

# The book of James

August 17, 2025

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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*Grace Presbyterian Church, August 17, 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—"O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer,"  
"On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)," "He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)"

## PRELUDE / PROCESSIONAL

Judy Redeker—"Ye Servants of God"  
Franklin Ritter, arr.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Brewer

## NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Dr. Jon Jacobs

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an  
inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for  
you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming  
of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

**In this we greatly rejoice.**

All praise be to our sovereign Lord and King  
Who reigns forever and ever!

-based upon I Peter 1:3-6a as adapted by Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship:  
Letting the Gospel Shape Our Practice* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2009), 163.

## †INVOCATION

Christian Brewer

## †HYMN OF PRAISE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

# CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2. Crown Him the Son of God, be - fore the worlds be - gan,  
 3. Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side,  
 4. Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
 5. Crown Him the Lord of lords, who o - ver all doth reign,

Hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own:  
 And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man;  
 Those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those He came to save.  
 Who once on earth, th'in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain,

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
 Who ev - 'ry grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast,  
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
 Now lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing

And hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.  
 But down - ward bends his won - d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 Who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 Their songs be - fore Him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.

**†PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to 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.**

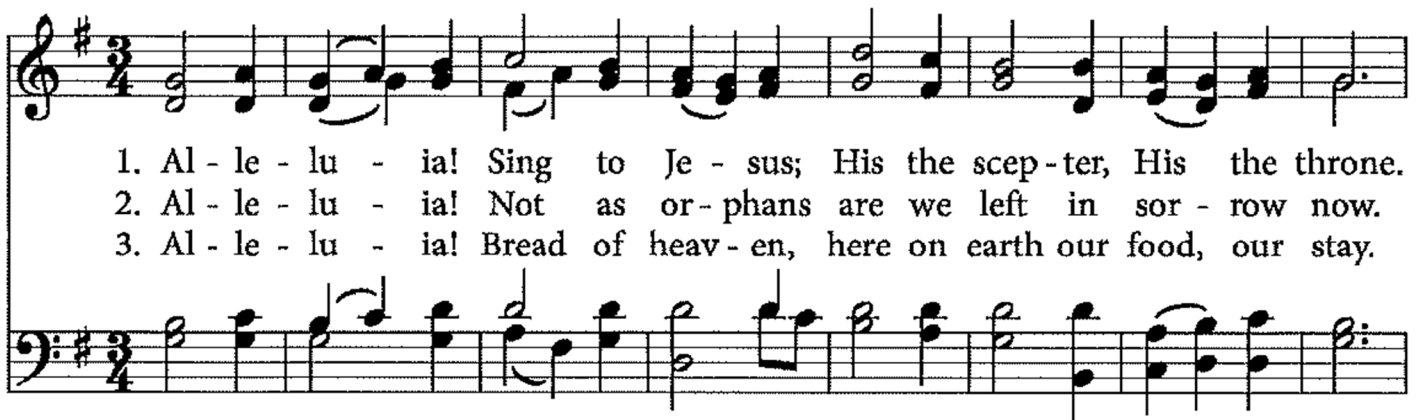
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(\*catholic = universal)*

**†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

**“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”**

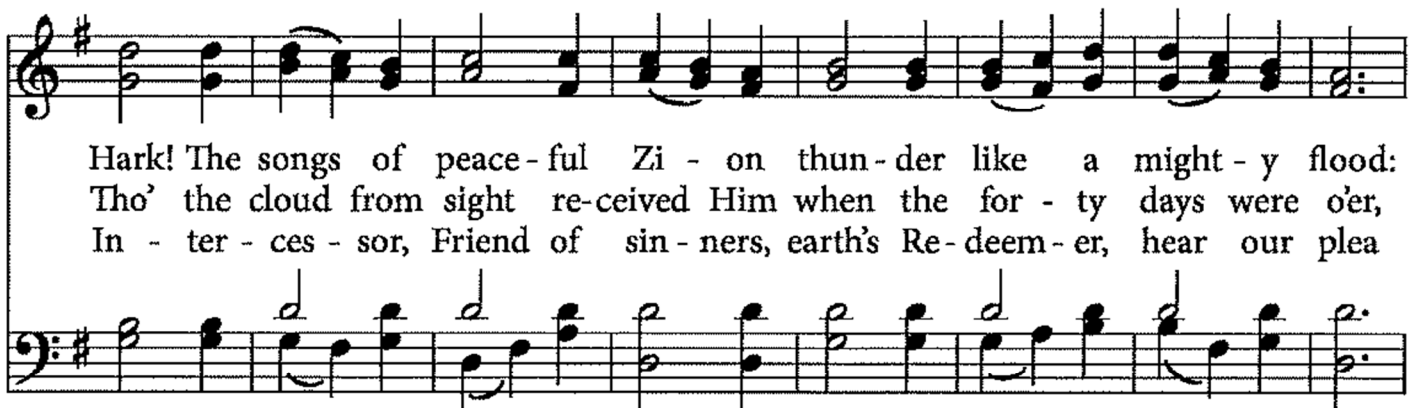
# ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS



