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Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Planted in Faith: Weeding and Watering

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnals.

GATHERING . . .

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lenten Meditation

by Blake

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Come, let us worship God. Let us tell the stories of God's work in the world.

P: God plants seeds of faith that we must nurture to bring to blossom.

L: As disciples, the seed of faith is planted within our hearts.

P: May it take root and become a way of life.

L: Although we may feel small and insignificant, God counts on us to blossom and thrive.

ALL: God will use our gifts in miraculous ways. Praise the God of small seed and mighty power.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 313** (black hymnal)

Like a Tree Beside the Waters

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Creating God, we know that you have planted the seeds of faith within us, but we are reluctant gardeners. We are not always ready to do the work that cultivates a deep, rich faith. We are easily distracted and become overwhelmed by the busyness of our lives, instead of taking time to remember you and your will for us. We do not trust that if we look to you, you will guide. We do not understand how much you desire us to bring what you have planted into blossom. God, help us to clear out the weeds of indifference, greed, and bitterness and instead, place our trust in you, knowing that your Living Water will help us grow. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (v. 1, *Faith We Sing, see insert) *Grace Alone*

ALL SING: Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Interlude* by Tate
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED . . .

(10:30 AM) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21: 18-22

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 547 (black hymnal) *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(8:00 AM) JUBILATION ANTHEM *Prepare the Way of the Lord* by Rowan

(10:30 AM) PRAISE BAND ANTHEM² *Hear Us From Heaven* by Anderson

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .

OFFERTORY

During this time of offering, we invite you to come forward to help us continue the Mt. Zion Garden of Faith. In our series, we are now on focused on work to weed the garden. We invite you to come forward and pull a "weed" out of the garden, weeds that keep up from living into our full call as disciples. Together, we will continue to prepare the garden, and our hearts, for God.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

There is a Fountain

arr. Labenske

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2203 (**Faith We Sing)

In His Time

ALL SING: In his time, in his time, he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time. In your time, in your time, you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring, may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES . . .

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 528 (v. 1 & 2, black hymnal)

You Are the Seed

ALL SING: You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will brighten the way, sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim. You are the city that's built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION NO. 528 (v. 3, black hymnal)

You Are the Seed

ALL SING: You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

POSTLUDE

Fugue

by Clerambault

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in memory of Edward Kiessling's birthday (Elaine's father) by Perry, Elaine and Joey Bevivino.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Brian Kinard's birthday, and in memory of Melissa Neal's birthday by Dan & Nancy Kinard.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of our 45th wedding anniversary by Barb Stebbins.

Thank you to our Jubilation Choir for performing during the 8 AM service today, and to our Worship Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to our Lenten Worship Planning Team for planning worship today. The Lenten team is made up of: Jen Cooper, Dave Firestone, Nancy Sleeper, Pastor Danielle & Pastor Jeff.

8:00 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8:00 AM Welcome Team: Drew & Danika Dallam, Mike & Kathy Ferree

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

10:30 AM Welcoming Team: Barry & Mary Jane Epley, rest coordinated by Dave Firestone

¹ The Call to Worship is a combination of text written by Pastor Danielle and text from Ministry Matters, June 17, 2012.

² Praise Band Anthem: *Hear Us From Heaven* by Anderson, CCLI Song #4455392, Lic. #3220582

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Jer. 17:7-8

Unison

James F. D. Martin, 1992

1 Like a tree be-side the wa-ters, nur-tured by your lov - ing care,
 2 Like a tree be-side the riv - er, draw-ing life from ho - ly streams,
 3 We, be - side the liv-ing wa-ters, drink from your e - ter - nal life.

We, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, your en - dur-ing wit - - ness bear.
 Fill us with your love for - ev - er; re - cre - ate our hopes and dreams.
 Give to all, your sons and daugh-ters, faith that ris - es o - ver strife.

In each pass - ing gen - er - a - tion may your voice of love be heard.
 Through the storms of life sus - tain us by the wis - dom of your grace.
 O Liv - ing God, most glo - rious, strength - en us for life to - day.

Bless, we pray, this con - gre - ga - tion with your ho - ly, liv - ing Word.
 May the chang-ing of the sea - sons find us in your warm em - brace.
 By the hope of time - less prom - ise guide your church up - on the Way.

James Martin wrote this text at the invitation of Campbellsport
 (Wisconsin) United Church of Christ for the celebration of its 125th
 anniversary year in 1993. Ordained to the United Church of Christ in
 1980, Martin has served as pastor to churches in Wisconsin.

