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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Healing Service**

### ***Thankful for Our God's Presence and Healing***

*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 hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**

*During this time remembrance, there will be a time to offer aloud the names of loved ones who have served in the military. We will ring a bell in honor of each person.*

### **PRELUDE**

*This is My Song with My Country 'Tis' of Thee*

arr. Tate

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

**P: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**

L: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**P: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

L: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

**P: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

L: Gracious God, we place ourselves in your presence.

**P: Our minds and our spirits are cluttered. Help us make space for you. Help us to be fully present here, now.**

L: We release to you all that we have done today—whether for good or for ill.

**P: We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do.**

L: We release all of the people who weigh on our hearts and minds this morning.

**P: We release our fears. We release our anxiety. We release our impatience. We release our pride.**

L: All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God,

**P: we release.**

*During the time of silence, you are encouraged to confess to God any barriers that keep you from being in full relationship with Him.*

L: And now with open hearts we receive what you offer us now:

**P: We receive the gift of this space and this time. We receive the gift of being with each person here. We receive the Holy Spirit's presence within us for guidance and healing. We receive the sacred words that will be spoken and thought. We receive the holy touch of hand and heart. We receive your mercy and compassion.**

L: Fill us now with your deep, abiding presence. We offer all of ourselves to you, our One God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**P: Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (FWS, v. 1 & refrain)

*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.**

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

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Debbie Butcher) *Thankful* by Page, Foster, and Sager

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*During the Joys and Concerns, we invite you to reflect on someone who has served in the military, served as a first responder, or simply served God. Write their name on a strip of paper provided.*

**TIME OF PRAYER AND HEALING**

*During the prayers of the people, there will be space provided for those who wish to come forward to receive an anointing. We believe that in bringing our burdens and fears and pain to God, we can experience God's love and healing presence. If you do not wish to come forward for an anointing, simply remain in your seat and observe a time of prayer. Please know that God offers you His healing presence whether or not you come forward.*

**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.

**HYMN NO. 2213** (FWS, see insert)

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Labenske

*During the offertory, we invite you to join the strips of paper together with others in your row, using the stickers provided. We invite you to bring forward the chain of names done during the prayer so that we remember with thanksgiving the people who have served.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 376 (black hymnal, v. 2)

*God, We Thank You for Our People*

**ALL SING:** Thank you, God, for gentle pleasure: lessons learned and secrets told, hopes and memories saved as treasure, passed to young ones by the old, Pranks and glories, songs and stories, food by loving hands prepared. God, we bless you for your presence in our tears and laughter shared.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 547** (black hymnal)

*Amazing Grace*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*Chaconne*

by Couperin

\*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 honor of the birthday of my lovely wife, Elaine Doll, by her husband Don Doll.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of my grandsons Alex and Andrew Brenneman by Natalie Behrends.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Jodi Graham on her birthday from her mother, Jane Graham.

Thank you to the November Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Lana Fritz, Dani Kardisco, Diane Strine, Elaine Bevivino, and Pastor Dani.

Thank you to Debbie Butcher for providing special music at both services today.

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: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Holt, and Hayden Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Steph, Dave, Layla, and Cora Beyer

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Hunter King

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup>The call to worship was written by Thom Shuman and posted at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by Joanna Harader and posted on <http://spaciousfaith.com>

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Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.

## Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e - ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

## Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e - ad, to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,  
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

## to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

*This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.*

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain  
 African-American spiritual

# Healer of Our Every Ill

2213

*Refrain*



Heal-er of our ev-ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

*Fine*



give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.

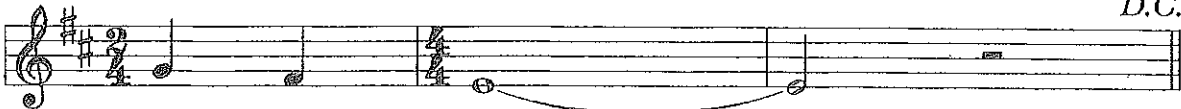


1. You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your
2. In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort,  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion,  
ev - ery broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness,  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion,

*D.C.*



fill our hearts. \_\_\_\_\_  
God of love. \_\_\_\_\_  
be our guide. \_\_\_\_\_  
fill each heart. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Marty Haugen  
MUSIC: Marty Haugen

