

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

A people gladly serving the Lord Jesus and neighbors near and far

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE, WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, FOR HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER FAIL. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

We worship our Savior on November 17, 2024 (9 a.m.)

("Come as you are ... then go home different")

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PASTOR: *W. Michael Langford*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: *Chris Peters (9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Thursdays)*

MINISTERS: *All of us! (We are all ministers of God's grace and we're on-duty '24/7')*



**“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”**

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

BLESSING US WITH THEIR MUSIC....Chris Peters (**piano**), Linda Langford (**organ**)

GATHERING HYMN (U.M. # 527) “Do, Lord, Remember Me”

- (1) Do, Lord, do, Lord, do, Lord remember me (**repeat 2x**) singing do, Lord, remember me.
- (2) I took Jesus as my Savior, do, Lord, remember me (**etc**) singing do, Lord, remember me.
- (3) When I'm in trouble, do, Lord, remember me. (**etc**) singing do, Lord, remember me.
- (5) I got a home in gloryland that outshines the sun. (**etc**) singing do, Lord, remember me.

GATHERING HYMN (U.M. # 367) “He Touched Me”

- (1) Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
- (refrain) **He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!**
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.
- (2) Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls. (**refrain**)

A WELCOME from our liturgist: Jen Moore

A CALL TO WORSHIP Inspired by Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us. May the Lord make His Face to shine upon us.
We are happy to receive the blessing of the Lord...warmly shining upon us.
 O God, we long to see Your Ways being made known all across the earth...
We pray that Your wondrous Salvation be known among all the nations.
 May all the peoples praise You, our Great God and our Righteous King.
O Lord of Life...may all the nations recognize your goodness and bring you praise.
 Because of You, may all the nations be glad...bringing their own songs of joy...
We affirm that You rule the peoples justly; You faithfully guide the nations of the earth
 Lord, as we come to you today, we pray that all the nations would also find their way to You.
We worship our Redeemer and bless Him for the great bounty we find in Him.
 Friends, let's remember that we can count on our gracious God with every new day.
Let's come unto Him and claim His love. May we worship in gladness now!

OPENING HYMN (U.M. # 73) “O, Worship The King”

- (1) O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
- (3) The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- (4) Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- (5) Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

INVITATION OF GOD’S PRESENCE

Offer your own “GOD IS GOOD” greeting to those seated nearby!

PRAISE SONG “We Want To See Jesus Lifted High”

(verse) We want to see Jesus lifted high, A banner that flies across this land
That all men might see the truth and know...He is the way to heaven

(1) We want to see ... we want to seeWe want to see Jesus lifted high
We want to see ... we want to see ... We want to see Jesus lifted high

(bridge) Step by step we’re moving forward...little by little taking ground...
Every prayer a powerful weapon
Strongholds come..tumbling down and down and down and down

(REPEAT ALL)

(verse) We want to see Jesus lifted high, A banner that flies across this land
That all men might see the truth and know...He is the way to heaven

(2) We’re gonna see ... we’re gonna see...We’re gonna see Jesus lifted high
We’re gonna see ... we’re gonna see...We’re gonna see Jesus lifted high

BODY BUILDING

Some brief joys, testimonies and announcements “for the good of the cause”

PRAYER CONCERNS

You are invited to lift the names of those who stand in need of God’s care

PRAYER SONG “Pour Out Your Spirit”

(CHORUS) Pour out Your Spirit in this place...pour out Your Spirit in this place
that we might see Your power, and we might feel Your grace

Pour out Your spirit in this place...pour out Your spirit in this place!

(verse) Cleanse us, keep us, renew us by Your blood.
Have Your way within us, and fill us with Your love.

Pour out Your spirit in this place...pour out Your spirit in this place!

PRAYER

GOD’S HOLY WORD Mark 5:21-34

**“When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd
and touched his cloak, because she thought, ‘If I just touch his clothes,
I will be healed.’ Immediately her bleeding stopped
and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.”**

TODAY’S MESSAGE Pastor Mike Langford

“Reaching Out To You”

CLOSING HYMN “Love Lifted Me”

*(1) I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within,
sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me now safe am !!*

(Ref.) Love lifted me Love lifted me; when nothing else could help love lifted me! (repeat)

*(2) All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live,
ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too To Him belongs. (Refrain)*

*(3) Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves, He will lift you by His love,
out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey,
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today. (Refrain)*

A BENEDICTION

We thank you for presenting your tithes and offerings in the plates found at the exits.

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This worship service is over. NOW BEGINS our Christian service in Jesus' Name!

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*We are **not** on a “167-hour vacation from faith” after this worship ends. We show the grace daily!*

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MINISTRY CHALLENGE...Let joy be in you. As sinners forgiven by God's grace, let's always serve others in humility, remembering that we, too, were 'lost outsiders'!

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LAST WEEK ... Every leader in history (except one) has been flawed. With that, most everyone is happy that election season is over! We were reminded that Old Testament high priests were also selected among the people. Back in the day, a high priest knew what it meant to both sin and to be sinned against. That's why he had to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as his people. He was a descendant from the first high priest, Aaron. Melchizedek was a king and high priest with no such a lineage from Aaron. Genesis 14 describes him as seeming to “drop out of Heaven” to greet Abram with wine and bread after an important battle. Jesus was appointed by His heavenly father to be a different kind of high priest, in that mysterious order of Melchizedek. He was not elected from the people: God sent Him. He offered prayers and petitions, serving as our “forever high priest”. His death at Calvary meant “no more goat blood” making paving the way. Messiah's obedient submission became the source of salvation for all who obey him. Yes, our leaders are all sinners...but we follow in the humble, eternal ways of our King who was priest ‘and then some’! The Lord Jesus was, indeed, Selected For The People who needed to find their way to God! **(Hebrews 5:1-10)**

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