

# WORSHIP GUIDE – Sunday AM, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – 10:15am

## *Grace for Godliness*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Steve]

- Message Focus: Today we wrap up and review the epistle of Titus. There are several key themes that Paul weaves throughout this letter that we want to take time to carefully recount. We'll be remembering these themes today, particularly through the message. As we've noted during this study together, Grace, in the person of Jesus, is the basis of godly living. Therefore, believers should run to the fountainhead of the Grace of God. This overarching concept gives us guidance for our service focus today.
- Service Focus: Today, we will praise the God of grace, remember our need to abide in the His grace. Finally, we will again be challenged to our need to display this grace outwardly.

### **PRAISE THE GOD OF GRACE**

**Congregational Song:** Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it  
Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

**Congregational Song:** God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

**ABIDE IN THE GRACE OF GOD**

**Scripture Reading – Psalm 1 [Pastor Joel]**

Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Congregational Song:** A Christian's Daily Prayer

As morning dawns and day awakes,  
To You I bring my need  
O gracious God, my source of strength,  
In You I live and breathe  
Each hour is Yours by wisdom planned,

Each deed empowered by sovereign hands  
Renew my spirit, help me stand;  
Be glorified today

As day unfolds, I seek Your will  
In all of life's demands  
And though the tempter tries me still,  
I cling to Your commands  
Let every effort of my life  
Display the matchless worth of Christ  
Make me a living sacrifice;  
Be glorified today

As sun gives way to darkest night  
Your Spirit still is here  
And though my strength fades like the light  
New mercies will appear  
I rest in You; abide with me  
Until our trials and suffering  
Give way to final victory  
Be glorified, today; be glorified, I pray

### **Scripture Reading – John 15:1-11** [Pastor Bernie]

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

### **Abide with Me** – Piano Instrumental Song of Meditation [Heather Brower]

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## DISPLAY THE GRACE OF GOD OUTWARDLY

### Congregational Song: Grace Alone

Every promise we can make  
Every prayer and step of faith  
Every difference we can make  
Is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb  
Every ray of hope we shine  
Every blessing left behind  
Is only by His grace

*Grace alone Which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us, our cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone.*

### Children 3yr-K5 Dismissed to Junior Church:

#### Message: Titus [Pastor Steve]

##### Greeting

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant<sup>[a]</sup> of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup>in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>3</sup>and at the proper time manifested in his word<sup>[c]</sup> through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

<sup>4</sup>To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

##### Qualifications for Elders

<sup>5</sup>This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— <sup>6</sup>if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife,<sup>[d]</sup> and his children are believers<sup>[e]</sup> and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup>For an overseer,<sup>[f]</sup> as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound<sup>[g]</sup> doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it. <sup>10</sup>For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>11</sup>They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by

teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.<sup>12</sup> One of the Cretans,<sup>[i]</sup> a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”<sup>[i]</sup><sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,<sup>14</sup> not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.<sup>15</sup> To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.<sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

### **Teach Sound Doctrine**

**2** But as for you, teach what accords with sound<sup>[a]</sup> doctrine.<sup>2</sup> Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.<sup>3</sup> Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,<sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,<sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.<sup>6</sup> Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.<sup>7</sup> Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity,<sup>8</sup> and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.<sup>9</sup> Bondservants<sup>[b]</sup> are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,<sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,<sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,<sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

<sup>15</sup>Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

### **Be Ready for Every Good Work**

**3** Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,<sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.<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, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.<sup>8</sup> The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.<sup>9</sup> But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.<sup>10</sup> As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him,<sup>11</sup> knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

### **Final Instructions and Greetings**

<sup>12</sup>When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.<sup>13</sup> Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing.<sup>14</sup> And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.

<sup>15</sup>All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.

**Congregational Song:** Grace Alone

Every soul we long to reach  
Every heart we hope to teach  
Everywhere we share His peace  
Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say  
Every tear we wipe away  
Every sorrow turned to praise  
Is only by His grace.

*Grace alone Which God supplies  
Strength unknown He will provide  
Christ in us, our cornerstone  
We will go forth in grace alone.*

**Closing Announcements:** [Pastor Steve]

- 6:00PM – Missions Emphasis – [Ministry Update from Johnny and Rama Gomez]
- College Care Gift Cards – There are still slots open on the sign up for specific gift cards to give to our college students. Please turn them in to office or Vanessa by the October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- MBA Men's Fellowship – Nov 11-12<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Service – December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Snow Removal Announcement

**Closing Prayer** [Pastor Steve]