

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

**Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Robert Powell

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: As followers of Christ, we are called to bring a hopeful understanding of our world to others, knowing that God pronounced the created universe "good." We are called to bring our hope in God with us wherever we go, declaring that despite the fall, God makes all things new again. Jesus taught that we should love God and love one another. So let's join together in our love of God to worship and give thanks!

\*HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

No. 384

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Liturgist: In the beginning God created all things,

**People: and God saw that they were good.**

Liturgist: At our beginning, God created us:

**People: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God, known and treasured by God even before He created us.**

Liturgist: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new.

**People: We will seek God in the freshness of this morning, in the laughter of friends, in the colors of creation, and in this beautiful place.**

Liturgist: Lord God, King of Creation,

**People: open our eyes to see your presence, our souls to sense your presence, and our hearts to love your presence, ever here in your creation, and ever beyond it in eternity.**

**All: Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Genesis 3:1-24*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE

*We Believe in One True God*

No. 85 vs. 1

**We believe in one true God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

People: **By his mighty power God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*God Be with You til We Meet Again*

Rankin/Williams

EPISTLE READING

*Romans 3:20b-28*

MESSAGE

*"Methodism: Grace, Grace and More Grace" Pastor Janet Sattel*

\*HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

No. 378

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **We love your church O God, we love our church, but we admit that sometimes it's just one of the many organizations to which we belong. It is just one segment of our life. The result is that we wander aimlessly, following the ways of the world and trying to sustain ourselves with its cheap imitations of God's word. We are left with a vague hunger that is not satisfied by what the world offers to us. We go through the motions, but our hearts are elsewhere. Forgive us, God of grace, when we forget our roots.**

+Pastoral Prayer  
+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)  
+Sung Response *Surely the Presence of the Lord* No. 328  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Text: C. Wesley/arr. R. Powell  
\*Congregational Tune: *OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>* No. 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*HYMN *Grace Greater than Our Sin* No. 365

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Remember who we are and whose we are. Then be the salt of the earth,  
proclaiming God's vision of justice and peace to all.  
**People: We are the beloved of God, living lives of grace-God's great grace. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

\*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.  
Liturgist: Reverend Glen Esler

**Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd**

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**   
*Celebration of Faith*



**METHODISM:  
GRACE, GRACE AND MORE GRACE**

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Sermon Outline:

“Methodism: Grace, Grace and More Grace”

Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:20b-28

Our self-worth can only be found in Christ, not in other people and certainly not in our good works. We cannot earn God’s love. This is what Wesley came to understand firsthand.

Prior to his Aldersgate experience, John Wesley suffered from religious legalism. Trying to earn our worth in the eyes of our family, our peers, or society can leave us feeling empty and devalued.

God’s Grace is love that is given freely. We cannot earn His love.

Prevenient grace: meets us where we are and is at work in the world, in all people, calling them to a better life in Christ, before they ever meet Christ.

Justifying grace: the assurance of forgiveness that comes from repentance. It is being reconciled and realigned with God through Jesus Christ. Justification is knowing that we are unconditionally loved as children of God. This is what Wesley experienced on Aldersgate Street.

Wesley discovered that his worth and identity were contained in who he was in Christ, not in his accomplishments or achievements.

There is true freedom in justifying grace because our own self-acceptance is based on God’s acceptance. Justifying grace says that our identity, our self-worth and our security are rooted in God’s unconditional love and God’s claim on us has set us free to be who we are.

Sanctifying grace: means “to make holy.” Sanctification is the process of restoring the divine image in us. Sanctifying grace is God’s continuing work in us through the Holy Spirit to make us Christ-like. It is going on to perfection, being made perfect in love. Sanctifying grace is the living out of God’s Word. It is becoming who we were meant to be.

**Calendar for Week of 6/18/2023**

**SUNDAY Father’s Day**

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

**MONDAY**

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

7:00 - Mission Team Meeting [room 21]

**TUESDAY**

7:00 - Finance Team Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

8:30 - Forge Work week at GG

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

**THURSDAY**

8:30 - Forge Work week at GG

8:30-4:00 - Private [Lounge]

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

**FRIDAY**

8:30 - Forge Work week at GG

6:00 - Cricut Class [Hall]

**SATURDAY**

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6:00—Open Art Night [Hall]

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Youth Group - see Youth Page in the Announcements

**2023 Mission Support**

International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery, Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM), Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.