

### **Reflection**

*The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else whereas when you don't fear God you fear everything else.*

*Oswald Chambers*

### **Call To Worship**

*We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

#### **Our Spoken Call to Worship**

*From Romans 11:33-36 (CSB)*

Oh, the depth of the riches  
and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!

**How unsearchable his judgments  
and untraceable his ways!**

For who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?

**And who has ever given to God,  
that he should be repaid?**

For from him and through him  
and to him are all things.

**To him be the glory forever. Amen!**

#### **Our Sung Call to Worship Behold Our God**

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

#### **Chorus**

**Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!**

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (Chorus)

Bridge

You will reign forever. (Let your glory fill the earth.)

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You will reign forever. (Chorus)

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## **Confession**

*We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.*

### **Our Spoken Confession**

Lord, we confess that we are sinful and unclean.

We seek to justify ourselves by pointing to  
**the good deeds we have done;  
the evil deeds we have not done;  
the ways we manage our time and money;  
the time we spend ministering to others;  
the causes we support and oppose;  
the frequency of our church attendance;  
the persecution we receive from the world.**

We base our righteousness on  
**our performance compared to that of others;  
our theological correctness;  
our political positions and affiliations;  
our ability to criticize the world;  
our ability to criticize other Christians;  
the offense we give to our enemies;  
the praise we get from our friends.**

None of these can atone for sin, purify our hearts,  
or forgive our sins.

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sinners indeed.**

*Time of silent confession.*

### **Our Sung Confession**

#### **Not In Me**

Verse 1

No list of sins I have not done,  
No list of virtues I pursue,  
No list of those I am not like,  
Can earn myself a place with You.  
O God! Be merciful to me—  
I am a sinner through and through!  
My only hope of righteousness  
Is not in me, but only You.

Verse 2

No humble dress, no fervent prayer,  
No lifted hands, no tearful song,  
No recitation of the truth  
Can justify a single wrong.  
My righteousness is Jesus' life,

My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.

Verse 3

No separation from the world,  
No work I do, no gift I give,  
Can cleanse my conscience, cleanse my hands;  
I cannot cause my soul to live.  
But Jesus died and rose again—  
The pow'r of death is overthrown!  
My God is merciful to me  
And merciful in Christ alone.

Ending

My righteousness is Jesus' life,  
My debt was paid by Jesus' death,  
My weary load was borne by Him  
And He alone can give me rest.  
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**Assurance and Peace**

*We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

**Remember the Gospel & The Lord's Supper**

*From Titus 3:4-7 (ESV)*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Praise the Lord for his amazing grace!**

**Faith's Review and Expectation (Amazing Grace) (Sung while Lord's Supper elements are being distributed.)**

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved:  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Verse 5

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess, within the veil  
A life of joy and peace.

Verse 6

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

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*Music: Virginia Harmony*

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**Our Sung Profession of Assurance  
King of Kings**

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running,  
There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets,  
To a virgin came the Word,  
From a throne of endless glory,  
To a cradle in the dirt. (Chorus)

**Chorus**

**Praise the Father,  
Praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of Glory, Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.**

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation,  
You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering,  
You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation,  
Jesus, for our sake You died. (Chorus)

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose,  
All of heaven held its breath,  
Till that stone was moved for good,  
For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs,  
And the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come,  
To the Father are restored.

#### Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born,  
Then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old,  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By his blood and in His name,  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ,  
Who has resurrected me. (Chorus 2X's)

#### Ending

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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### **Thanksgiving and Petition**

#### **We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God**

*We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.*

#### **We Give Thanks by Giving**

*We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.*

*On the first Sunday of each month we have two offerings—one for the general fund and a second one for the benevolence ministry of our church.*

*You may give electronically at [gabcames.org/giving/](http://gabcames.org/giving/) or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

### **Scripture Reading**

Acts 4:1-22 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. <sup>15</sup> But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, <sup>16</sup> saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants

of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” <sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” <sup>21</sup> And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

This the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

Acts 4:1-22 - Holy Spirit Boldness for Preaching - Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

### **Sending**

*Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in spoken word.*

### **Blessing**

Go with God's blessing  
and be a blessing.

Next week's scripture passage: Acts 4:23-37