

# Grace

Presbyterian Church

*By Grace Alone Through Faith Alone In Christ Alone  
According to Scripture Alone To the Glory of God Alone*

04 FEBRUARY 2018

**TO ALL** WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT  
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,  
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,  
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,  
**THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME**  
**IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

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*Our Worship and Celebration*  
*( Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time )*

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*Gathering*

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**GATHERING HYMN**

We gather here in grateful praise,  
in prayer and song our voices raise,  
for all our blessings, large and small,  
we thank You God, who gives us all.

Hymn #378

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Rev. Rusty Mosley*

**PRELUDE**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” - arr. Smith*

*Lyle Rupert*

*(When you see a “✠”, please stand if you are able.)*

✠ **HYMN**

*“Immortal Invisible”*

Hymn #58

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: **How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

People: **He counts the stars and calls them all by name.**

Leader: Sing out your thanks to the LORD;  
People: Sing praises to our God with a harp.

- From Psalm 147

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

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*Cleansing*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, we come to you this morning as people who need to be redeemed. We need to be made whole. We confess that we need You to heal us for we cannot heal ourselves.

We confess our wandering hearts. We run after acceptance, prestige, wealth, order, pleasure and novelty in a desperate effort to heal our hearts. None of these can redeem us, none of these can make us whole. Yet we are slow to learn. Forgive us we pray.

We confess our faithless hearts. We have looked for redemption everywhere but in your arms. We haven't looked there because we doubt your love for us. Forgive us we pray.

Now, Father, accept our confession and receive us gladly. We ask this not upon our deserving it, or even the honesty of our confession, but for the sake of Jesus. You rejected Him, the innocent, in order to embrace us, the guilty. Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you...

*(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“Gloria Patri”*

Hymn # 705

Glory be to 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, Amen.

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## *Strengthening of the Word and Sacraments*

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### FIRST READING

*Titus 3: 4-5a* (p.998)

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### SECOND READING

*Matthew 20:1-16* (p.825)

<sup>1</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarii a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.

<sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

<sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

<sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

<sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### *Transforming Grace - Part 3* *“A Generous God To Us One Hour Workers!”*

*Rev. Rusty Mosley*

#### Sermon Notes:

#### I. A call to a severe humility.

- A. The difference Jesus is showing us between the all-day workers and the last-hour workers, is not in their \_\_\_\_\_ of work,  
but in their \_\_\_\_\_ to the landowner.

The all-day workers were relating to him on the \_\_\_\_\_ system.  
The last-hour workers were relating to him on the \_\_\_\_\_ system.

#### B. 3 marks of a “Deserving System” heart are:

1. (v.11) an \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
2. (v.12) a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ spirit.
3. (v.12) not obeying God \_\_\_\_\_ or with \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### II. A call to grateful praise!

- A. What does God show that He cares more about in this parable?

B. This means that God wants me to receive His \_\_\_\_\_ !

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(\*which means, the true Christian church of all times and places)*

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*Sending*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** *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.*

**MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Moderato from Piano Sonata No. 1” - Beethoven*

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌘ HYMN

*“Praise To The Lord”*

Hymn #319

⌘ BENEDICTION

⌘ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God,  
The communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.

Hymn #518

**POSTLUDE**

*(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)*

*“Immortal, Invisible” - arr. Peterson*



**Prayer Concerns:**

Tibor Beczo; Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Family of Charlene Burns, mother of Beth Hays; Bill Conner; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Willene Hudman, sister of Bernice Chapin; and Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie.

**Announcements:**

- ◇ We are in need of volunteers to help with the **Backpack Program** on Wednesdays between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway.

## PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

### PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

### PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from our sins and receive You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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