

Hymn and Order of Worship – May 31, 2020

Organ Prelude: "All Creatures of our God" Don Shelley, organist

Welcome: Pastor Jeff Blevins

Apostles' Creed in unison:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended in hell;
The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting. Amen!

Lord's Prayer in unison

Hymn: "Grace Greater than our Sin" [JH Johnson. DB Towner. CCLI #11537217]

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured – there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Chorus: Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.

2. Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater – yes; grace untold – points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.
Chorus.

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide – whiter than snow you may be today.
Chorus

4. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?
Chorus.

Responsive Reading: Genesis 3.1-13, 22-24

3 The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

²“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. ³“It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

⁴**“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵“God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”**

⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

⁸**When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. ⁹Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”**

¹⁰He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

¹¹**“Who told you that you were naked?” the LORD God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”**

¹²The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”

¹³**Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?”**

“The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

²²Then the LORD God said, “Look, the human beings^[a] have become like us, knowing both good and evil. What if they reach out, take fruit from the tree of life, and eat it? Then they will live forever!”

²³**So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. ²⁴After sending them out, the LORD God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden. And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.**

Response: "Gloria Patri"

Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen!

Message "The problem in our nature" (Genesis 3)

– Pastor Jeff Blevins

Hymn: "Amazing Grace" [John Newton. CCLI Lic #11537217]

1. 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.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3. Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4. 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'd first begun.

Special prayer needs –led by Pastor Blevins

Closing thoughts and prayer – Pastor Blevins

Benediction (singing together)