

# CLASSIC SERVICE

First Evangelical Church

May 7, 2017, 8:45 a.m.

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# How Sweet the Sound



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## SCRIPTURAL INVITATION

John 1:14, 16

## SONG OF GRACE

*(choir)*

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!

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*(all, standing)*

**Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout heaven's eternal days.**

**On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.**

**Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only, and my life be to Thy praise.  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.**

*(please be seated)*

## WELCOME

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## MEDITATION

## “Amazing Grace”

### WORDS OF PRAISE

Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 1:7-8; Hebrews 4:16

*(all, standing)*

**Leader:** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

**Leader:** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,

**People:** **according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us!**

**Leader:** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

**People:** **that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*(all)*

Hymn #45

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His Name—I'm fixed upon it, Name of God's redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer\*; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

*\*stone of help (1 Sam. 7:12)*

*(interlude)*

**O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.**

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

Mark Gosney, Elder

### RESPONSE OF TRUST

**Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!**

*(please be seated)*

## CHORAL MEDITATION

*(choir)*

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free.  
O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.  
*God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul;  
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.*

God of grace who loved and knew me long before the world began,  
Sent my Savior down from heaven, perfect God and perfect man.  
*God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as His own;  
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.*

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.  
*God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;  
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.*

## WORDS OF WONDER

*(all, standing)*

**O Lord God,**

**How great are my privileges in Christ Jesus!**

**From Calvary's cross wave upon wave of grace reaches me,  
deals with my sin,  
washes me clean,  
renews my heart,  
strengthens my will,  
draws out my affection,  
kindles a flame in my soul,  
rules throughout my inner man,  
consecrates my every thought, word, work,  
teaches me Thy immeasurable love.**

**Praise be to Thee for grace,  
and for the unspeakable gift of Jesus!**

*(from Valley of Vision)*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*(all)*

Hymn #502

**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.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!  
Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

*(please be seated)*

## COMMUNION

## RESPONSE

*(all, standing)*

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

*(please be seated)*

## SERMON

**Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor**

***He Made the Stars Also:  
The Story of the Gospel in Seven Wonders  
The Good, the Very Good, and the Glory  
John 2:1-11***

## BENEDICTION

### **ON THE PLATFORM THIS MORNING**

In an effort to make our leaders better known to the congregation, these leaders are sitting on the platform this morning. Those marked with \* will be available following the service to greet you and to give you spiritual assistance.

***From left to right:***

- \*Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor
- \*Pradip Ayer, Pastor of Missions & Internationals
- Ron Man, Pastor of Worship/Missionary in Residence
- \*Mark Gosney, Elder

***Worship Leaders:***

*The Worship Choir*  
Trent England, organ  
Jamie Scholik, piano  
Sarah Nowlin, cello