

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

GATHERED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Hymns of Grace, 48

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "GOD'S JUDGMENT & PATIENCE" LUKE 13:6-9

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.

> A DEBTOR TO MERCY Hymns of Grace, 186

HIS MERCY IS MORE

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more; Stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us! His blood was the payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Chorus

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YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure, the price, it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now, and ever, is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For He has said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me. **Ending**

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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BENEDICTION

Sept 13: Thrive, for students in 5th–12th grade, meets at the home of Richard & Chrissy Burns in

Richard & Chrissy Burns in Nobleboro from 630–8 PM

Sept 14: CHIP Community Cares Day, to

sign up for a project in our community please visit: www.chipinc.org

Sept 15: No Fellowship Breakfast this

week

Neighborhood Cookout and Meet & Greet from 12:00–2:00 PM. Please bring a side dish to share.

Sept 25: Foundations classes begin - we

will continue our reading & discussion of Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem. Please speak to Pastor Phil if you need a book. The morning class meets from 930–11 AM & evening class from

630-800 PM

Read Ahead: Luke 13:10–17

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 on the table in the East Hall for children Pre-K – 5th grade. Note sheets are also available for children in 5th – 8th grade.

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, 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. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in Warren.

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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