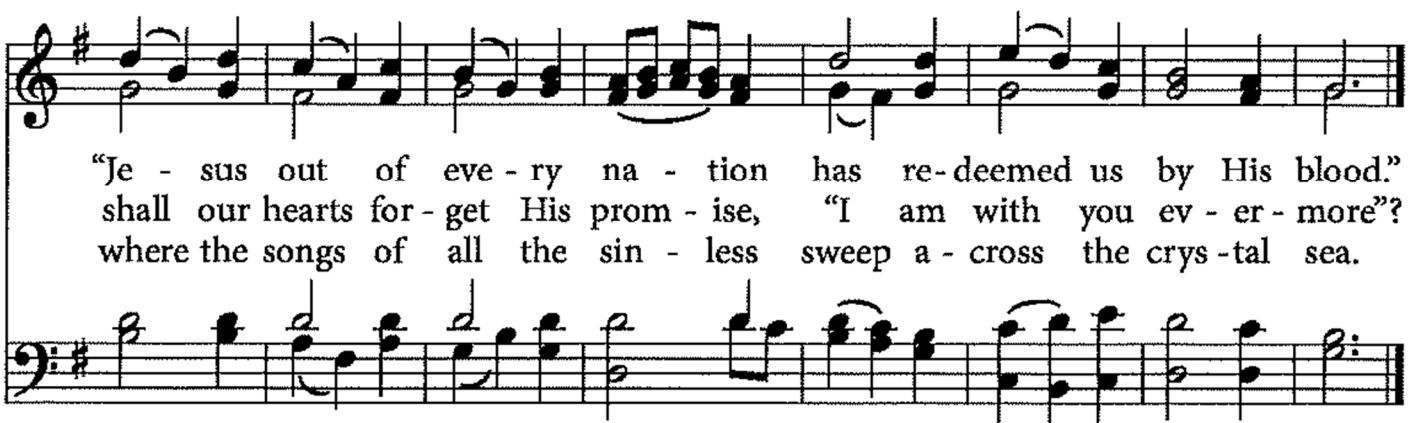
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, His the throne.  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now.  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our food, our stay.



Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to You from day to day.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood:  
 Tho' the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea



"Je - sus out of eve - ry na - tion has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 shall our hearts for - get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2 Chron. 7:14).

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

**Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and, therefore, are inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we unceasingly transgress Your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more. But we are sorry for this and desire Your grace and help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us Your Holy Spirit, so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the depth of our heart, feel true contrition and grief for them, die to them completely, and please You wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.**

Silent Confession

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Christian Brewer

**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**

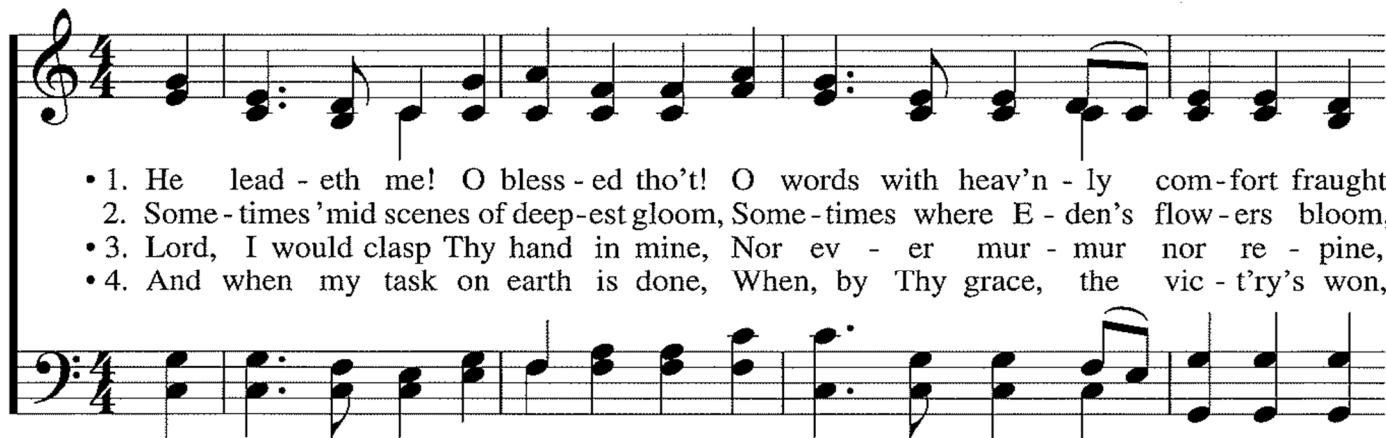
*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—  
It is by grace you have been saved.*

—Ephesians 2:4-5

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

# HE LEADETH ME: O BLESSED THOUGHT



• 1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed tho't! O words with heav'n - ly com - fort fraught!  
2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, Some - times where E - den's flow - ers bloom,  
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,  
4. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic - t'ry's won,



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me!  
By wa - ters still, o'er trou - bled sea, Still 'tis His hand that lead - eth me!  
Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me!  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me!



He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me:



His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore  
Music: William B. Bradbury

*Please Remain Standing*

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

Dr. Jon Jacobs — "Faith and the Self"  
(James 4:1-7)

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

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.*

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**Bible Studies**

Men's — Each Thursday at 6:30 am at  
Cabin Coffee

Young Men's — Every Other Monday at 7 pm  
at the Brewers' Home

Women's — The 4th Thursday of each month  
at 10 am at Grace

**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/](http://www.sermonaudio.com/solo/jonjacobs/sermons/)

**Coffee**

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