

*"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 145:1-13

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
It Is Well With My Soul

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 1:30–31 "And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

WSC #98 and 99, Elder Brian Riedel

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Rock Of Ages

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder John Tittle

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

"Covenantal Prayer" from 2 Samuel 7:18-29 by Rev. John Downs

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

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace/Psalm 23

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able.

Sermon Notes

Title: "Covenantal Prayer" by Rev. John Downs

Text: 2 Samuel 7:18-29

Yahweh's grace produces prayerful humility and hope.

I. Grace that brought me safe thus far v. 18-24

II. Grace will lead me home v. 25-29

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?