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL  
88.63 with Refrain

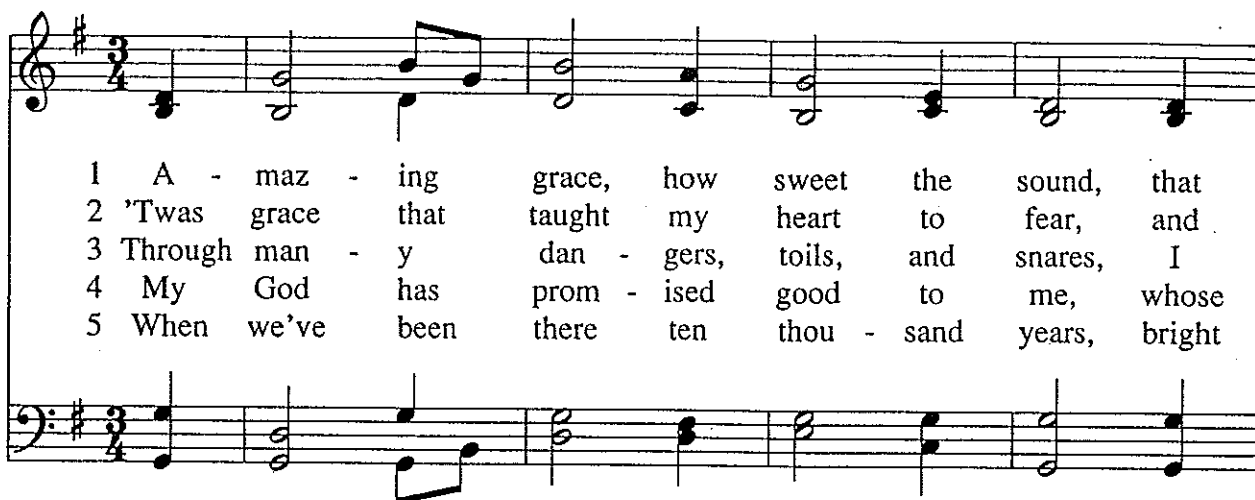
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# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

547

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

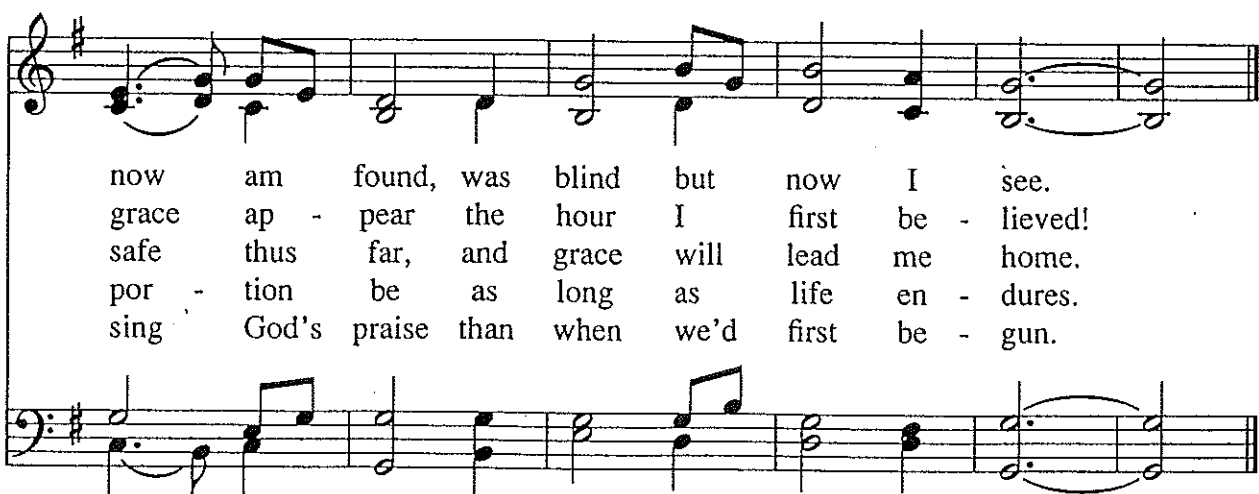
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790



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