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COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: GREEN

11:00am Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost
GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

Fount of Every Blessing

Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who remember mercies from long ago, and you who are still searching for signs of grace.

We come to worship the God who has helped us thus far.

Come, you whose hearts are steady today, and you whose hearts have wandered or grown afraid.

We come to worship the God whose faithfulness is forever.

Through hardship and joy, through roads we would have chosen and roads we never would have chosen, God has been with us.

Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

So let us remember. Let us give thanks. Let us tune our hearts again to grace.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 649
(verses 1 - 4)

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) Faithful God, you have carried us through more than we can remember, yet we confess how easily we forget. We lose sight of yesterday's mercies beneath today's anxieties. We trust our fears more readily than your promises and imagine that everything depends upon our strength. Our hearts wander toward lesser gods — toward control, security, resentment, certainty, and self-protection. Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts again toward you. Give us eyes to recognize the grace already scattered along the roads we have traveled. Free us from the fear that closes us in upon ourselves, and teach us to live with gratitude, courage, compassion, and trust. Bind our wandering hearts to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (*Responsive*)

If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing we have done, nothing we fear, nothing present and nothing still to come can separate us from the love of God.

In Jesus Christ, grace finds us, holds us, forgives us, and leads us home.

My friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD

1. **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

2. **World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible pp. 247-248) | Samuel 7: 3-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible p. 1032) Romans 8: 28-39

PROCLAMATION *Here I Raise My Ebenezer (Wait...What?)* Rev. Tom Buchanan

*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

We believe in the God who has accompanied us through every season of our lives, whose mercy reaches farther back than memory and whose promise reaches farther ahead than sight. We believe in Jesus Christ, who entered fully into the suffering of the world, who was crucified and raised from death, and in whose love we are held. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prays within us when words fail, who meets us in weakness, and who is at work even in places we cannot yet understand. We do not believe that suffering itself is good, or that every wound was somehow meant to be. We trust instead that no sorrow, failure, power, loss, nor anything else in all creation can carry us beyond the reach of God's redeeming love. Therefore, in life and in death, in what we remember and what we cannot yet see, we belong to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and
Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE
(verse 5) **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.**

*POSTLUDE

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