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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Grace Presbyterian Church, May 18, 2025 @ 10:30 am

†The congregation should stand if able.

When the Gathering Music begins, please assume a quiet and reverent attitude of worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

Beth McEwen — “He Will Keep You,” “God of Every Grace,”
“When We See Your Face”

PRELUDE / PROCESSIONAL

Judy Redeker — “Holy, Holy, Holy”
—John B. Dykes, arr.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Saunders

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads bold print)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom He has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of man!**

For He satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

—Psalm 107:1-3,8-9

†INVOCATION

Chris Saunders

†HYMN OF PRAISE

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; Mer - cy and
 2. He built the earth, He spread the sky, And fixed the
 3. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; He bids the
 4. He sent His Son with pow'r to save From guilt and
 5. Through this vain world He guides our feet, And leads us

truth are all His ways; Won - ders of grace to
 star - ry lights on high: Won - ders of grace to
 moon di - rect the night; His mer - cies ev - er
 dark - ness and the grave; Won - ders of grace to
 to His heav'n - ly seat: His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure, When suns and moons shall shine no more.
 God be - long; Re - peat His mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure, When this our world shall be no more.

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

(Congregation reads bold print)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

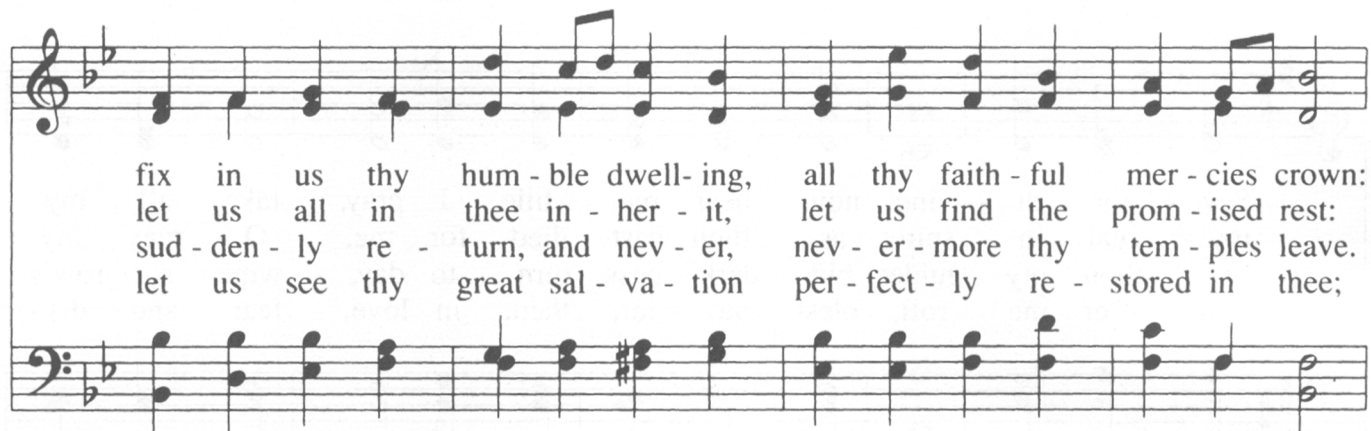
†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

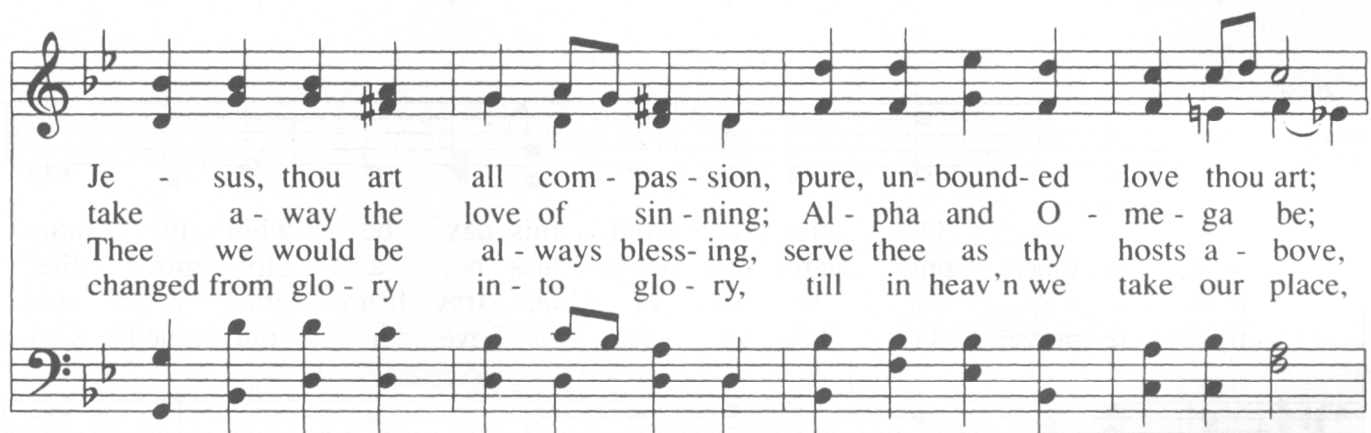
LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



