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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Storybook Summer: *Stuck*

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping 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 hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Open the Eyes of My Heart

by Baloche

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Come together, joining hands and hearts!

P: Let our hands be links of chain which hold our lives together—

L: not a chain of bondage but a silver cord of strength.

P: a ribbon of love and faith and community,

L: giving us slack to sail the wind,

P: yet holding us in a mystical embrace,

L: that we may be alone but never lonely,

P: that we may be together but never lost in the crowd, that we may be one without forfeiting our uniqueness.

L: Come together, joining hands and hearts, and let the spirit of God and the human spirit flow in each one and through us all,

P: as we gather here to share this time and space and as we walk together on the journey.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: We keep silent before you, Lord—we are afraid to confront our transgressions; we are terrified to face the reality of our sin; we feel as if the weight of the world were upon our shoulders; we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become as we keep our failings and fears inside. Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections. Why is that simple act so difficult for us? Why do we hesitate, knowing that you stand ready to wash away our guilt? You are the sanctuary where distress cannot reach us. In your steadfast love, forgive us. In your caress, cleanse us. In your Holy Spirit, restore us. In the name of our Savior, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2081 (FWS)

Thank You, Jesus

ALL SING: Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Thank you, Jesus, Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

STORYBOOK SUMMER

Stuck

by Oliver Jeffers

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

Proverbs 28:13-14; Psalm 32

HYMN NO. 519 (black hymnal)

Not My Brother, Not My Sister

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (Sung by Dani Kardisco)

Rain Down on Me

by Schram

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Have Thine Own Way Lord

by Stebbins

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (FWS #2223, vs. 2 & 3)

They'll Know We Are Christians

ALL SING: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 547 (black hymnal)

Amazing Grace

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Triumphal March

by Thurmond

NOTES

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

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!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Ed's parents, Thelma and Jim Baines, by Ed Baines.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Diane Strine's birthday by the family.

Thank you to Dani Kardisco for providing special music at both services.

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.

8 AM Worship Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Welcome Team: Tama, Logan, & Austin Allison; Amy Pagano

8 AM Sound Tech: Ryan Neal

8 AM Video Tech: Jack Herlocker

10:30 AM Worship Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Robin Schriver, Sandy King; Sharon & Tom Mulligan

10:30 AM Sound Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Video Tech: Emily Merritt

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹From Touch Holiness by Duck & Tirabassi, pg. 173.

²<http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4749/worship-elements-march-5-2017>

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We Offer Christ

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Brian Wren, 1986

1 We of-fer Christ to all the world a-round us, born in - to faith,
 2 We of-fer Christ from all our best tra - di - tions, by grace a - lone,
 3 We of-fer Christ the bar - ri - er - be - strid - er, whose full-ness far
 4 We of-fer Christ and, God-be-loved, our Sav - ior now of - fers us,

re - leased from pride and shame; Em - braced by love, we show how
 a - mazed and strange - ly warmed, Cre - a - ted e - qual, stirred by
 ex - ceeds our lo - cal view, Whose Spir - it, breath - ing deep in
 born of the Spir - it's kiss, to love cre - a - tion and cre -

love has found us; at peace with God, we speak our Sav - ior's name.
 free - dom - vi - sions, self - crit - i - cal, pre - pared to be re - formed.
 ev - ery cul - ture, brings Christ to us, the same, yet strange - ly new.
 a - tion's Lov - er, with skill, com - pas - sion, jus - tice, care and peace.

"We Offer Christ" was commissioned by St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina, for its 150th anniversary. The opening phrase derives from John Wesley's advice to Thomas Coke as he departed for America: "Offer them Christ."


Tune: CHARTERHOUSE 11.10.11.10.
 David Evans, 1927

Not My Brother, nor My Sister

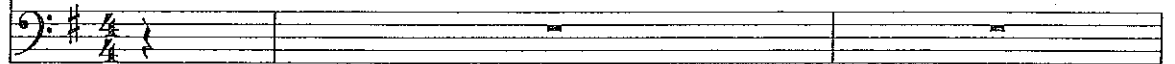
(Standing in the Need of Prayer)

African-American spiritual; alt.

Leader



1 Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's me, O God,
 2 Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con, but it's me, O God,
 3 Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's me, O God,
 4 Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's me, O God,




All *Leader*




stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth-er, nor my sis-ter, but it's
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not the preach-er, nor the dea-con, but it's
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa-ther, nor my moth-er, but it's
 stand-ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang-er, nor my neigh-bor, but it's



All *Refrain*



me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer. It's
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.




