



Church of the Hills

“What Happened ?”

Luke 19:1-10

Reverend Rolfe Granath

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We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

performed by Sheresa Wilbanks

Welcome

Rev. Rolfe Granath

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

People: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

Leader: For the Lord dwells among the people;

People: the glory of God abides with us.

****Opening Hymn**

“Amazing Grace”

Purple Hymnal 649 (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

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 has brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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.

****Invitation to Confession**

David Molden

Leader: Trusting in the power of God to save, let us confess our sins before God and this assembly.

****Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good, and we have lagged in affection for our brothers and sisters. We have not been patient in suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from fear of the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Christ has broken the power of sin and evil and has opened to us the way of eternal life.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak” Purple Hymnal 519**

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all. When I fall down,
you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your Word become a joy to us and the delight of our hearts. Amen.

Ministry of Music

New Testament Reading

Luke 19:1-10

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. **2** A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. **5** When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” **6** So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. **7** All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” **8** Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” **9** Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Sermon

“What Happened?”

**Response to Sermon

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

Purple Hymnal 451

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 606

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.

And now let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free elements are available)

Special Music during Communion

For Reflection and Meditation:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All: God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Purple Hymnal 835

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

(Refrain)

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,
Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

(Refrain)

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - "The Presbyterian Hymnal"

Red - "Songs for Praise and Worship"

Purple - "Glory to God"

Yellow - "Hymns for the Family of God"

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