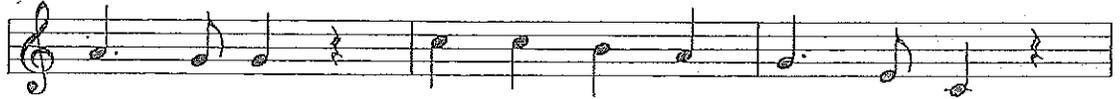
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 Roy Hopp, 1989
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Grace Alone

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1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and
 2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we



step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make
 hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace



is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing



we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise }

Refrain

grace. Grace a - lone, which God sup - plies, strength un -



known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -



stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson (Eph. 2:8-10)

MUSIC: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

GRACE ALONE
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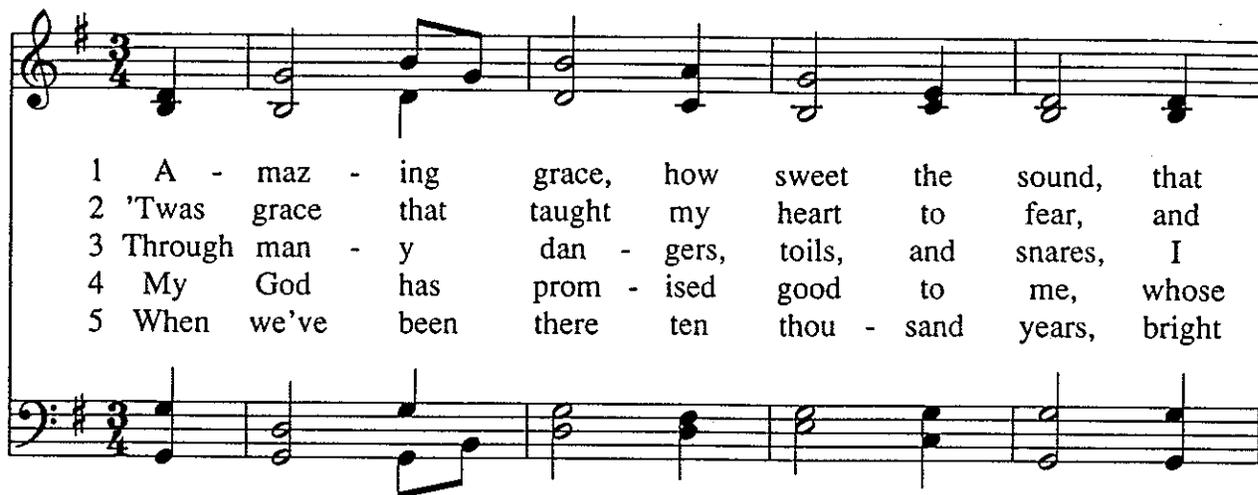
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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

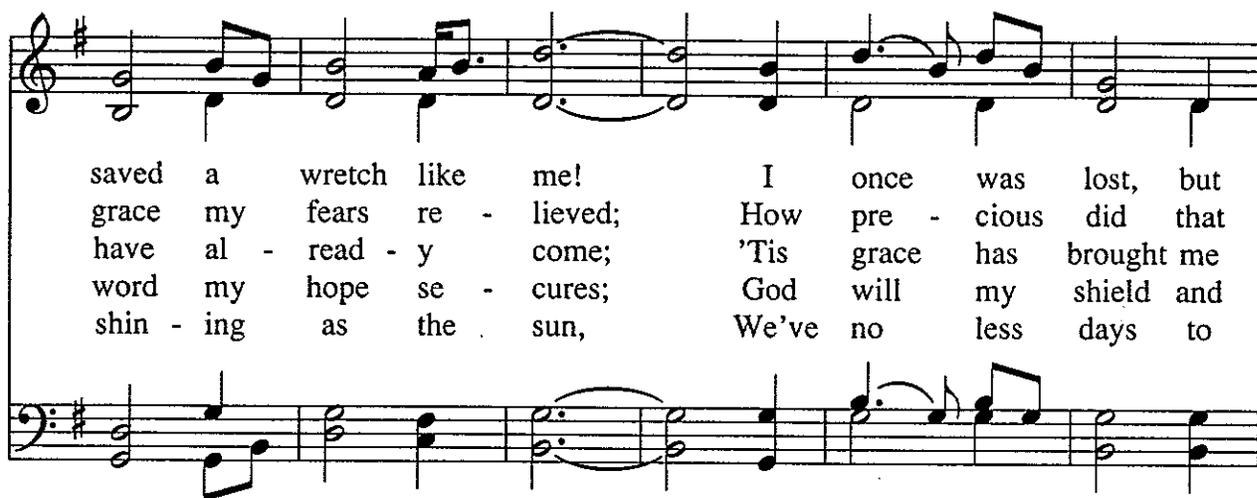
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St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

