

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."
2 Peter 3:18*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-9

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

O Worship The King
Praise To The Lord

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in Your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; our best services are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in Your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven Your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down to hell, Your righteousness exalts us to Your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in You plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear Your assuring voice; that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You have been made sin for us that we might be righteous in You, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. Keep us always clinging to Your cross, flood us every moment with descending grace. In Your merciful name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Jesus, I Come

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Elder Ed Baker

ORDINATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON

Nathan Harlan, Dave Felton, and Brady Hillegas

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

"The Grip of Grace" from 2 Samuel 4:1-12 by Rev. John Downs

WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able.

Sermon Notes

Title: "The Grip of Grace" by Rev. John Downs

Text: 2 Samuel 4:1-12

Earthly kings lose their grip, but Yahweh's King grips his people in grace.

I. Weak hands v. 1-4

II. Bloody hands v. 5-8

III. Strong hands v. 9-12

Application – "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God's grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God's Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?