

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Church at Worship

Prelude

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Unison Call to Worship

from Psalm 105

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done.
Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts
of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. He
remembers His covenant forever, the promise He made, for a thousand generations.

Moment of Silence and Invocation

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:1-20

Blessing of the Students (Litany is on page 2 of this bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Message

What does God Want?

Benediction

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; crown Thine ancient church's
story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom grant us courage, for the facing
of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for Thy salvation be
our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,
serving Thee whom we adore.

Blessing of the Students Litany

Leader: O Holy God, the time is come when school begins. As these Your children begin a new year of teaching and learning in the midst of change and uncertainty, we ask a blessing on them and the school year ahead. O Lord of life and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless, O God, all who are involved in the education of our children - the teachers, administrators, counselors, support staff, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodians, and all others involved in education. May they be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care, fair and merciful, and able to do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion. Bless and multiply their efforts to educate and care for their students. Keep them safe and in good health, and give them the energy, creativity, and love that will make their work a blessing to all. O Lord of life and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless, O God, all parents and guardians - the first and primary teachers of their children. Though we always pray that all homes be a place where learning is valued, and encouragement offered, this year we pray especially for families adjusting to new ways of schooling. For caregivers faced with the demands of virtual or hybrid schooling, we ask for patience and endurance to accomplish their own work and grace as they navigate the challenges they encounter. For those whose children will be returning to classrooms full-time, we pray for peace and assurance. O Lord of life and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless these, our cherished children and young people, whom we have promised to love and nurture. This year, more than ever, we pray for safety and health. We pray for focus and perseverance. Keep them curious and ready to learn more and develop their gifts. Help them gain the needed tools to grow in love, faith, and service so that they may become mature disciples, committed to building Your Kingdom. O Lord of life and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless us, O God, as we all continue to grow daily in our knowledge and love of You. Keep us open to Your Word and Your ways as we seek Your guidance and direction in these unknown days. We know that You hold the future and walk with us even now on this unpredictable path, working with us through the most difficult of seasons. Give us wisdom and courage as we seek to follow and serve You, so that everything we do in the days ahead might reveal Your compassion, kindness, and grace. O Lord of life and love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Amen