

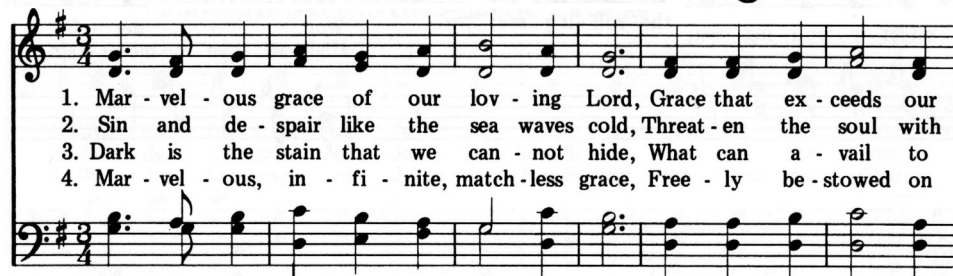
Sunday, September 17 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Lord's Day

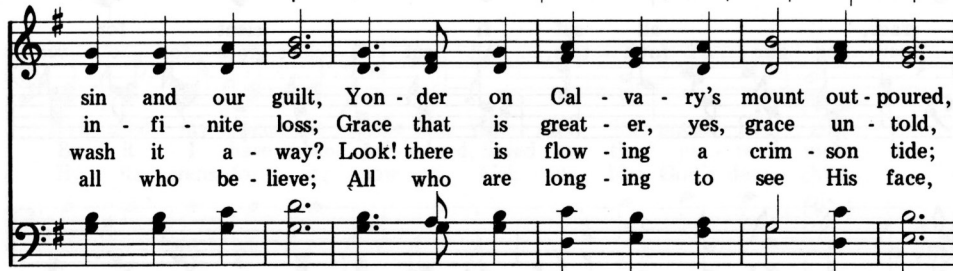
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	Amazing Grace <i>John Ness Beck</i>	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Psalms 51:7, 15 <i>(Responsive)</i>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Jim Danielson
Opening Hymn	250: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	Daniel 4:19b-34	Kaye Focht
The Response:	Psalms 103:8-13 <i>(Responsive)</i>	Kaye Focht / Jim Danielson
The New Testament Lesson:	Matthew 18:23-35	Kaye Focht
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
First Responders Recognition		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Worship in Giving	1 Peter 4:10	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	365: Nearer Still Nearer <i>(verse 3 only)</i>	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Praise & Worship	Great Are You Lord / Mercy is More	Congregation
Sermon	Excellence in Exile, Part 6: Coming to God the Hard Way (Daniel 4:1-37)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	359: Be Thou My Vision	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	How Majestic Is Your Name <i>Smith / Doran</i>	Pat Shroff

Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Faye Hipkiss
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan
Flutist	Shirley Long	Children's Church	Jenn Danielson & Sonya Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter	Melanie Leedom	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Lector	Kaye Focht	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Responder	Jim Danielson	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
		Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

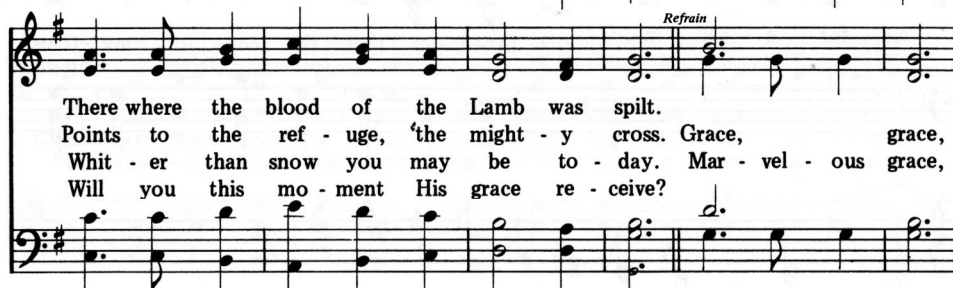
250 Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord



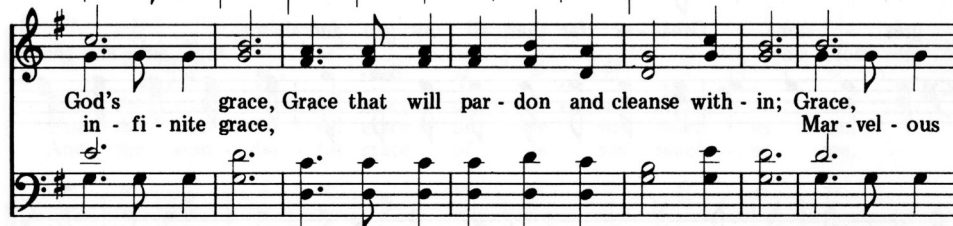
1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, Threat - en the soul with
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, What can a - vail to
4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on



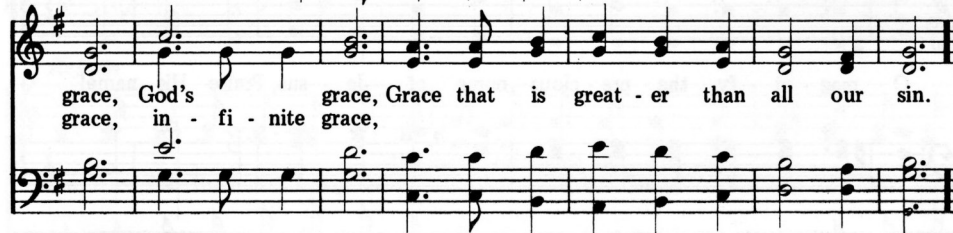
sin and our guilt, Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide;
all who be - lieve; All who are long - ing to see His face,



Refrain
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Points to the ref - uge, 'the might - y cross. Grace, grace,
Whit - er than snow you may be to - day. Mar - vel - ous grace,
Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?



God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; Grace,
in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous



grace, God's grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin.
grace, in - fi - nite grace,

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Call to Worship: **Psalm 51:7, 15**

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Daniel 4:19b-34**

^{19b} Belteshazzar answered, “My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! ²⁰The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, ²¹ with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds—²²Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

²³“Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.’

²⁴“This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

²⁸All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³²You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

³⁴At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

The Response: **Psalm 103:8-13**

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ **He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;**

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;**

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ **As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;**

The New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 18:23-35**

²³“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Worship in Giving: **1 Peter 4:10**

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

365 Nearer, Still Nearer

3. Near-er, still near-er, Lord, to be Thine, Sin with its fol-lies I glad-ly re-
sign; All of its pleas-ures, pomp and its pride, Give me but Je-sus, my
Lord cru-ci-fied, Give me but Je-sus, my Lord cru-ci-fied. A-men.

MORRIS

Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

[CHORUS]

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

*And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord*

[REPEAT ABOVE 2X]

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

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

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

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

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

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

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

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Be Thou My Vision 359

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

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 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 10, 17, 24: CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

Christmas balls are now available in the narthex. Put cash or a check made out to Christ Community Church inside, then bring it back to hang on the tree.

The money is used for Christmas gifts to the missionaries we support.

Monday, September 18: FAMILY CARE MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Sunday, September 24: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC following morning worship

at the Myerstown Rod & Gun Club. Please sign up to bring food.

Monday, October 9: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, October 12: MEN OF ADVENTURE

@ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kirby Keller

Thursday, October 12: WOMEN OF FAITH

@ 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, October 29: Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 26: Myerstown Holiday Parade

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • canned vegetables • canned fruits

- crackers (Saltines and other types of boxed crackers) • cookies
- cereal • regular items—basically anything will help fill their shelves.

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

Marlin moved!

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