Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36



Grace Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne, IN February 23, 2025

The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Community Worship on Zoom - Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service - February 23, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in *BOLD* with us from your homes!

10:15 - Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 - Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 - Live Prelude Starts I Need Thee Every Hour arr. by Vogt

Welcome

Call to Worship -

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #661 "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

Call to Confession —

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession —

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 "Gloria Patri"

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

<u>Let us Pray</u>: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 15:1-11

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15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Choir Anthem #772 "Live into Hope"

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 5:1-11

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One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Sermon

Third Way

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response #346 "For the Healing of the Nations"

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Offertory Amazing Grace arr. by Parker

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

<u>Let us pray.</u> Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #71 "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

Scout's Benediction

Retiring of the Colors

Postlude

Stand Up for Jesus arr. by Ritter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace's 25th Anniversary - Next Sunday: We will be observing Grace's 25th anniversary on Sunday, March 2nd. Plans are coming together for a celebratory reception to follow the service.

Scout Pie Sale: Troop 15, the troop that Grace supports, is selling pies, crisps, and cobblers to fund their upcoming activities. The list of options is long. A copy of it is in the narthex. If you have questions or would like to order please reach out to Aaron Bowers or Betsy Kachmar.

Ash Wednesday Service: Grace will be worshiping with United Faith on Wednesday, March 5th.

Puzzle Extravaganza Postponed: New date will likely be post Easter.

Lenten Bible Study Books: If you ordered a book (or two) for our upcoming Lenten Bible study, your book is in the narthex. Please cross your name off of the sign up sheet once you've taken your book.

Education Wing Painting: We're looking for several volunteers to help finish the education wing painting job on Tuesday, February 25th, starting at 4:30 PM. If you can help, reach out to Tom Monnier.

Birthdays

Aaron Bowers - February 23 Damian Polk - February 25

Tom Monnier - February 27 Nathan Bausser - February 28

Anniversaries

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from https://www.zoom.us.

After you have installed the program/app, click on "Join" and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 Password: 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 Meeting ID: 9712063468 Password: 030414

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



- 1 Why should I feel dis cour aged?
 - "Let not your heart be trou bled,"
- 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed,
- Why should the shad-ows come?
- his ten der word I hear,
- when ev er clouds a rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and rest - ing on his good-ness, when song gives place to sigh-ing, and long for heaven and home,
I lose my doubts and fears;
when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por - tion? though by the path he lead - eth I draw the clos - er to him;

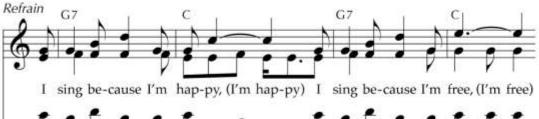
My con-stant friend is he: but one step I may see: from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



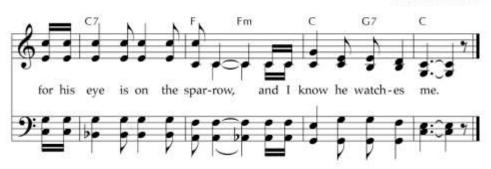
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This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29–30/Luke 12:6–7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

TEXT: Civilla Durfee Martin, 1905 MUSIC: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905 SPARROW Irregular







The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1965 MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. Hymns Ancient & Modern, 1861 Text © 1968 Hope Publishing Company ST, THOMAS (Wade)

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology



TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 OLD HUNDREDTH

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71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me



This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2–6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name.

TEXT: The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer, 1976, alt.
MUSIC: Jack Noble White, 1976
Music © 1977 Charles Montimer Guilbert (admin. Church Publishing, Inc.)

FIRST SONG Irregular