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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

WE LOVE FAMILIES! Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

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CONNECT WITH US: Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

FELLOWSHIP: Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

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Opening Song

Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone

(please stand)

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

REFRAIN

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

REFRAIN (x2)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness ¹

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** *(Psalm 119:97-99,103)*

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" *(John 20:31)*. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

¹ 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us all our sins." So the Pastor assures our believing hearts of God's promise — forgiveness of sins.

Song of Praise

Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone *(Refrain)*

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(be seated)

² When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

¹⁰ “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.”

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

¹³ He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him and struck the water with it. “Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

⁴ Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. ² For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. ³ Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

“So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”

And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.” ⁵ And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.”

⁶ It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. ⁷ Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

Song of the Day

Christ is Mine Forevermore
City Alight

**Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am his forevermore**

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me**

**Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore**

**And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore**

**Come rejoice now, O my soul
For his love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore!**

The Message *The Kingdom of God is Like...a Great Banquet*

Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²² “ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’ ”

Notes:

We Confess Our Faith in God

*The Apostles' Creed*²

(please stand)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

(be seated)



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² As we speak these words, we join with Christians throughout the centuries who have confessed the truths taught in Scripture with these words.

(please stand)

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

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 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.**

Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen!**

(be seated)

Closing Song

Jerusalem the Golden (CW #214)



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -
3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from
4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The
lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And
care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The
God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I
all the mar - tyr thron. The Prince is ev - er
song of them that feast; And they who with their
ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -
in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures
lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er
bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.
of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.
and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.
God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bible Basics** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Contact gardenpastor@gmail.com if interested.
- **Small Groups** will be meeting throughout the fall. Sign up now at GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to find a group near you. Learn more by contacting the following:
 - North Raleigh Group.** Contact Adam – groth.adam10@gmail.com
 - C. Hill Durham Group.** Contact Michelle – bmshaffer10@yahoo.com
 - Women’s Group.** Contact Nikki – nikki_athey@hotmail.com
- **Food Drive!** Gethsemane will be hosting a food drive from 9am to 1pm this Wednesday, November 21st. Get ready to help feed the North Raleigh Community!
- **Thanksgiving and Pumpkin Pie Social.** Gethsemane's Thanksgiving celebration will take place on Wednesday evening, November 21st, beginning at 6:30 pm. We'll start with a devotional service to focus ourselves on all we have to be thankful to our God for. Afterward, at about 7:15 pm, we'll have our Pumpkin Pie social. Bring a pie to share (doesn't even have to be pumpkin) and your appetite!
- **Worship this Morning** is led by Reverend Robin Zeratsky. We thank him for his message.

Thanks to those who served this week . . . Nov 18, 2018

Music 9am	Recorded
Music 11am	Carol Carson, Scott & Anne Gibson, Sam Barlow,Adrienne Fouts, Adam Groth, Billy Rueckert
Ushers 9am	Jim Henrickson, Matt Wimsatt
Ushers 11am	Randy Pool, Mitchell Pool
Nursery 9am	Sonia Dupree
Nursery 11am	Emily Young, Nikki Little
Fellowship 9am	Barb Meyers, Tamla Warren
Fellowship 11am	Paige Fricke, Michelle Shaffer

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