



Power in Weakness: Grace is Enough

Dr. Tim Bruster

2 Corinthians 10:1-12

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

March 18, 2018

WE GATHER

Prelude – St. Anthony Chorale
David Campbell Johnson, arranger

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Choir: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Leader: When we are discouraged, exhausted, drained, we remember –

Congregation: God's grace is enough.

Leader: When our fragile egos are damaged and our pride wounded, we remember –

Congregation: God's grace is enough.

Leader: When worries and fears and anxieties overwhelm our days, we remember –

Congregation: God's grace is enough.

Choir: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

*Hymn 529 – How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

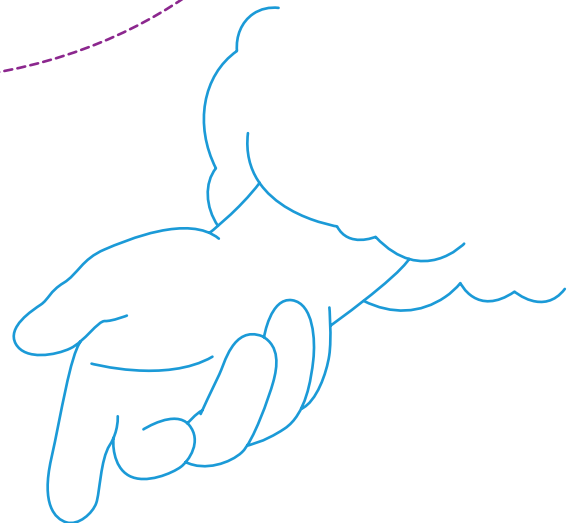
“When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

Word of the Day:
Enough

Memory Verse:
God's grace is
enough.
– 2 Corinthians 12:9

Omnipotent
means
“all-powerful.”



*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,



who works in us and others by the Spirit.



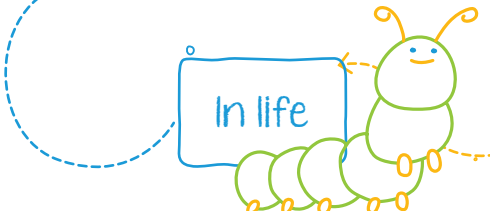
We trust in God. We are called to be the church.

To celebrate God's presence.

To love and serve others.

To seek justice and resist evil.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.



In death



In life

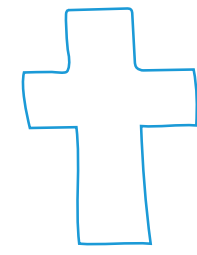
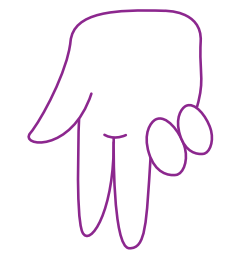
Thanks be to God.

Amen.

God is with us. We are not alone.



*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

WE PROCLAIM

Sacrament of Baptism
Tessa Rae Teer, daughter of Courtney and Samuel Teer

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) – Jesus Loves Me

Congregational Response
With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Tessa Rae, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

*Passing the Peace

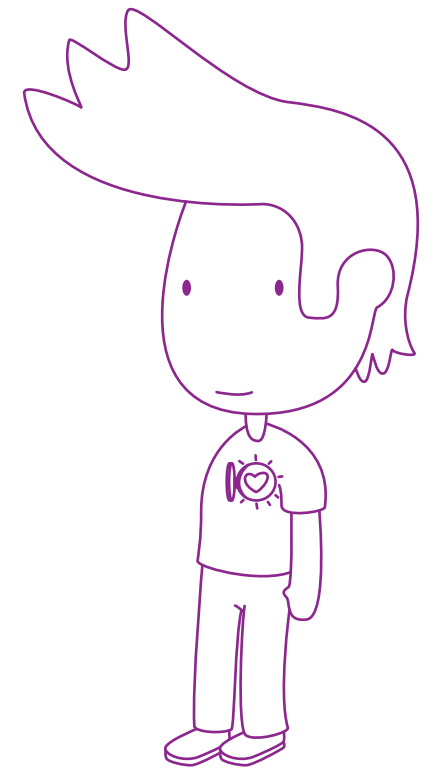
*Hymn 500 – Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart, wean it from sin, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

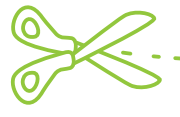
I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Baptism: When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.



Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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Draw a map of the sermon.

Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

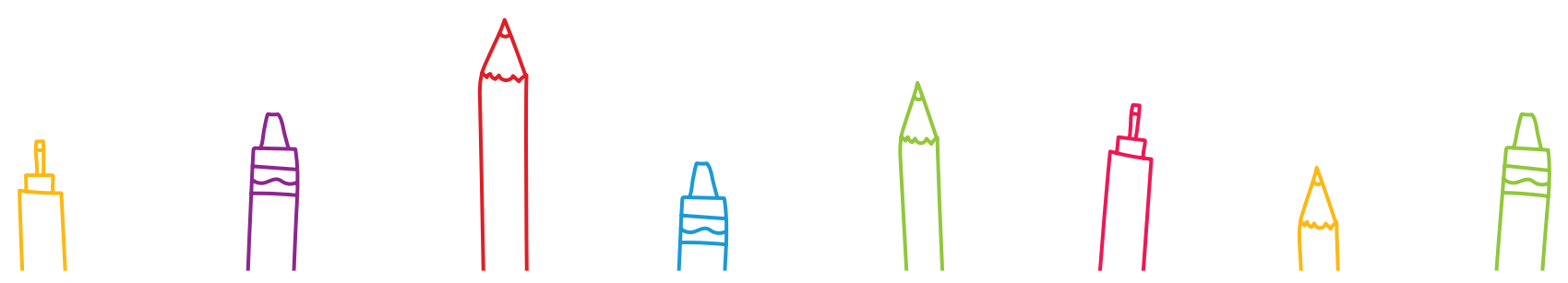
Along the way, draw important images
OR WORDS you hear.

Look around.
What is something you see that helps you know God's love is real?

Did you just hear a word or phrase you don't understand? Write it down and ask your parents about it, or look it up when you get home.

Write a "Thank You" Note to God.

Imagine you are the one giving the sermon. What would you tell everyone?



Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Find the Prayer Cross in your worship kit. The cord has five knots, and there are five parts to the prayer Jesus taught his friends. Hold each knot between your thumb and forefinger as you say the different parts of the prayer.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

FOR Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Many years
after Jesus went
to heaven, the
early church
added this part
of the prayer.
Hold the prayer
cross close to
your heart as
you say this part.

WE RESPOND

A Time of Giving

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the envelope in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

Means of Grace: Giving Generously to the Needs of Others

Create space for God's grace today by putting a bit more in the offering plate than you normally would – enough to make you uneasy.

Offertory – Beneath the Cross of Jesus

MARK SHEPPERD, ARRANGER

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 378 – Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

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

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

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.

*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?
We will go out to be God's people in the world.
May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

Congregational Closing – Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Postlude – All Glory, Laud and Honor

MATTHEW H. CORI, ARRANGER

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Uhr, Mrs. Sheila Uhr, Mr. Jack Morris, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Hutchison by Mr. Bill Uhr and family.

Worship Leaders:

Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor
Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

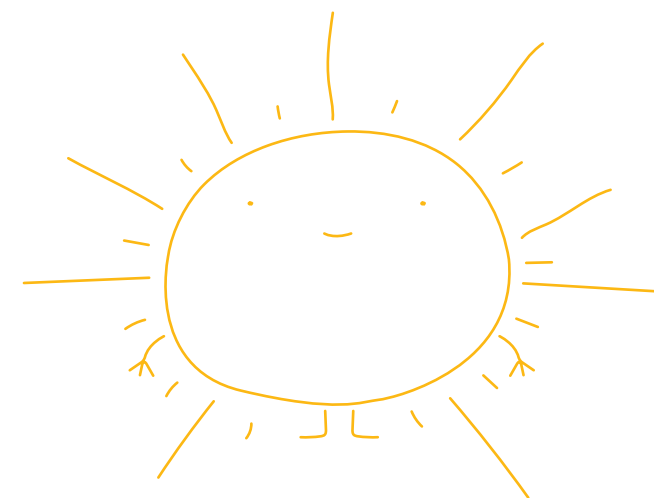
Liturgists: Dr. Mike Marshall, Mrs. Nancy Fisher

Faith Like a Child: Rev. Nancy Froman, Ella Lawrence, helper

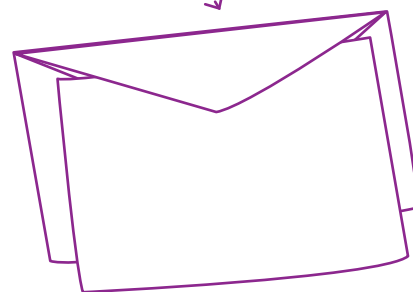
Choir: Choral Union

Procession: Mavah Lawrence

*Please stand as you are able.



How are you going
to be one of God's
people in the world
this week?



WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