me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer;
 it's me,




It's me, it's me, O God, stand-ing in the need of prayer.
 it's me,

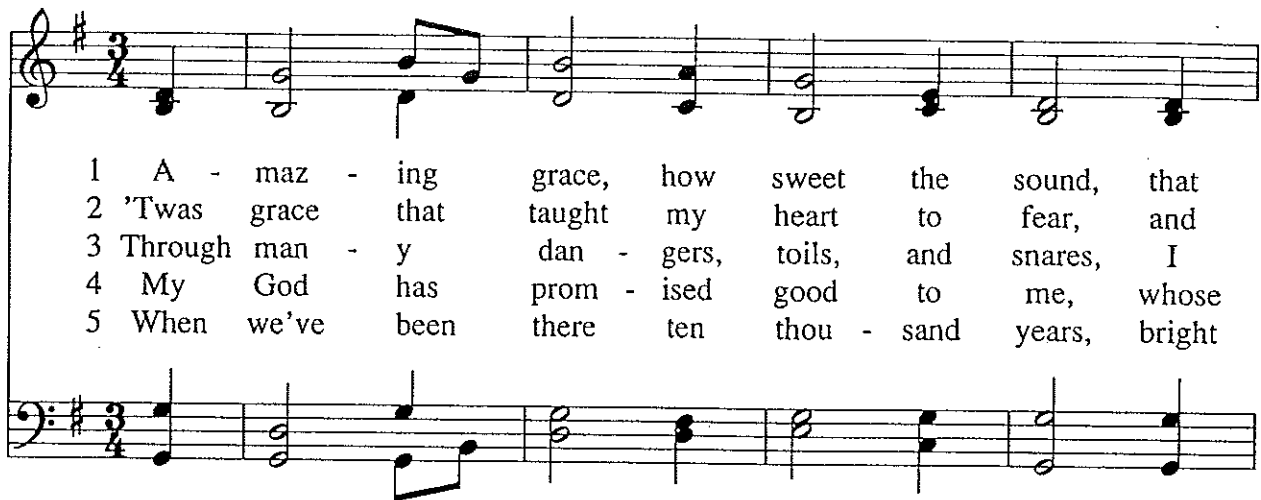


Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

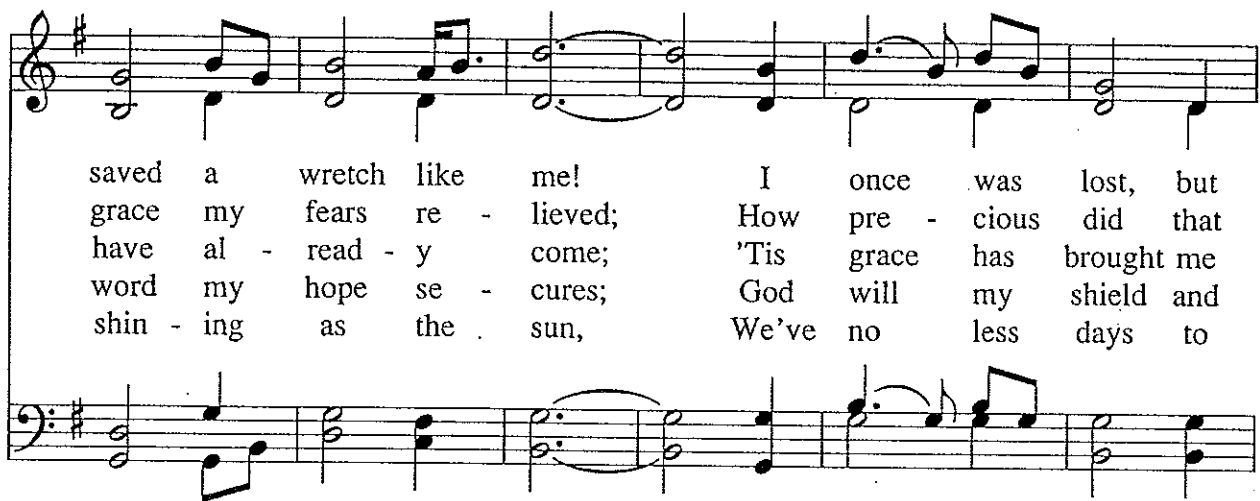
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St. 1-4, John Newton, 1779; alt.

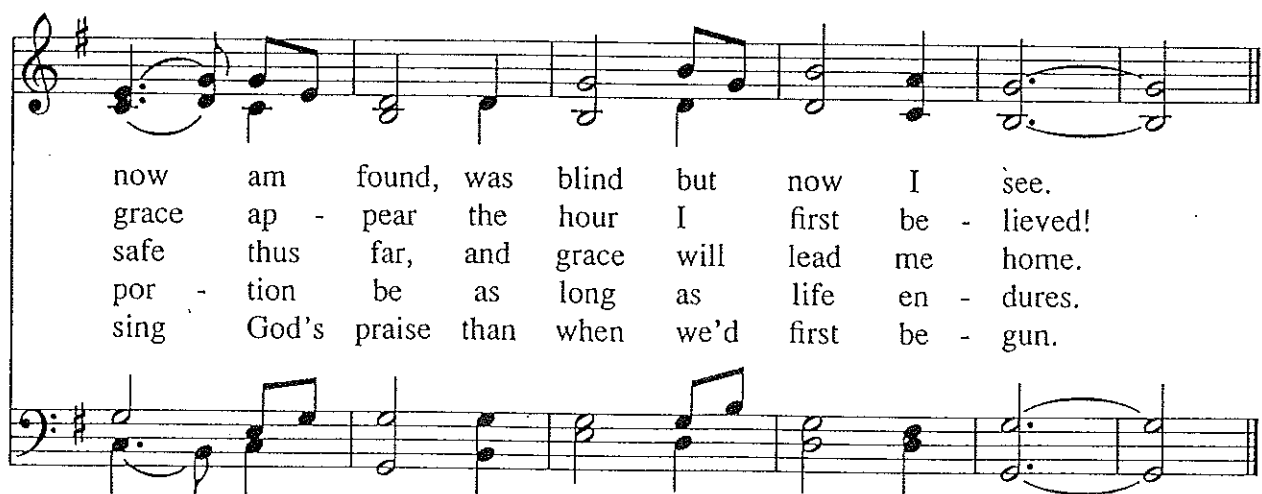
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790



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