

SERMON NOTES:

1. Laid Low (v. 29)

2. Raised Up and Set Apart (v. 30)

3. Real Freedom (v. 31)

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, August 20

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
	Youth Ministry Meeting	Student Center
	Kids Ministry Meeting	Children's Wing
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing

Monday, August 21

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:15 PM	Diaconate Monthly Meeting	Nell Davis

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 AM	Homeschool Support Group	Coffee Lounge
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404

Wednesday, August 23

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210
6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, August 24

10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, August 25

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor
5:00 PM	First Friends Dinner	Student Center

*The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.
Prayers for Healing take place on the 2nd Sunday of a month.
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.*



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city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission
in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,
to the glory of the Triune God.*

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023
11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Far be it from me to boast
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.

– The Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:14

May our Lord use this worship service
to transform you into a person
who boasts in the cross of Jesus Christ.
We do this as we become more profoundly aware
of our own sinfulness
while remaining strong
in the continued, fresh discovery
of the pardoning grace of God
revealed in the cross of Jesus.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in You with all our hearts.
For You always resist the proud
who confide in their own strength,
and You never forsake
those who make their boast in Your mercy;
We draw near now to worship You
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

*"I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Marshall McDonald
Susan Whitacre, viola, and Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” by Theodore Dubois

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-5 NASB 2020

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul will make its boast in the LORD;
The humble will hear it and rejoice.
Exalt the LORD with me,
And let’s exalt His name together.

**People: I sought the LORD and He answered me,
And rescued me from all my fears.
They looked to Him and were radiant,
and their faces will never be ashamed.**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” *Bulletin (vv. 1,3,4)*
“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *No. 501 (vv. 1,2,4,6)*

†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 at 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.**

*living **universal

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Is He Worthy?” by Peterson & Shive, arr. Dan Forrest

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

I Corinthians 1:29-31—“All We Have Is All We Need”

“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2 NASB 2020

Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through Whom we also have obtained
our introduction by faith
into this grace in which we stand;
and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’ cross, relieve His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus’ broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus Paid It All” *No. 308 (vv. 1,3,4)*

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

adapted from “Grace Be With You,” Benedictions from Dale Ralph Davis

Pastor: Now may the Savior
Who died, Who rose, and Who reigns,
grant you joy in the midst of sorrows,
peace in the midst of troubles,
hope in the midst of despair,
and faithfulness in the midst of temptation.
For His glory and your flourishing.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Te Deum Laudamus” by Aloys Clausman

“We Praise Thee, O God” *Ann Shaw, organ*

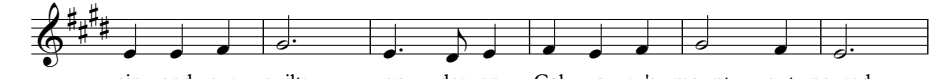
Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Julia H. Johnston, 1910

MOODY 9.9.9.9.ref.
Daniel B. Towner, 1910



1.Mar - ve-lous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex - ceeds our
2.Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold threat-en the soul with
3.Dark is the stain that we can - not hide. What can a - vail to
4.Mar - ve-lous, in - vi - nite, match - less grace, free - ly be - stowed on



sin and our guilt; yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;
all who be - lieve! You that are long - ing to see His face,



there where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.____ Grace, grace, God's grace;
points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.____
whit - er than snow you may be to - day.____
will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?____



grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in! Grace, grace,



God's grace; grace that is great - er than all our sin!

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.” (Phil. 4:4)
*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Frances Smith in memory of
Gordon Smith, Jr., and their wedding anniversary.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, August 21st.*

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