



August 27th, 2023

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Amazing Grace/Grace Greater Than Our Sin” arr. by Carol Tornquist

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Whether we embrace God’s call or try to avoid it,

People: God is gracious and merciful, always abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

People: God is gracious and merciful, always abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

People: God is gracious and merciful, always abounding in steadfast love. We praise God’s name forever and ever!

*Opening Hymn #2145 “God's Great Love Is So Amazing!”

Poem “The Prodigal Son” by Christina Rossetti

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment on others. We judge their efforts and motives, wanting them to “get what’s coming to them,” while ignoring our own faults. We let jealousy overtake us and are petty even in the face of your generosity. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us. Come to our aid and help us, that we might come to our senses and return to you. We pray in the name of Christ, by whose grace we are saved.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving and grace beyond our earning.

People: Because of God's extravagant love, we live as grateful and forgiven people. Thanks be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

*Music Response #774 (GTG) "There Is Now a New Creation" vs. 1

*There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ,
Peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Luke 15:11-32 (New Testament for Everyone)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Coming to Our Senses"

*Hymn #347 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

Time for Response to the Sermon

Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call for Offering

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #184 “How Blest Are Those” vs. 1-2,4

*Benediction #2280 “The Lord Bless and Keep You” vs. 2

Postlude “Allegro” - from Violin Sonata, Op 5, No 3 by Arcangelo Corelli
Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Interim Music Director;
Diane Ritzdorf, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

Offering - *We collect the offering in the following ways:*

- 1. Leave your offerings and pledges in the offering plate at the entrance of the chapel;*
- 2. Make a one-time donation online through our website: calvarypresdenver.org;*
- 3. Set up a regular donation online through the website. Your financial generosity and gifts of time help make our ministry in the community vibrant!*