

March 3, 2024

*\*Indicates you may rise in body or spirit. You are invited to read the **bold font**.*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God of grace and mercy,

**We come hesitantly**

**Weighed down by the excesses and the sorrows of the past.**

Grace to you and peace,

from the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**We come hopefully**

**knowing that the presence of God will not be limited**

**by our human constructs.**

Grace to you and peace,

from the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**We come thankfully**

**discovering abundance born not of possession but of the heart.**

Grace to you and peace,

from the God who is and who was and who is to come. Amen

#### \*SONG OF WORSHIP

#497 Wonderful Grace of Jesus  
w. 1, 2, 3

#### \*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abba Father,

I can't seem to let go of my past.

The shame I feel about how I've lived my life.

The things I've done, and the guilt as a result.

Over the years I've held grudges

and I suspect those I have wronged also hold them against me.

I just can't seem to let go and break free of the guilt.

I pray for the people who have been hurt in the process

and are unable to forgive me,

that as I lift them in prayer, eventually we will truly forgive one another.

You say that there is now no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Let this truth seep into the very marrow of my bones.

Break the chains of shame that bind me.

Let me walk in the freedom of your love and grace.

Let the knowledge of your unending love for me

overshadow the lies that seek to keep me imprisoned in shame. Amen!

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## THE WORD OF GOD

#### \*SONG OF PREPARATION

#227 "Rock of Ages"  
w. 1, 2, 3

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15: 1-10

#### SERMON

"By God's Grace"

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God!

You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God almighty,**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world.

In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

*(Prayer continues on backside)*



Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

#### COMMUNION

*Children are invited to participate at the discretion of parents/guardians.*

*All communion elements are gluten free.*

*A station for anointing and healing is offered.*

## 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

#212 "What Wondrous Love is This"

*vv. 1, 2, 3, 4*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*SENDING SONG

#502 "Amazing Grace"

*vs 4*

#### POSTLUDE

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#### Participating In Worship

The Congregation

Pam De Haan

Philip De Koster

Keith Allen

Rev. Rosalyn De Koster, Director of Musical Arts & HS Formation

Rev. Dr. Verlyn Boone, Transitional Pastor

Serving the Lord in Worship

Organist

Piano

Prayers of the People

Liturgist

Leading in Worship

## 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 [rosalyn.d@americanchurchoc.com](mailto:rosalyn.d@americanchurchoc.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**

## 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*

## Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;  
How shall my tongue describe it,  
Where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
All-sufficient grace for even me;  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,  
Praise his name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
All-sufficient grace for even me;  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,  
Praise his name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,  
By its transforming power  
Making me God's dear child,  
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity—  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,  
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,  
All-sufficient grace for even me;  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,  
Greater far than all my sin and shame;  
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,  
Praise his name!

Haldor Lillenas  
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## Rock Of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked come to thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
To thy fountain, Lord, I fly,  
Wash me, Savior or I die!

Augustus Montague Toplady, Thomas Hastings  
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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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### What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,  
Sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
For my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing!  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great "I AM,"  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing!

And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

Alexander Means, William Walker  
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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.

John Newton  
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