



## Order of Service August 3, 2025

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Preparation

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well."  
- Psalm 139:14*

#### \* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 34:17-22

**Leader:** The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

**People:** **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

**Leader:** The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

**People:** **Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**

**Unison:** *The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.*

#### \* **Hymn:** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

#### \* **Invocation**

#### \* **Song of Response** ..... I Want to Walk as a Child of Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

#### *Chorus*

*In Him there is no darkness at all;  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the Light of the City of God;  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

#### *Chorus*

*In Him there is no darkness at all;  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the Light of the City of God;  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

#### **Children's Message** ..... Mary Bigus

**Scripture Reading** ..... Ephesians 2:1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Prayer For Our Church Family**

**Offertory:** *Rock of Ages* ..... David Rox

\* **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

**Sermon:** *“God’s Poetry”* ..... Dr. Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger  
Ephesians 2:10

• **Song of Worship** ..... Grace Greater Than Our Sin

• **Apostles Creed** (Insert)

**Communion Prayer**

**Celebrating the Lord’s Supper**

• **Hymn:** Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

• **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

**Postlude**

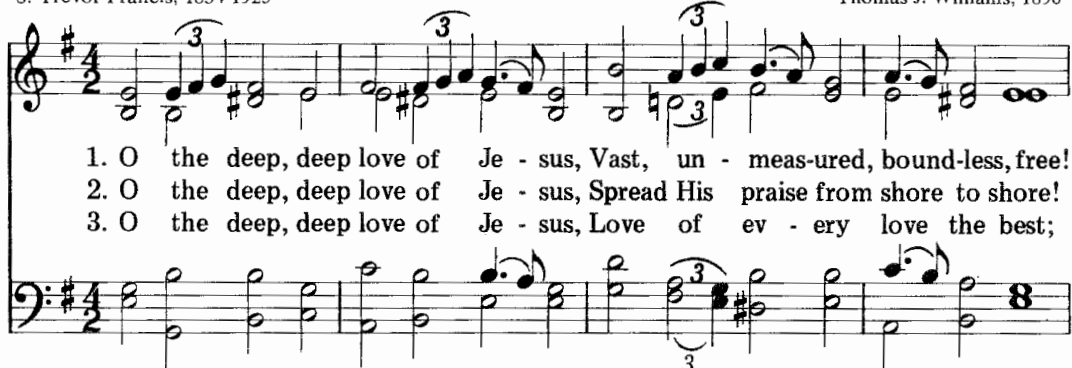
# O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus 229

*Having loved His own . . . He loved them unto the end. John 13:1*

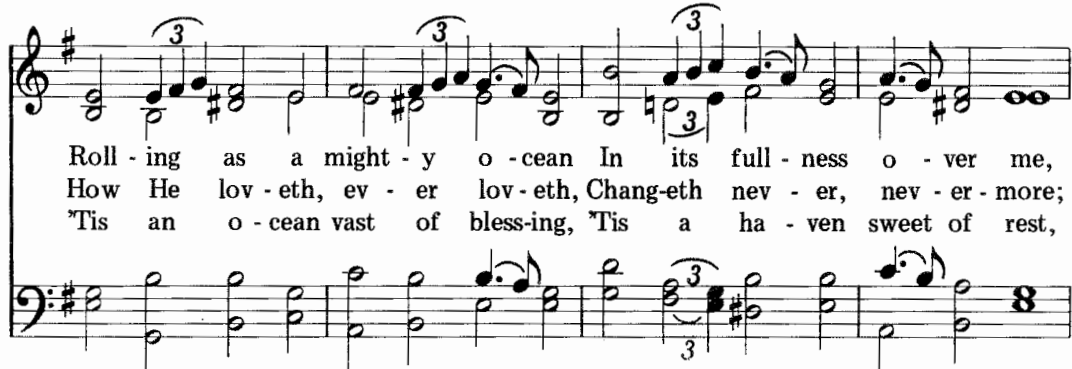
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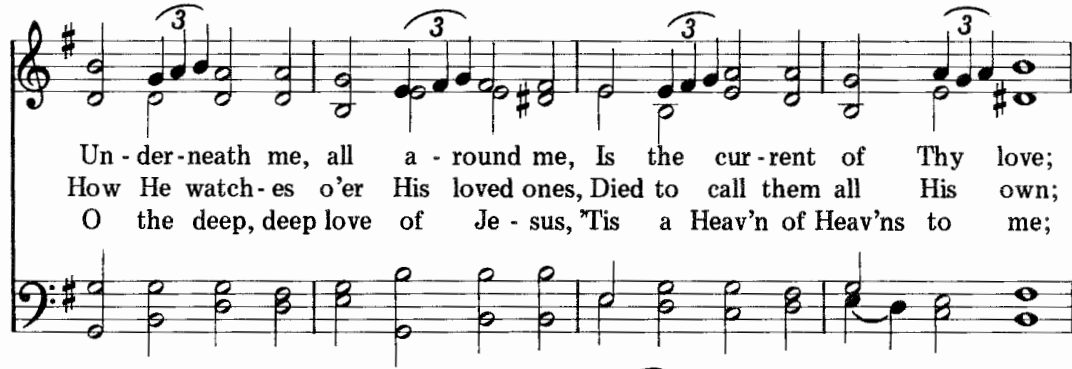
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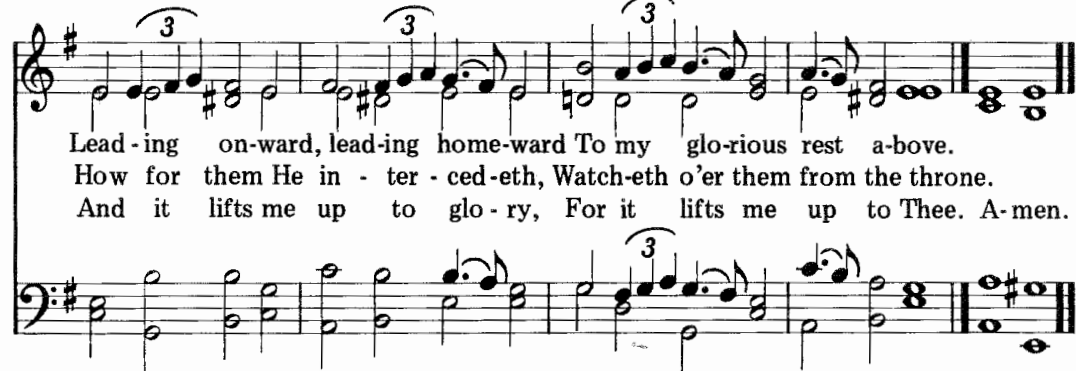
1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - meas-ured, bound-less, free!  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;



Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,  
 How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang-eth nev - er, nev - er - more;  
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless-ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest,



Un - der-neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;  
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;  
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'ns to me;



Lead - ing on-ward, lead-ing home-ward To my glo-rious rest a-bove.  
 How for them He in - ter - ced-eth, Watch-eth o'er them from the throne.  
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee. A-men.

*Offertory*  
**Rock of Ages**

by Thomas Hastings

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

# Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Words by  
Julia Harriette Johnston

Music by  
Daniel Brink Towner

## VERSE

G D7 Em D/F# G D7 G D G/D

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

D7 G C/G G D7 Em D/F# G D7

ceeds our sin and our guilt; Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out -  
 soul with in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er, yes, grace un -  
 vail to wash it a - way? Look, there is flow - ing a crim - son  
 stowed on all who be - lieve; You that are long - ing to see His

## CHORUS

Em C G/B Am7 G/B C G/D D G G

12 poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Grace, grace;  
 told, points to the ref - uge, the might - y Cross.  
 tide; Whit - er than snow you may be to - day.  
 face, will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?  
 C/G G D7 G C/G G

19 God's grace. Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in. Grace,  
 C/G G C G/B Am7 G/B C G/D D G

26 grace; God's grace. Grace that is great - er than all our sin.

## **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

\*Here the word means universal, such as the universal bond of genuine believers across the world.

## **Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound**

by John Newton

*Verses 1 and 5*

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.

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 first begun.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 3, 2025

**Our mission** is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.  
**Our vision** is to be a house of refuge, a community of joy, and a spiritual catalyst for personal and cultural renewal.

Register for events



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today! Meet & Greet with Steve and Allyson Baldwin after the worship service
- Today! Baptism and Confirmation of Faith Service at Gull Pond, 3:00 pm
- August 4 - Alpha Prayer Walk at Patton Park, 6:30 pm
- August 4 - GriefShare Zoom Series begins, 7:30 pm
- August 5 - College Age Boda Borg Event, 5:30 pm
- August 5 - High School Pool Party at the Tings, 6:30 pm
- August 6 - Children's Library Time, 10:00 am
- August 6 - Beach Night, 6:00 pm
- August 8 - Celebration of Music Concert, 7:00 pm
- August 9 - WOTO Pool Party, 3:00 pm

## NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

**Welcome!** We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher, or visit our Welcome Desk downstairs in the Fellowship Foyer.

**For families, we provide Little People's Church (LPC).** The church nursery and LPC are available for children at the 10:00 am worship service.

- The church nursery is open for drop-off beginning at 9:45 am.
- Remember to register your child for LPC at the check-in station on arrival. Following the children's message, parents of children age 3 to grade 1 will go to the Ministry Center hallway to meet an adult leader, who will then escort the children to the church building.

**Additional resources:** As a house of refuge, we have the Deacons fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, counseling, and other resources to help. Contact us at [info@fcchamilton.org](mailto:info@fcchamilton.org).

## FCCH MISSIONS

- **Meet & Greet Today!** Stay after today's service to see three short films from Africa with Steve and Allyson Baldwin in Heritage Hall. Steve is an award-winning American filmmaker who serves with *Create International*. The group focuses on mobile filmmaking training and cross-cultural movie production, with the goal of producing more movies for unreached people groups.
- **Prayer Time:** The Missions Committee meets biweekly for prayer and invites everyone to join them. Their next meeting is Tuesday, August 19, at 7:45 am in the Ministry Center, Room 22. They pray as a group for missionaries sponsored by FCCH.

