

# WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – 10:15am

## *Grace, Generosity & The Gospel*

*Philippians 4:15-20*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Steve]

- Scripture Focus: Partnership, Generosity & The Gospel – Philippians 4:15-20.
- Service Focus: God's Grace is the foundation and motivation for generosity. Let us remember His grace. And let us consider how His grace motivates giving.

**Prayer:** Thankfulness for God's Grace [Pastor Steve]

## **PROVISION OF GOD'S GRACE**

**Congregational Song:** Come Thou Fount [Sing 3 stanzas]

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:** Behold Our God [Sing all 3 stanzas]

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King! Nothing can compare  
Come, let us adore Him!*

**GIVING BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE**

What makes an offering a pleasing aroma to God?

Philippians 4:18 - The Philippian offering was pleasing to God

*<sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.*

## I Chronicles 29:2-9 - What made David's offering pleasing to God?

*<sup>2</sup> So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble. <sup>3</sup> Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: <sup>4</sup> 3,000 talents<sup>[a]</sup> of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>5</sup> and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself<sup>[c]</sup> today to the Lord?"*

*<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. <sup>7</sup> They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics<sup>[d]</sup> of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.*

## Mark 12:41-44 - What made the widow's offering pleasing to God?

*<sup>41</sup> And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>43</sup> And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

David's offering was a large sum. The widow's offering was a small sum. It was not the amount, but the heart, that was pleasing to God.

## **Congregational Song:** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need [Sing 3 stanzas]

My Shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed

Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back  
When I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercies' sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,  
Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows;  
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode,  
And all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.

**Congregational Song:** Show Us Christ [Sing both stanzas – song sheets available]

Prepare our hearts, O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Come lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ; show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations

Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

*Show us Christ; show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
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### **Dismiss Children 3yr-K5**

**Message:** Philippians 4:15-20 [Pastor Steve]

*<sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Congregational Response:** Personal prayer during instrumental

**Announcements:** [Pastor Joel]

- Ladies Bible study kickoff following the service
- Deacon Care Groups next Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Next Sunday School rotation starts Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Closing:** Sing the doxology together as we conclude [Pastor Joel]

Philippians 4:19-20

*<sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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.

Amen.