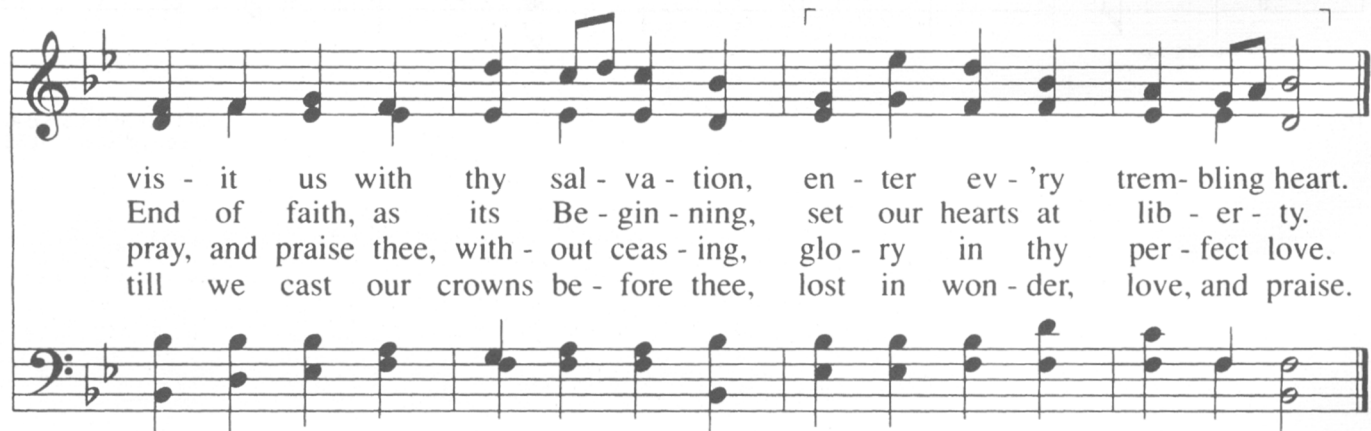
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Congregation will be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Congregation reads bold print)

As Christians, we rebel against God's law, and because we do, we're called to confess our sins and to repent of our sins. It's not because the sins are merely a matter of our self-expression, but because they are objectively, morally wrong sins against God. When we confess our sins, we don't go before God to confess feeling badly about what we do. We go to God to confess our sins because we have broken His law.

Holy God, we realize that You know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before You now asking You to show us our sin, to make us aware of our failings, to open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need Your wisdom and guidance to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without Your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance that only comes from You. Do Your transforming work in us so that we can live as Your redeemed people in the world. In Jesus' Name we pray.

Amen.

Silent Confession

PASTORAL PRAYER

Chris Saunders

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Congregation reads bold print)

**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.**

**THE GOSPEL'S ASSURANCE
OF GRACE**

This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

—Hebrews 11:23-29

†SONG OF PREPARATION

"Faith of Our Fathers"

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of
 2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in
 3. Faith of our fa - thers! God's great pow'r shall draw all
 4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and

dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy
 heart and con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 na - tions un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God
 foe in all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how

REFRAIN

when - e'er we hear God's glo - rious Word:
 if they, like them, should die for thee: Faith of our fa - thers,
 his peo - ple shall in - deed be free:
 by wit - ness true and vir - tuous life:

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Please Remain Standing

**READING AND PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD**

Dr. Jon Jacobs — *"The Audacity of Faith"*
(Heb. 11:23-29)

PRAYER

For Application of the Word

†BENEDICTION / RESPONSE

(Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†POSTLUDE

If you have questions about today's message, salvation through Jesus Christ, or our church, several of our Elders will be at the front of the Sanctuary following the Benediction.

Bible Studies

Men's — Weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 am at Cabin Coffee and 10:00am at Grace

Women's — The 4th Thursday each month

Church Picnic

Saturday, June 7 at 11:30am

Member Care

If you have special needs, contact your assigned elder. Last names beginning with
A-B Williams; C-G Pedine; H-M Schoeffler;
N-R Tallman; S-V Matthews; W-Z Saunders.

Deacons are Kurt Spangenberg, Leonard Celaya,
Mike Fann, Nate Johnson, Steve Rothkopf,
Jacob Wallace, Mike Ziegenbein

Assisted Hearing Devices

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of the Sanctuary

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Adult Continuing Education (9:15 am)

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12) (9:15 am)

Children and Nursery (9:15 am)

Nursery (ages 3-24 months)

Childcare is provided in the nursery.

Pre-School (ages 2-4 years)

Elementary School (ages 5-11)

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Adult Bible Study (6:30 pm)

Youth Bible Study — (6:30 pm)

Covenant Kids (ages 5-11) — (6:30 pm)

Sanctuary Choir — (7:30 pm)

Sermon Archive

All sermons and teachings are available at
www.sermonaudio.com/solo/jonjacobs/sermons/

Coffee

Served prior to Sunday School and the Worship
Service each week.