

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
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WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand.

PRELUDE: AMAZING GRACE

Perf. Rebecca Heisler

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN #263 v1&4: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One:

Brother	Sister
Stranger	Friend
A place	For everyone
A space	For all
Family, close	Family, wide
We are welcome	This is our home
Let us Worship	Let us pray

All: Together

+HYMN #172 v1,2,4: BLEST ARE THEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creator God, it used to be enough to say that you had made the world and all its people. Now with every new discovery of science, every new galaxy of stars that ever more powerful telescopes reveal, we have to recalibrate our thinking about you, or give up thinking altogether and simply fall silent in wonder and amazement.

All: We ask forgiveness not for the limits of our vision, but for daring to imagine that we have it all sorted and have no more to learn. Forgive us our arrogance and cure us of the fear that lies behind it.

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

PASSING OF PEACE WITH THOSE IN PERSON AND ONLINE

+HYMN #188 v1: JESUS LOVES ME!

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

HYMN #188 v2: JESUS LOVES ME!

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 17:7-8 & Matthew 5:1-12

ANTHEM: BE THOU MY VISION Arr: Ann Legg

MESSAGE: *The Poor, The Plaintive, The
Powerless, Those who Pine* Rev. John Dillon

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS: DREW DUFFIN AND PATSY IHRKE.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

OFFERING: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE Perf. Rebecca Heisler

+DOXOLOGY: HYMN 607: PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below, praise Holy Spirit
evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+SENDING

+ HYMN #203 v2 & 4: JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom

MUSIC LEADERS: CHOIR
DIRECTED BY: SCOTT IDDINGS
ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT: WILL EMMANUEL

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263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

Blest Are They

172

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong,
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.