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As We Gather

This week's theme "Empowered by Grace to Know Your Purpose" is the first week of our three week stewardship emphasis titled "Empowered by Grace." By grace, we understand that we were created for God's purpose, not ours. Kind David wrote, "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me" (Psalm 138:8). Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to submit to God's will so that he might transform our desires to coincide with his.

Prelude

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn Solo

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

sts. 1, 3–5

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

3 O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

△ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:1, 14–15, 7

P Praise the Lord!

C I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

P I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness

C for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

P All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

C for they have heard the words of your mouth.

P And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

C for great is the glory of the Lord.

P Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

C so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord.

P The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

C Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us make confession to God, our great Creator.

C Almighty God, who judges all people with equity and truth, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and to that sin we have added transgressions in thought, word, and deed. We have not lived as responsible stewards at all times. We have not shown full care for

Your creation and have not sought new ways to express the thanks of our lives. Imploring Your mercy, we repent of our sin. On account of Christ's suffering and death, have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive all in our lives that is evil and wrong and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully.

P The eternal and gracious God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our gracious God keep you in His care and lead you to greater faith through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 24:1–6; antiphon: Psalm 3:8

P Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be on Your people!

C **The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,**

P for He has founded it up on the seas and established it upon the rivers.

C **Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place?**

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

C **He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

P Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be on Your people!

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, all that we have is from Your loving hand. Give us grace, that we may honor You with all we own, and keep us mindful of the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us. In His holy name,

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

✠ Give Thanks to the LORD ✠

Psalm 138:1-8

¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Praise Solo

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.

2 May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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Epistle

✠ Do All to the Glory of God ✠

1 Corinthians 10:23–33

²³“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. ²⁴Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. ²⁵Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁶For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” ²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. ²⁸But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience— ²⁹I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience? ³⁰If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks? ³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

✠ Salt and Light ✠

Matthew 5:13-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that^a they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn Solo

“Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

sts. 1–2, 4

1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth
and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware:

4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,
That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”
Assured that only what’s withheld is lost.

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2 Teach us to thank You, Lord,
for love and grace,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
That shows Your message ever new and near.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Today instead of the congregation joining in our usual response to our prayers, our response will be sung by the soloist.

Prayer Hymn Solo

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

1 O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

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Faith Journey Message

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving also continues as an option for us all.*

Offertory Meditation

“Amazing Grace”

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Closing Sentences

Psalm 31:1, 3, 14–15a, 23a–24

- P** In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!
C **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**
P But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand.
C **Love the Lord, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!**

CLOSING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray together...
C **O Lord, grant that the lips that have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears that have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voices of clamor and dispute, that the eyes that have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues that have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of *Your Son's living body and blood* may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

Closing Hymn Solo

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take
leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we
bear.

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Postlude

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (*The Ash Grove*)

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