



## Traditional Worship Service

September 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

"Good and Gracious King"

#### WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: Ezek. 34:11-16

#### SINGING TOGETHER:

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

RESPONSIVE READING: Ezek. 34:22-31

#### PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 14

#### DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Seas of Crimson"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:15-17

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "Compassionate Shepherding"

#### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"His Name Is Life"

#### BENEDICTION

#### CHORAL BENEDICTION

"I Love You, Lord"

## "Compassionate Shepherding"

John 21:15-17

### I. Introduction

### II. Exposition of the text, John 21:15-17.

#### A. Context

1. The symbolism of the fishing expedition, John 20:21, Mark 1:17, Rom. 6:23.
2. Doomed to failure.
3. An overview of the text.

#### B. Restoring Peter.

1. Setting the scene, vs. 15.
  - a. A public address.
    - i. Peter boasted in public, John 13:37, Matt. 26:33.
    - ii. Peter's restoration needed to be public, Luke 24:34, 1Cor. 15:5.
  - b. A formal address, Matt. 16:17, John 1:42.
2. The threefold confession, vs. 15-17.
  - a. The flow of questions and answers.
  - b. Peter's humility.
    - i. A different man.
    - ii. Appealing to omniscience.

#### C. Deciphering the language.

1. Determining "these", vs. 15.
  - a. Considering three views.
    - i. The "things" of Peter's life.
    - ii. The relationships of Peter's life, Luke 14:26, Matt. 19:29.
    - iii. A comparison with the other disciples.
  - b. Reasons for my view.
    - i. The one option I reject.
    - ii. Melding the other two, John 21:3.
2. John's delightful explosion of synonyms, vs. 15-17.
  - a. Two words for "love".
    - i. Defining the words.
    - ii. The basis of the discussion.
    - iii. The difference context and emphasis makes.
    - iv. The bottom line.
  - b. The other synonyms.
    - i. Two words for "sheep".
    - ii. Two words for "tend".
    - iii. Two words for "know".

Rev. Kirby Williams

Worship Leader - Byron & Stacy Cox

**Worship Songs**  
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**Moment in the Word: Ezek. 34:11-16**

Ezek. 34:11. For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

Ezek. 34:12. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

Ezek. 34:13. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezek. 34:14. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

Ezek. 34:15. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God.

Ezek. 34:16. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

**Scripture Reading: Ezek. 34:22-31**

[Pastor:] I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. (Ezek. 34:22)

[Congregation:] And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. \*Ezek. 34:23)

[Pastor:] And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken. (Ezek. 34:24)

[Congregation:] I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. (Ezek. 34:25)

[Pastor:] And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. (Ezek. 34:26)

[Congregation:] And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them. (Ezek. 34:27)

[Pastor:] They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. (Ezek. 34:28)

[Congregation:] And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations. (Ezek. 34:29)

[Pastor:] And they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God. (Ezek. 34:30)

[All:] And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord God." (Ezek. 34:31)

**Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14**

[Pastor:] What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary"?

[All:] That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

[Pastor:] How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

[All:] He is our Mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and holiness the sinfulness in which I was conceived.

### **Good and Gracious King**

I approach the throne of glory,  
Nothing in my hands I bring,  
But the promise of acceptance,  
From a good and gracious King.

I will give to You my burden,  
As You give to me Your strength.  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit,  
As I sing to You this praise.

You deserve the greater glory, overcome, I lift my voice.  
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory; overcome with joy I sing.  
By Your love, I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

And O what grace that You would see me,  
As Your child and as Your friend,  
Safe, secure in You forever,  
I pour out my praise again.

You deserve the greater glory, overcome, I lift my voice.  
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory; overcome with joy I sing.  
By Your love, I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,  
Good and gracious, good and gracious,

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,  
Good and gracious King. (Repeat)

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To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory; overcome with joy I sing.  
By Your love, I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

### **My Jesus, I Love Thee**

My Jesus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine.  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.  
And say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow,  
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright.  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

### **Grace Greater than Our Sin**

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

### **Refrain**

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. (Refrain)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide-  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive? (Refrain)

### **Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm 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.

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My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns.  
Unending love, amazing grace. (Repeat)

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.

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Seas of Crimson**

For every curse, You're the cure.  
For every sickness, You're the healer.  
For every storm, You're the calm.  
For all that's lost, Oh, what a Savior.

On that cross of Calvary,  
Every burden has been defeated.  
And every wretched heart redeemed.  
You drown our sins in seas of crimson.

Hallelujah, death is beaten.  
Christ is risen from the grave.  
Hallelujah, it is finished.  
All to You, the highest praise.

On that day of utmost glory,  
All of darkness cannot tarry.  
And every shackle come undone.  
My solid Rock, Thine is the Kingdom.  
And every shackle come undone.  
My solid Rock, Thine is the Kingdom.

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Where there was sin, Your love rushed in.  
Where sin runs deep, Your grace runs deeper.  
For all enslaved, the ransom paid.  
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### **His Name Is Life**

His name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah,  
Blessed Prince of Peace;  
Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation;  
Lamb of God is He.  
Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal Life;  
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### **I Love You, Lord**

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear,  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.