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November 5, 2023

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Amazing Grace: Bright Shining as the Sun

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BLESSING FOR VETERANS¹

PRELUDE

Brightly Beams

arr. by Jason Tonioli

CALL TO WORSHIP²

L: We gather together to praise God, when the world feels dreary—and receive a reminder that even in the darkest time—God breaks in bright shining as the sun. You break in, O God, on the road; you break in, O God, exactly the way we don't believe. You break in, O God, and change everything

C: You break in, O God with a call; you break in, O God with an invitation; you break in, O God with the truth

L: You break in, O God with a new realm. You break in, O God with a new world. You break in, O God with your intent for the future

C: God, break in again and call us to be your workers. God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build your realm. God, break in again and change our world once more

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2173 FWS** (see p. 4)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

***TIME OF CONFESSION³**

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We stand before God, looking for God's light. Hoping to find ourselves: wounded, broken, sometimes fiercely misguided on the road; but eager to start again this day anew. So, we ask God to open our hearts and hear us now as together we confess of our sins. Let us pray, God of Forgiveness...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C: Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends. We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beaten down by the burdens of life. We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades. Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (see p. 5)

Amazing Grace

ALL SING: 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.**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:1-19 (CEB)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (CEB)

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. NO. 436 NCH (black hymnal see p. 6)

God of Grace & God of Glory

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. by Nancy Wertsch

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Cathedral Shadows

by Dennis Elliot

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 547

Amazing Grace

ALL SING: 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 162 UMH HYMNAL** (see p. 7)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

arr. by Jason Tonioli

References

¹The Blessing for Veterans is by Meta Herrick Carlson, *Speak it Plain: words for worship and life together*, pgs. 55-56.

²The Call to Worship is written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on the **New Kilpatrick Parish Church** website. <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/original-liturgy> and accessed 11/6/23.

³The time of confession is written by Sandra Miller, and posted on the *Worship Elements* page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed 11/6/23.

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Shine Jesus Shine

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Refrain

Piano

Shine, Je-sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry,

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blaze, Spir-it, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, riv-er, flow,

10

flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy, send forth your word, Lord, and

15

Fine

let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence
3. As we gaze on your king - ly brigh - ness,

19

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance; by the blood I may
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from

22

World, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 en - ter your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

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D.C. al Fine

Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine on me, shine on me.
 Shine on me, shine on me.

Amazing Grace (Azmon)


Newton

Wesley, 1740

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Piano 

1. A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and

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saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre-cious did that

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now am found was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, Joseph M. Martin

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Piano

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2. From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3. Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

4

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us,
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

7

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

11

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our brok - en spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Alleluia No. 1

Donald Fishel

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Piano



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al-le -

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- lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! Give praise to his name!

1. Je - sus is Lord of
2. Spread the good news o'er
3. We have been cru - ci -
4. Come, let us praise the

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all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion.
all the earth; Je-sus has died and has ris - en.
- fied with Christ. Now we shall live for - ev - er.
liv - ing God, joy-ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.