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# Sola Gratia (by Grace alone)

O most Holy Christ, draw me, weak as I am, after Yourself, for if You do not draw us we cannot follow You. Strengthen my spirit, that it may be willing. If the flesh is weak, let Your grace precede us; come between and follow, for without we cannot go for Your sake to cruel death.

Give me a fearless heart, a right faith, a firm hope, a perfect love, that for Your sake  
I may lay down my life with patience and joy. Amen.

(words from prison by Czech reformer Jan Hus, before being burned at the stake July 6, 1415)

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift,  
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24)*

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. (Ephesians 1:7-8)

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## SONGS OF GATHERING

*(please stand as able)*

**O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

***You alone are the matchless King,  
To You alone be all majesty.  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?  
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light.***

**O measureless might, ineffable love;  
While angels delight to worship above.  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

***You alone are the matchless King,  
To You alone be all majesty.  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?  
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light. (repeat)***

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Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*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!*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *(chorus)*  
*(please be seated)*

## WELCOME AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Cole Huffman, Senior Pastor

## THE REFORMATION AT 500

## WORDS OF GRACE

Titus 3:3-7

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*(all, standing)*

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!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *(chorus)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine. Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.  
*(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.*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*(all, seated)*

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And like a flood His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.*

## SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*(all, seated)*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

## SERMON

*The Reformation at 500: The Five Solas*

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## COMMUNION

## UNISON READING

Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Question 60

*(all, standing)*

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ [1]. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them [2], and am still inclined to all evil [3], yet God, without any merit of my own [4], out of mere grace [5], imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ [6]. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me [7], if only I accept this gift with a believing heart [8].

[1] Rom. 3:21-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8, 9; Phil. 3:8-11. [2] Rom. 3:9, 10. [3] Rom. 7:23. [4] Deut. 9:6; Ezek. 36:22; Tit. 3:4, 5. [5] Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8. [6] Rom. 4:3-5; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 John 2:1, 2. [7] Rom. 4:24, 25; 2 Cor. 5:21. [8] John 3:18; Acts 16:30, 31; Rom. 3:22.

## SONGS OF GRACE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.  
*Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**This anchor for my soul, this everlasting hope: Your grace on which I stand.  
It's where my life begins, my future held within: Your grace on which I stand.**

***O, this grace on which I stand, it will hold me to the end, never failing.  
O, praise the One who rescued me. Jesus, You will ever be my salvation.***

**And when I'm on the run, the road that leads me home: Your grace on which I stand.  
And when I see Your face, the only claim I'll make: Your grace on which I stand.**

***O, this grace on which I stand, it will hold me to the end, never failing.  
O, praise the One who rescued me. Jesus, You will ever be my salvation. (repeat)***

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**Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.**

**You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.**

**So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.  
*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me.***

**Great is Your love and justice, God; You use the weak to lead the strong.**

**You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.**

**So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise O God.  
*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me.***

***Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me, for me.***

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***Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?***

## **BENEDICTION**

***Worship Leaders:*** The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Grace Cumbee, violin;  
Brian Craddock, lead guitar and vocal  
Ron Man, Pastor of Worship and Missionary in Residence

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