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Welcome and Outreach Announcements

Prelude	Lamb Of God	Sanctuary Bell Ringers
Call to Worship		Frank Jenkins, Lay Reader
Watch out as you come in,		
for real life happens here!		
Be careful as you say hello		
for real love happens here.		
Find a seat, catch your breath		
for rest is here, and peace.		
We'll sing some songs and read a And then it will be time for fellow		

*Gathering Song To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.	To God be the Glory	634
Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!		
Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be		

our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

\*Litany of Confession

What does it mean to confess our sins?

God is sad when we do something wrong but God's love for us never ends.

So it's a way to say "I'm sorry" to God.

Sometimes I say unkind things to my family and friends and have to say "I'm sorry" to them too. Can we say a prayer together to say "I'm sorry"?

Dear God,

You are a great and awesome God. Today we come to you in a prayer of confession. We are sorry for the many things that we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do. We are asking now for forgiveness for these things, and for other things that we have done wrong and don't even know about. Please forgive us. In your name alone we pray, Amen.

God must love us so much because God is willing to forgive us. **Thanks be to God for such an amazing grace and love.** 

## \*Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture "A Big Picnic" A reading from John 6

Anthem This Is God

Scripture

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, <sup>4</sup> but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Message

The Gift Of God

Rev. Edward Dunn

\*Responding Song Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 649

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!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Receiving our Offering** 

\*Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sending Song

**Amazing Grace** 

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

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'd first begun.

\*Blessing

Postlude