**May 2, 2021**

**Theme:  Scandalous Grace**

**Participants:**

Message: Mark

Prayer: Jane

Liturgists:  Jane

Song Leaders: Janie

Instrumentalists: Janie, Mark

Vocalists:  Janie, Irene, Peggy, Mark

**PRELUDE**(announcement slides with MP3s)

**GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

**Welcome- Mark**

**God’s Greeting- Mark**

**Call to Worship - Mark**

Praise God!

For God is gathering His people together.

From near and far we come together—

the wounded and the whole, the weak and the strong—

seeking God’s presence, God’s forgiveness, and God’s direction for our lives.

The Lord our God abounds in steadfast love and mercy and grace.

Together, let us worship God!

**OPENING SONG:  *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #521**

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 Thy redeeming love

 Here I raise mine 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 Thy grace Lord 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 Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

**GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SINS**

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry but they are too real to hide.

That’s why we stop now and acknowledge that we have sinned against you

in word and thought and in action.

We are a people divided against ourselves even though Christ is among us as our peace.

We have received every blessing from you but then we don’t always remember

to share our blessings with others in need.
Lord, forgive us!

**Assurance of Pardon**

Through Jesus Christ, his suffering and death, forgiveness of sins is ours

Because of the blood of Christ, we know the forgiveness of our trespasses,

according to the riches of his grace.
Because Jesus rose again in power, we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.

**GOD GIVES US HIS WORD**

“Scandalous Grace” sermon bumper

**Scripture: John 8:1-11**

**Message: Scandalous Grace**

**Message in Song:** *Mighty To Save*

Ev’ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev’ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour

The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Ev’rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King - Jesus

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We're singing for the glory of the risen King

 **GOD INVITES OUR RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Jane**

**SONG OF RESPONSE:  *Lord, Make Us Servants* #904**

Lord, make us servants of your peace:

Where there is hate, may we sow love;

Where there is hurt, may we forgive;

Where there is strife, may we make one.

 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;

Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;

Where all is night, may we sow light;

Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek

To be consoled, but to console,

Nor look to understanding hearts,

But look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,

But seek to love unselfishly,

For in our giving we receive,

And in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn

Through death's dark night to endless day;

Lord, make us servants of your peace,

To wake at last in heaven's light.

**GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

**Offering - Mark**

**God Blesses Us - Mark**

**BENEDICTION SONG:  *They’ll know we are Christians #256***

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

CHORUS

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love by our love

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we’ll spread the news

That God is in our land

CHORUS

We will work with each other, We will work side by side

We will work with each other, We will work side by side

And we’ll guard each man’s dignity

And save each man’s pride

CHORUS

All praise to the Father

From whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

CHORUS