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2ND LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR NOVEMBER 13, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

10:30am
WELCOME

SONG: "Only By Grace"

(Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:19-22)

Chorus: Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand, Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb. Into Your presence You call us; You call us to come. Into Your presence You draw us, and now by Your grace we come. Now by Your grace we come.

Verse: Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand? Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.*(repeat verse again then chorus)*

Ending... Now by Your grace we come.

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS: *(Spoken together)*

O Lord, with You there is forgiveness. So hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy. In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief. I spread out my hands to You; my soul thirsts for You like a parched land. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit faints with longing. Do not hide Your face from me, or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Rescue me from my sinfulness, O Lord, for I hide myself in You, and trust in You. For Your names sake, Jesus Christ, preserve my life and forgive me of all of my sin. In Your righteousness, deliver me and bring me out of trouble. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: *(From Romans 5:8-11)*

- P. God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
- C. WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
- P. Since we have now been justified by his blood,
- C. HOW MUCH MORE SHALL WE BE SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH THROUGH HIM!
- P. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son,
- C. HOW MUCH MORE, HAVING BEEN RECONCILED, SHALL WE BE SAVED THROUGH HIS LIFE!
- P. Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- C. THROUGH WHOM WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED RECONCILIATION. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(From Psalm 105)*

1 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. 5 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, 6 O descendants of Abraham his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones. 7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

SONG: "Salvation Belongs to Our God" (Rev 5:13)

1. Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits upon the throne; And unto the Lamb; Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength.

Chorus: Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!

2. And we the redeemed shall be strong, In purpose and unity; declaring aloud; Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength. *(chorus)*

Bridge: Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength. *(chorus)*
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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 25:30-32

30 "Now prophesy all these words against them and say to them: "The LORD will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, shout against all who live on the earth. 31 The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword," declares the LORD. 32 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Look! Disaster is spreading from nation to nation; a mighty storm is rising from the ends of the earth."

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:3-10

3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

RESPONSE: *(From Luke 21:36)*

P. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen,
C. AND THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ 41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ 44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing

clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ 45 “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

SONG: “Be Unto Your Name”

1. We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Chorus: Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises, honor and glory, Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

2. We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song, we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name.
(chorus x 2)

Ending... Be unto Your name.

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SERMON: Matthew 25:31-46 “*God Prepares Heaven Before the Creation of the World.*”

SONG: “I See the Lord”

I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted; and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory; and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His glory.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord; Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.
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OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SONG: "Glorious Day"

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us; His glory revealed.

Chorus: Living, He loved me; dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.
The hand that healed nations, stretched out on a tree; and took the nails from me. (*Chorus*)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, one day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose over death He had conquered. Now is ascended my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again.
Chorus: Living, He loved me; dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day,
glorious day.

Praise Band: One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His
glories will shine. Wonderful day my Beloved One bringing. My Savior, Jesus, is mine.

Chorus: Living, He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day,
glorious day. O glorious day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER:
November 13th and 27th - 10:30 Service

"He will separate
the people one
from another as
a shepherd
separates

the SHEEP from the GOATS."

Matthew 25:32

