

# Order of Worship – Sunday, August 23, 2020

## OPENING PRAYER

Landes Dung

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

## OPENING SONG

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Praise Band

Verse 1

Great is your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

Bridge

So remember your people  
Remember your children  
Remember your promise, O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough...your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of your salvation  
And all your people sing along

Bridge

Chorus 1 (2X)

Bridge

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Yeah your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches down to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God, I sing your grace is enough  
I’m covered in your love  
Your grace is enough for me...for me

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison

## PRAYER INTRODUCTION

“Glorify Thy Name”

Praise Band

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Allison

With gratitude we come to you in prayer, gracious God. For the gift of life and daily blessings -- like the music of birds, the joy of seeing a smile on a loved one's face, the warmth of the sun on our backs and the hug of a friend — for these gifts which we so often take for granted, we offer you our thanks and praise. Especially do we thank you for your presence when we come to you in the dark nights of our souls, when our companion is not faith, but fear; not certainty, but doubt. When we are besieged with anxious questions, O God, help us to be still. Remind us of all that we have which assures us of your love for us. In the midst of our darkness, let us be reminded that you enter into our pain and that our prayers of fear and doubt are actually prayers of deepest faith, for they assume your presence even when we feel it not. We tend to be so discouraged when something doesn't go our way; we hold onto resentments which prevent us from moving forward in love. We linger over words we have spoken in haste and soon our hearts are full of resentment instead of gratitude and despair instead of joy. We come to believe that we have nothing, when, in fact, we have everything! Help us to remember.

We pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering, or facing procedures...

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in you...

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home...

We celebrate with those who celebrate...

And we pray for ourselves, Lord, that we may be more faithful disciples.

Now, we lift up to you these prayers...

*Silent prayer*

We pray in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, saying...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

SERMON

“Grace Ain’t Fair”  
Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor Allison

## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Praise Band

Verse 1

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 will one day be restored

Refrain

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

Verse 2

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 [Refrain]

Verse 3

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 human dignity and save human pride [Refrain]

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one [Refrain]

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Where will we go and who will we be?

**All: We go out into the world to be God’s people.**