



WE EXIST TO... GROW IN
CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST,
LIVE FOR CHRIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HOW GREAT THOU ART
Hymns of Grace, 5

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "FAITH AND THE TRIALS OF LIFE"
LUKE 8:22-25

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He arose again.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy and universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

BOLDLY I APPROACH

Verse 1
By grace alone, somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread.
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above.
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms.

Verse 2
When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair,
I hear the voice that scatters fear;
The Great I Am, the Lord is here.
O praise the One who fights for me,
And shields my soul eternally!

Chorus
Boldly I approach Your throne,
Blameless now I'm running home.
By Your blood I come, welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty.

Verse 3
Behold the bright and risen Son;
More beauty than this world has known.
I'm face to face with Love Himself,
His perfect spotless righteousness.
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise.

Bridge
This is the art of celebration,
Knowing we're free from condemnation.
O praise the One, praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin.

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WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

Verse 1
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does,
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to Him I leave it all,
And so to Him I leave it all.

Verse 2
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He has sent;
His hand can turn my griefs away;
And patiently I wait His day,
And patiently I wait His day.

Verse 3
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart;
And pain and sorrow shall depart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Verse 4
Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall;
And so to Him I leave it all,
And so to Him I leave it all.

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CHRIST, THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR
Hymns of Grace, 406

BENEDICTION

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- TODAY:** Members' Meeting following the morning worship service
 - Jan 19:** Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM
 - Jan 21:** Fellowship breakfast from 9–945 AM - please bring a dish to share
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General Info:

TVC Kids: We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are available for children in 5th – 8th grade. The backpacks will be handed out prior to the sermon.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so; but please

know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?
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Notes:

Elders: Breck Holladay, Phil Nicewonger, Jeff Norton & Grant Sorterup

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