



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (July 25, 2021) Order of Worship

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

C: We come, hungering and thirsting for God's word.

P: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

C: Bring us to the time of healing.

P: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

C: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: (*Ephesians 3*)

Holy One,

we bow our hearts before you this day.

Strengthen us in our innermost being

and dwell in our hearts through faith.

**May we be rooted and grounded in Christ,
whose love is beyond all knowledge.**

**Help us comprehend even the smallest part
of the beautiful mystery of your grace.**

**Grant that we may experience the fullness
of your presence with us. Amen.**

~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

<p>OPENING SONG:</p> <p>"Your Grace is Enough" (Tempe)</p> <p>Verse 1: Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's heart You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart</p> <p>Pre-Chorus: So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God</p> <p>Chorus 1: Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me</p> <p>Verse 2: Great is Your love and justice God You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along</p> <p>Chorus 2: Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me for me</p> <p>CCLI Song # 4477026 // Matt Maher © 2003 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) spiritandsong.com // CCLI License # 1031974</p>	<p>"Come, Now is the Time to Worship" (Gilbert)</p> <p>Verse: Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come...</p> <p>Chorus: One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now</p> <p>Ending: Come... come... just as you are come... come</p> <p>CCLI Song # 2430948 // Brian Doerksen © 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI License # 1031974</p>
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

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GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had



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eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Undone By Grace"

Pastor Thaddeus Book (Tempe)

"What Are You Hungry For?"

Pastor Doris Nolan (Gilbert)

SERMON SONG: ELW 720 "We Are Called"

Verse 1:

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God.

Verse 2:

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more

Verse 3:

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love

APOSTLES' CREED:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation that you would send rain where it is needed and restoration where there is harm. Help us to be good stewards of the earth you created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern that they would lead with compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those with heavy burdens: those who are seeking employment, those unable to find affordable housing, and those with health concerns. Console all who grieve and cry out for healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died, especially Shirley Hoover and Rosemary Kesler. Dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend the love of Christ that surpasses understanding. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING:

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

(inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3)

The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance.

The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action.

May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care. May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

Offering baskets are now in the front of the worship space along with the Hunger Jar. You are invited to come forward to share your gifts while others give electronically at www.desertcross.org, or through other means. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel.

OFFERING SONG: ELW #689 "Praise and Thanksgiving" (Verse 1-3)

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

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OFFERING PRAYER:

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. **Amen.**

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HOLY COMMUNION:

CONFESS & FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity,☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, \pm the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER: (Traditional, spoken)

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

"Remembrance" (Tempe)

Verse 1:

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

Pre-Chorus:

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Chorus:

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
We remember You

Verse 2:

See His body His blood
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

Bridge:

Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
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"Behold the Lamb" (Gilbert)

Verse 1:

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2:

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

Verse 3:

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

Verse 4:

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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"Be The Centre"

Verse 1:

Jesus be the centre
Be my source be my light
Jesus

Verse 2:

Jesus be the centre
Be my hope be my song
Jesus

Chorus:

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus Jesus

Verse 3:

Jesus be my vision
Be my path be my guide
Jesus

Chorus:

Verse 1B:

Jesus be the centre
Be my source be my light, Jesus
Be my source be my light, Jesus
Jesus... Jesus...

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love others with your grace and generosity.

Amen.

BENEDICTION:

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG:	
<p>"One Thing Remains" (Tempe)</p> <p>Verse 1:</p> <p>Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave Constant in the trial and the change One thing remains One thing remains</p> <p>Chorus:</p> <p>Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me (REPEAT 3X) Your love</p> <p>Verse 2:</p> <p>On and on and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul And I never ever have to be afraid One thing remains One thing remains</p> <p>Bridge:</p> <p>In death in life I'm confident and Cover'd by the power of Your great love My debt is paid there's nothing that Can separate my heart from Your great love</p> <p>CCLI Song # 5508444 Brian Johnson Christa Black Gifford Jeremy Riddle © 2010 ChristaJoy Music Publishing (Admin. by Bethel Music Publishing) Mercy / Vineyard Publishing (Admin. by Integrity Music) Bethel Music Publishing CCLI License # 1031974</p>	<p>"Mighty to Save" (Gilbert)</p> <p>Verse 1:</p> <p>Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations</p> <p>Chorus:</p> <p>Savior 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</p> <p>Verse 2:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Bridge:</p> <p>Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King</p> <p>CCLI Song # 4591782 Ben Fielding Reuben Morgan © 2006 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) // CCLI License # 1031974</p>

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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