

Please ask God's Spirit to guide you as you consider these applications:

Bless the Lord! Find ways this week to bless His name rather than use it as a curse. Thank Him. Praise Him. Give Him the credit for good that you see. Tell others about how good God is. Brag on Him. Delight in Him.

Remember the covenant. Revisit what God has commanded us to do as His people. Use the passages in TGWH to direct your steps this week. Confess your failings to God. Praise Him for His faithfulness.

Consider your motivation. Are you obeying (or disobeying) out of fear or delight? His grace should motivate us, but we too often use it as license instead. Pray and ask God to motivate you (and us) by His mercy. Ask Him to renew our sense of wonder at His grace to us in Christ.

Ask God to do what only He can do. Ask Him not only to forgive you, but to purify you, enfold you in His love, delight in you, and make you truly delightful in the splendor of His holiness. Base all of these requests on His unfailing love, in His good pleasure that we have in Christ.

Pray for CTR. We as a community of faith need to live confidently and humbly in the certainty of the gospel. God has empowered us to pray for one another. Pray for one another. Pray especially for the children who came to our summer camps and for the teams from Covenant and Clemson Presbyterian Church for helping us.

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand year, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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10:30 am Sunday Worship @ Breakwater School in Portland



- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- ¹⁷But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.
- ¹⁹The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
- ²¹Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!
- ²² Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

- I. God Is Worthy of Our Blessing.
- II. God Is Faithful to His Covenant People.
- III. His Mercy Should Motivate Us to Faithfulness.
- IV. We Are to Call All Creation to Bless God through Christ.

Memory Verses

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession . . . Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. ”

Deuteronomy 7:6, 11 (NIV)

Taking Gathered Worship Home

It is important to spend some time each day talking to God in prayer and reading the Bible. We want to learn as a community of faith how we are to grieve about our sin and look in repentance and faith to Christ. Please read the indicated passages each day and spend some time reflecting on them and discussing them with others as appropriate.

Sunday, 8/15

Read: Psalm 103:1-22.

Ask yourself or one another: What were the main points of the sermon? How do they apply to us as a congregation? How do they apply to me? What am I going to do about it? How does the repentance of Christ empower us to do so? Review Application.

Sing: *Amazing Grace* (words on back).

Pray: Ask God to continue conforming us as a congregation to the image of Christ together through biblical repentance and faith.

Monday, 8/16

Read: Deuteronomy 7:1-16; Psalm 103:1-5.

Ask yourself or one another: What covenant or sacred agreement did God make with His people? What was the basis for it? Did Israel deserve it? How was she to respond?

Meditate on the memory verses above. Ask God to use these verses to reorient your heart and mind on what Christ has done for us.

Sing: *Amazing Grace*.

Pray: Ask God to help us to grieve rightly about our sin. Pray that He will allow us confidence in nothing other than the gospel of Christ.

Tuesday, 8/17

Read: First Timothy 6:11-16; Psalm 103: 6-14.

Ask yourself or one another: Right in the midst of his exhortation to Timothy, Paul is overcome with the praise of God. How are the two connected? Why?

Review the memory verses. Work on committing them to memory.

Sing: *Amazing Grace*.

Pray: “God of heaven, You are gracious to give us this day to call upon Your great name. Allow us the grace to do so now. Allow us to trust solely in You and be done with all lesser suitors for our affections.”

Wednesday, 8/18

Read: Exodus 34:4-14; Hebrews 3:1-6.

Ask yourself or one another: How did God reveal Himself to Moses? How has He revealed Himself in Christ? Why does Christ’s faithfulness give us confidence with God? How are you living in that hope?

Meditate on the memory verses.

Sing: *Amazing Grace*.

Pray: “Lord Christ, we call upon Your name. You are faithful where we are not. Work in us. Teach us to obey the Father like You do. We long for You to transform us fully and to live with You forever.”

Read: Psalm 103:1-22.

Ask yourself or one another: What have you been learning from this psalm this week? How has your understanding of blessing the Lord grown? How are you applying that knowledge? How are you demonstrating faith in God’s faithfulness? How can we, CTR, as a body grow?

Review the memory verses.

Sing: *Amazing Grace*.

Pray: “Glorious God, thank You for Your abundant mercies. We glorify Your name. You have given us true love that will never end. You have blessed Your people of old. They are alive now in Your presence. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins. Take away from us all the evil that remains in us. You are full of compassion and You will help us forever. Our lives seem so small and so temporary. In You we will rejoice throughout all eternity. We will bless Your Name in the company of angels and resurrected saints. We bless You from the depths of our hearts, O Lord, forever and ever. .” —Prayer on Ps. 103 by Steve Magee

Thursday, 8/19

Read: First Peter 1:22-25; Psalm 103:15-22.

Ask yourself or one another: How are we to live given the brevity of our lives? Are we only mere fading flowers? What is the basis of our immortality? How should that direct our lives?

Meditate on the memory verses.

Sing: *Amazing Grace*.

Pray: “Lord, we long to wait on You as we should, but we don’t. We wait in a huff. We pity ourselves and pout. We doubt You and struggle with all that calls Your Word into question. Please forgive us and change us. Make us more and more like Your Son.”

Friday, 8/20

Read: Psalm 130 *in preparation for gathered worship tomorrow.*

Sing: *Amazing Grace*.

Repent: Ask God to forgive you. Apply what we have been learning about repentance. Be specific. Thank Him for His forgiveness. Rejoice with the psalmist at being in His presence and knowing His favor.

Pray: Lord, teach us walk by faith and not by sight. Work in us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Make us attentive to Your Word in worship tomorrow and help us to receive Your feast with faith. Build us up as a community of faith to live as Your people. In Christ’s name we pray.

Saturday, 8/21