

Prayer of Preparation

O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.

Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee,
for Christ's sake, Amen

~ Ambrose of Milan



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Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. After worship please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Goodness Group. After refreshments there are Sunday School classes for different ages.

If you have joined us today with children, there is a nursery available. In addition, there is children's church for ages 3 to 3rd grade. Children leave the service during the Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn. There are three options during this time: nursery, 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. There is also a Sunday School for children after refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Faithfulness Group. Contact Barbara Cornett 898-7661.

World Relief News: We have until Sept. 30 to gather supplies for the warehouse – emphasis on neutral bedroom curtains. If you would like to shop on Amazon, you can send your contribution directly to BECF at this address: **BECF, 140 Woods Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604.** Or, you can drop off your contributions at their church. We also have the opportunity to go up to High Point to deliver and help in the warehouse on Oct. 1, Nov. 19, and Dec. 10. It is exciting to be part of the Body of Christ in action, serving the refugees, immigrants, and victims of trafficking who are relocating to our part of NC. For more information contact:

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Service for the Lord's Day

September 25, 2022



GALATIANS

It is for Freedom
that Christ has set you Free

GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

All: *He is risen indeed!*

PRELUDE

I Am a Child of the King

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Mercy, My God (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

—from Psalm 32:1-6

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So let us in freedom confess the wrong that we have done.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his

wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

* PASSING THE PEACE

* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

~ from Ephesians 2

We believe that we were dead in our transgressions and sins. All of us were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace that we have been saved.

We believe that it is by grace that we have been saved, through faith — and this is not from ourselves, our faith is the gift of God.

We believe that we are not saved by works, so that no one can boast.

We believe that we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

#719 - Children of the Heavenly Father

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Galatians 3:26-4:2

* COMMUNION HYMN

*Lord I Need You
(See Insert)*

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN OF SENDING

#11 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* BENEDICTION