

## The Power of Grace and Forgiveness

*"Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits on the undeserving." — A.W. Tozer*

Grace is God's gift to sinners who cannot earn it and do not deserve it. When Jesus stretched out His arms on the cross, He declared once and for all that forgiveness is not a wage we work for but a gift freely given. Our sins, though many, are covered by the blood of Christ.

Paul reminds us, *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace"* (Ephesians 1:7). Grace is not thin or fragile—it is abundant, overflowing, and more powerful than the weight of our guilt.

When you live in the light of God's forgiveness, you are free—not only free from condemnation, but free to extend that same forgiveness to others. The church is at its strongest when it is rooted in grace and truth, welcoming the broken and pointing them to Christ who restores.

So this week, remember: you are forgiven. You are loved. And you are called to live as a child of grace, offering to others what God has so richly poured out on you.

For His Glory,

**Pastor Dillon Evans**



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*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus  
by receiving His love and His church's ministries.  
Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.*

11:00 am                      **WORSHIP**                      September 14, 2025

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \* 140 vs. 1—4**                      "Down at the Cross"

**HYMN OF PRAISE \* 547 vs. 1—4**                      "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"  
**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      Debra Wood, Deacon  
**ALMA HUNT VIDEO**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**                      Julia Dawson  
**MINISTRIES/PRAYER**                      Rev. Anthony Riedel

**ANTHEM**                      Chancel Choir

**PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Isaiah 53:5**                      Merida Worth

**HYMN OF OFFERING \* 606 vs. 1 & 4**                      "I Gave My Life for Thee"

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**                      Debra Wood, Deacon

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY \***                      Hymn 253

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 10:34—39; 16:21—28**                      Rev. Mike Mines  
**MESSAGE "What It Means to Carry the Cross"**                      Rev. Mike Mines

**HYMN OF INVITATION \* 135**                      "Nothing but the Blood"  
(please use your hymnals)

**CLOSING PRAYER**                      Rev. Mike Mines  
**CLOSING CHORUS \* 281**                      "Speak to My Heart"

*"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19*  
**Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.**

**POSTLUDE**                      Please take this time to greet one another

\*Congregation Stands

**CLOSING CHORUS # 281**  
**"Speak to My Heart"**

Speak to my heart, oh, speak to my heart,  
Speak to my heart, I pray;  
Yield—ed and still, seek—ing Thy will,  
Oh, speak to my heart to—day.

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