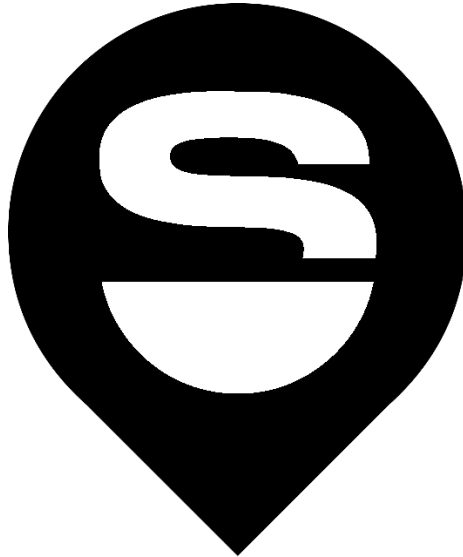


AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**TACKLE
HUNGER**

John Dillon, Pastor
February 12, 2023 | 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand.

+HYMN #399: GOD WELCOMES ALL

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God’s love is strong and it never ends.

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN #643 v1&2: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sisters and brothers, we’re blessed when we follow God’s directions, doing our best to find God. Don’t go off on your own way; walk straight along the road God set.

All: You, God, prescribed the right way to live; now you expect us to live it. I thank you for speaking straight from your heart; I will learn the pattern of your righteous ways. I’m going to do what you tell me to do; don’t ever walk off and leave me. (Psalm 119)

+HYMN #64: I LONG FOR YOUR COMMANDMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We recognize that the food that sustains life is denied to many in this unjust world.

All: We recognize that a tenth of the world’s population go hungry each day. We acknowledge that thousands of children suffer or die each day for lack of access to food.

One: We remember the laborers, women and men, who are denied a living wage.

All: We remember the farmers and fisher folk impoverished by markets which force them to sell their produce for less than the cost of production.

One: We acknowledge that increasingly, the earth and the soil are being stripped of richness, depleted of diversity, and being poisoned.

All: We acknowledge that we have not sufficiently cared for the precious soil, the work of God's hands. We have not listened to the people who live closest to it.

One: We confess that by our insensitivity and irresponsibility, we destroy life.

All: We confess that by our selfishness and profiteering, we endanger creation and our common future. Lord, grant us grace to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

~Silence~

ABSOLUTION

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: Matthew 5:13-20

ANTHEM: YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH Arr. John Wilson

MESSAGE *"Who is going to win?"* Rev. John Dillon

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.

OFFERING: PIANO SOLO

Camden Koronkiewicz

+DOXOLOGY: 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

+THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (TRADITIONAL)

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

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

Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom



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643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

64 I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)

1 I long for your com - mand - ments; your judg - ments all are
 2 With - out your lamp to guide me I wan - der from the
 3 O God, I love your knowl - edge, more pre - cious than pure

just. With - in your words is wis - dom, your teach - ings
 way. With - out your laws and pre - cepts I stum - ble
 gold. It sat - is - fies like hon - ey, a sweet - ness

un - der - stood are com - fort to my spir - it's need and
 in the dark. Your un - der - stand - ings are my hope that
 on my tongue. It leads me to sal - va - tion's door where

in the night my so - lace. Your stat - utes are my song.
 I may run in free - dom. Your ways are my re - lease.
 you have spread your ta - ble. O, lead me to your home.

Although this paraphrase is based on only a small part of Psalm 119, it incorporates many of the synonyms that weave through this extended acrostic psalm celebrating God's Law: commandments, judgments, words, teachings, wisdom, statutes, laws, precepts, understandings, ways.

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.