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF FAITH SERVICE TODAY!

Please join us for a special baptism and confirmation of faith service at 3:00 pm today at Gull Pond on the Gordon College campus. Service participants: Colvin Baird, Kathy Doane, Heather LaBudde, Timothy LaBudde, and Ava Pinto.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY SPECIAL THANKS**

- A heartfelt thanks to the Mason family for continually blessing us with such rich and beautiful music in worship. We're also grateful to Sam Bigus for joining us on bass and vocals—his presence and musical gift are always such a blessing. The way you all worship God truly inspires and encourages us.
- Another thank-you to our faithful Worship Band and Sound Team! They rehearse together every Thursday and early Sunday morning with such joy and dedication. Please take a moment to encourage them when you see them!

## **GRIEFSHARE**

A new series begins on Monday, August 4, with online (Zoom) meetings on Mondays at 7:30 pm. Offering help and encouragement to those who've suffered the death of a loved one, GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. For further information, contact John Clark at 978-375-6329 or [johnclarkhydroseeding@outlook.com](mailto:johnclarkhydroseeding@outlook.com).

## **A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC: AN EVENING OF SONG FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

We are delighted to host our very own Amelia VanderWoude with two of her colleagues from Wheaton College as part of their tour. We hope to see you at this free concert on Friday, August 8, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Light refreshments will be served as you meet the musicians in Fellowship Foyer after the concert.

## **WOMEN ON THEIR OWN (WOTO) POOL PARTY**

WOTO will enjoy our annual Pool Party on Saturday, August 9, at 3:00 pm at John Clark's home. We welcome all women who are "on their own" for fellowship, faith and fun! For further information, please contact Linda Coonrod at 508-954-7200 or [lcoonrod47@gmail.com](mailto:lcoonrod47@gmail.com).

## **PRAY ON TUESDAYS WHEREVER YOU ARE**

The Pastoral Search Committee encourages you to join in prayer every Tuesday. At some point during your day, stop for a few minutes to pray for our church, the search committee, the search process, and the candidate God is preparing for our congregation.

## **WORSHIP WITH THE MASONS AT ASBURY GROVE ON AUGUST 17**

Noni and Jared Mason and their three sons, the Mason 5, invite our church family to join them on Sunday evening, August 17, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm for a time of worship at Asbury Grove. It will be an evening of praise, prayer, and reflection, including many of their scripture songs, hymns, and other songs. Asbury Grove is located at 15 Lee Park, South Hamilton.

## **ALPHA NEWS**

- **Alpha returns!** The course will be held on Monday nights in the fall, beginning September 8. Alpha is a chance to explore the meaning of life and the Christian faith over dinner, a film, and table discussion. We encourage you to think of folks you could invite to attend Alpha with you, particularly if they aren't currently connected to a church but would like to explore the Christian faith. If you would like to be part of the team organizing Alpha, talk to Robin Davis or email her at [redrobindavis@gmail.com](mailto:redrobindavis@gmail.com).
- **Prayer Walk:** Join us for a prayer walk in Hamilton's neighborhoods as we prepare to invite friends to Alpha. We will meet Mondays at 6:30 pm, beginning August 4, at the Patton Park grandstand, rain or shine. For more information, please contact Christine Williams at [rcw3kids@gmail.com](mailto:rcw3kids@gmail.com).

## **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY TIME**

Our librarian, Jane Robinson, is in the library on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am – noon. Children are invited to join for story time with a special guest reader at 10:15 am. Our children's section is geared toward preschool through grade 5.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Group is on summer break, but we can still have fun! Check the FCCH website for the youth calendar.

- **Middle School:** All middle school students are invited to an end-of-the-year pool party at the Jamisons' house in Topsfield on Wednesday, August 20, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Register using the QR code on the front page.
- **High School:** Join us for a pool party on Tuesday, August 5, at 6:30 pm at the Ting residence in Wenham. We'll have burgers and hot dogs, hang out, swim, and play volleyball. Register using the QR code on the front page.



## **COLLEGE AGE GROUP**

- **Boda Borg:** Join us Tuesday, August 5, for two hours of fun, solving as many escape rooms as we can. We'll depart from church at 5:30 pm. Registration is required for this event as we need to reserve the correct number of spots. The \$10 fee can be paid online through the registration.
- **Worship Night:** Join us for our final event of the summer on Thursday, August 14! We'll meet at Singing Beach at 6:00 pm and have an evening of fellowship, fun, and singing praises to our Lord!

Register for both these events using the QR code on the front page.

## **LIFE AFTER FIFTY (LAF) SAVE THE DATES**

- The LAF Christmas Open House is scheduled for Sunday, December 14.
- The Spring Getaway Retreat will be held April 24 – 26, 2026.

## **BEACH NIGHT**

Join us each week on Wednesday night from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Singing Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Look for the large red umbrella. All are welcome, so bring your friends! If it rains, we don't meet. Park in town or pay to park in the beach lot.

*If you would like to receive our weekly email, sign up at [fcchamilton.org](http://fcchamilton.org), or the church office, [info@fcchamilton.org](mailto:info@fcchamilton.org).  
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