

Sunday, April 3, 2022, 9:30am

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Call to Worship: Romans 3

One: God has shown us a way to be made right with Him:

All: We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ.

One: Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.
Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight.

All: For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.

One: God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,
for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time.

**All: God is righteous, fair and just, and He makes sinners right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.
Praise the Lord!**

*Songs: "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

2 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

3 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe:
you that are longing to see His face,
will you this moment His grace receive?

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"Blessed Redeemer"

1 Up Calvary's mountain one dreadful morn
walked Christ, my Savior, weary and worn;
facing for sinners death on the cross,
that He might save them from endless loss.

Chorus

Blessed Redeemer! Precious Redeemer!
Seems I now see Him on Calvary's tree;
wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading,
blind and unheeding, dying for me!

2 "Father, forgive them," thus did He pray,
e'en while His lifeblood flowed fast away.
Praying for sinners while in such woe,
no one but Jesus ever loved so!

3 O how I love Him, Savior and Friend!
How can my praises ever find end?
Through years unnumbered on heaven's shore,
my tongue shall praise Him forevermore.

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Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Luke 13:6-9

Sermon: **"The Slow Work of God"**

Prayer

*Song: **"Help Us Accept Each Other"**

1 Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3 Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice Your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4 Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice, and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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*God's Blessing

*Song: **"Amazing Grace"**

1 Amazing grace; how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see

4 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home

5 When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun

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