

Parking Lot Praise

Sunday, July 14, 2024



Welcome!

- **Welcome:** Welcome to St. Paul's Congregational Church! We're so glad you could join us this morning! We pray that this is a time where Jesus is glorified and you're spiritually encouraged.
- **Thanks:** A special thanks to Neil Carlberg with Too Much Fun DJ for DJing for us today!
- **Lyrics:** Song lyrics are provided so that you can sing along. The song lyrics should be close but may not always match up perfectly.
- **Why Parking Lot Praise?** On Sunday, March 15, 2020, we put our indoor worship services on hold while we, as a church, were trying to figure out the best course of action for our gatherings due to COVID. In April and May of 2020, we decided to gather as a church in our parking lot for Parking Lot Praise. After not seeing each other for several weeks, it was an incredibly joyful and worshipful time, so we hosted three Parking Lot Praise services before resuming our indoor gatherings on June 7, 2020. We decided to host a Parking Lot Praise each summer to remember God's faithfulness to us as a church. God is great and worthy of all our glory, honor, and praise!

Announcements

- **Offerings for Today:** You may place any offerings inside of the small wooden church on top of the table at the entrance of the tent.
- **Inflatables:** The inflatables will be available after we begin serving lunch. Parents, please keep an eye on your kiddos to make sure they're not on the inflatables beforehand. The water slide and obstacle course will be supervised, and we also ask parents to keep an eye on their own children to make sure they're observing the rules. The bouncy castle is for small children only and will not be supervised, so parents are asked to stay with their children while they are in the bouncy castle. Thanks to all parents for your help in making this both safe and fun!
- **Chairs:** there are two stacks of chairs with arms for those in need. If you notice someone around you who could use one of these chairs, please help them out.
- **Restrooms:** The side doors of the church will remain unlocked for access to the restrooms. Parents, please supervise your children inside the church.

Order of Service

- Welcome
- Opening Scripture & Prayer
- Song—"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
- Song—"In Christ Alone"
- Song—"Are You Washed In The Blood?"
- Scripture Reading & Prayer
- Song—"God Is For Us"
- Song—"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
- Song—"Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"
- Message—Pastor Adam Grusy
- Song—"When We All Get To Heaven"
- Song—"All Glory Be To Christ"
- Closing Prayer & Benediction
- Transition to Food & Fun

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Chorus

*My chains are gone; I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, His mercy reigns
Unending love; Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Are You Washed In the Blood

Have You been to Jesus for the cleansing power
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Chorus

*Are you washed (Are you washed)
In the blood (In the blood)
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb
Are your garments spotless, are they white as snow
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb*

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
O, be washed in the blood of the Lamb

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 8:1-10

V.1—The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. V.2—And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. V.3—And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. V.4—Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. V.5—Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. V.6—So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. V.7—for the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, V.8—a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, V.9—a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. V.10—And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

God Is For Us

We won't fear the battle
We won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with You by our side
You will go before us
You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only You can save

Chorus

*Sing with joy now: our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us*

Even when I stumble
Even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure
You will not abandon
You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

Bridge:

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave His Son to free us
Holds me in His love

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine

Leaning on the everlasting arms

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning, leaning

Safe and secure from all alarms

Leaning, leaning

Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way

Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh how bright the path, grows from day to day

Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear

Leaning on the everlasting arms

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near

Leaning on the everlasting arms

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

*Oh, sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

Sermon Notes

2 Timothy 2:8-9—V.8—Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, V.9—for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

1) Remember the one true gospel! (v.8)

2) Remember that external circumstances are poor indicators of Kingdom expansion! (v.9a)

3) Remember the Word of God will continue to go out in power! (v.9b)

When We All Get to Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus
Sing His mercy and His grace
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place

Chorus

*When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory*

While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky
But when travlin' days are over
Not a shadow, not a sigh

Onward to the prize before us
Soon his beauty we'll behold
Soon the pearly gates will open
We shall tread the streets of gold

All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house,
In vain it's builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me, what is your life?
A mist, that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our King,
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done, His kingdom come,
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread,
Praise him the Lord of love
Let living waters satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

When on the day, the great I am,
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinner's slain,
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us,
And be our steadfast Light,
And we shall e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ

The Good News of Jesus

God—God is our creator. He is holy and good.

- **Revelation 4:11**—You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Man—We all have sinned against this good God. Therefore, by nature, we stand under his just judgment.

- **Romans 3:23-25**—“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

Christ—Jesus, fully God and fully man, lived the perfect life that we could not live. Then, he was crucified in our place, taking upon himself the judgment from the Father that we all deserved. He rose from the grave in victory. He ascended to the right hand of the Father. There he waits until the day when He returns.

- **Romans 6:23**—“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- **Romans 5:8-10**—“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

Response—If you turn away from your sins and put your faith in Jesus Christ, you will be saved, and you will inherit eternal life. You can do that today! Tell God that you are a sinner, and that Jesus is your only hope of salvation. Please let us know if you would like to discuss this further.

- **Romans 10:9-10**—“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”
- **Romans 10:13**—“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”