The first Wednesday of the month students and their families are invited to ARC for Family Meal Night. Dinner is served from 5:30–6:15 PM in the lower level fellowship hall. Following the meal, F3 and MSYG Buddy Night takes place from 6:15–7:30 PM.)*

6:15–7:30 PM

7:30–8:30 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

After worship today, the middle school students will take over the coffee and fellowship time with a free will donation lemonade stand and sweet shop. All proceeds go toward the middle school youth group. Those that donate will also be entered in a raffle for a prize!

2024 EASTER LILY FUNDRAISER

Sponsor an Easter Lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. All proceeds will go to the High School Youth Group's summer retreat. Each lily is \$25 and orders are due by March 24th. If you are interested in purchasing a lily, contact the church office at office@americanchurchoc.com or 712-737-4430.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

SPRING 2024 (MARCH 10–APRIL 28)

All classes will be taught in person at church from 10:45 to 11:30 AM on Sundays

TRUTHINESS: FACT, FICTION, OR FEELING

Facilitator: Sara Huyser Location: Room 202

THE BIBLE AND THE LAND

Facilitator: Ben Lappenga Location: Room 201

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for You.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe.
We live for you.
We live for you.

Holy, there is no one like you,
There is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who you are
And fill me, with your heart
And lead me in your love to those around me.

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Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who you are
And fill me, with your heart
And lead me in your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon your love;
It is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone,
And I will not be shaken.

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Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me.
I was lost but he brought me in,
Oh, his love for me.
Oh, his love for me.

Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed,
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am.

Free at last,
He has ransomed me,
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me.
Yes, he died for me.

Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed,
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am.

In my Father's house
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God.
Yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken,
I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who you say I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who you say I am.
I am who you say I am.

Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed,
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Yes I am.

In my Father's house There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God. Yes I am.

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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.

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.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

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.

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.

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.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned
compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I'll know how fear builds walls instead of
bridges;
I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand
commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow
through.

Your Kingdom come around and through
and in me,
Your pow'r and glory, let them shine
through me;
Your hallowed name, oh may I bear with
honor,
And may your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh may I share with
honor,
And may you feed a hungry world through
me.

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Amazing Grace

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

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