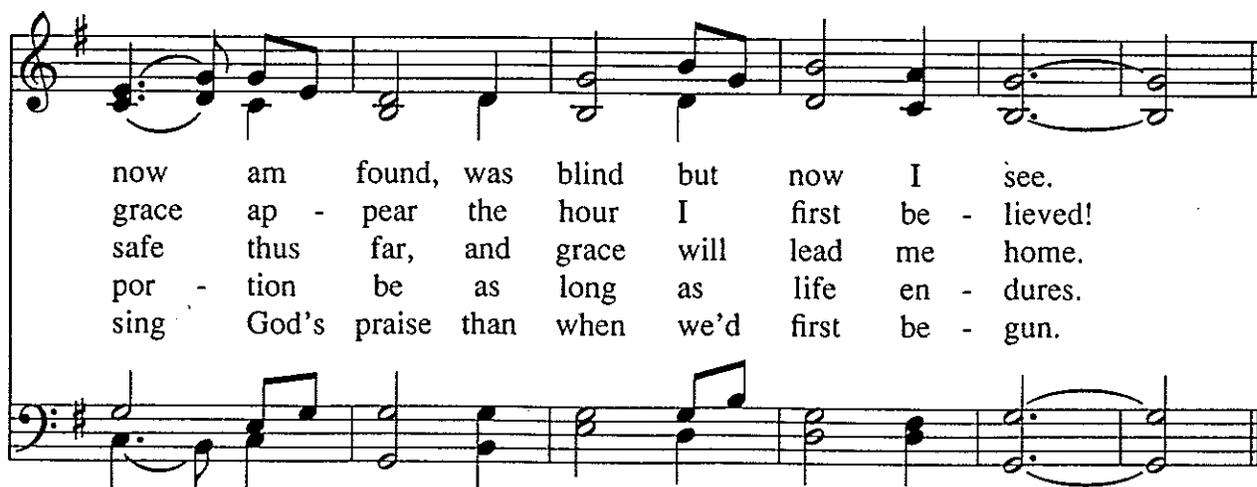
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

John Newton's autobiographical hymn reflects his conversion from his earlier existence as a slave trader. While serving as curate in the English village of Olney, Newton met William Cowper, and together they published Olney Hymns, which included this hymn.

Tune: AMAZING GRACE C.M.
(NEW BRITAIN)
Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900



1. In his time, _____ in his time; _____ he makes
 2. In your time, _____ in your time; _____ you make



all things beau-ti-ful in his time. _____ Lord, please
 all things beau-ti-ful in your time. _____ Lord, my



show me ev-ery day as you're teach-ing me your way, that you
 life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to



do just what you say in your time. _____
 you a love-ly thing in your time. _____

WORDS: Diane Ball (Eccles. 3:11)
 MUSIC: Diane Ball

GOD'S TIME
 Irregular

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Sois la Semilla

(You Are the Seed)

Matt. 13:24-30, 33, 36-43; 5:13-16; 28:18-20

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.

Transl. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon and Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987; alt.

Unison D A7 Bm D

1 Sois la se - mi - lla que ha de cre - cer, sois es -
 1 Sois la ma - ña - na que vuel - ve a na - cer sois es -
 1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a
 1 You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the

G G6 A7 D A

re - lla que ha de bri - llar. Sois le - va - du - ra, sois
 pi - ga que em - pie - za a gra - nar. Sois a - gui - jón y ca -
 star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a
 wheat that will bear gold - en grain; You are a sting and a

Bm G D G6 A7 D

gra - no de sal, an - tor - cha que de - be a - lum - brar.
 ri - cia a la vez, tes - ti - gos que voy a en - viar.
 small grain of salt, a bea - con to glow in the night.
 soft, gen - tle touch, my wit - ness - es wher - e'er you go.

Estribillo (Refrain) G A7

A D

Id, a - mi - gas, por el mun - do, a - nun - cian - do el a -
 Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos de mi re - su - rrec -
 Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to
 Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a -

mor, men - sa - je - ras de la vi - da,
ción: Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - - cia;
all, mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace,
rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,

de la paz y el per - dón. con u - ste - des es - toy.
e - ter - nal love. till the end of the world."

2 Sois u-na lla-ma
que ha de en-cen-der
res-plan-do-res de fe y ca-ri-dad.
Sois los pas-to-res que han de lle-var
al mun-do por sen-das de paz.
Sois los a-mi-gos que qui-se es-co-ger,
sois pa-la-bra que in-ten-to es-par-cir.
Sois rei-no nue-vo
que em-pie-za a en-gen-drar
jus-ti-cia, a-mor y ver-dad.

Estrillo

3 Sois fue-go y sa-bia
que vi-ne a tra-er,
sois la o-la que a-gi-ta la mar.
La le-va-du-ra pe-que-ña de a-yer
fer-men-ta la ma-sa del pan.
U-na ciu-dad no se pue-de es-con-der,
ni los mon-tes se han de o-cul-tar,
en es-tas o-bras que bus-can el bien,
el mun-do a Dios ha de ver.

Estrillo

2 You are the flame that will bright-en
the way,
send-ing spar-kles of hope, faith,
and love;
you are the shep-herds
to lead the whole world
through val-leys and pas-tures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for my-self,
the word that I want to pro-claim.
You are the cit-y that's built on a rock
where jus-tice and truth al-ways reign.

Refrain

3 You are the life that will nur-ture the plant;
you're the waves in a tur-bu-lent sea;
yes-ter-day's yeast is be-gin-ning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a cit-y to hide,
nor a moun-tain can cov-er its might;
may your good deeds
show a world in de-spair
a path that will lead all to God.

Refrain

This hymn by Spanish theologian Cesáreo Gabarán first appeared in the collection Dios con nosotros, published in Madrid. The tune, which can be translated in English as "Go and Teach," was arranged by Mexican organist and choral director Skinner Chávez-Melo.

Tune: ID Y ENSEÑAD 10.9.10.8.D. with refrain
Cesáreo Gabarán, 1979
Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987