

Prelude

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

--Spiritual/arr. Page

Acolyte—Eli O.

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Your Grace is Enough (CCLI # 4477026)

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Opening Hymn

O Come to the Altar (CCLI # 7051511)
V1, CH, V2, CH, Bridge, CH, V3

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Chorus

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Lenten Reading/

Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross

Luke 4:14-15

-Audrey Brooks as Mary reading from her journal

Morning Prayer

Special Choir Music

Sweet Hour of Prayer/I'd Rather Have Jesus
W. W. Walford/George Beverly Shea & Rhea F. Miller

Offering

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

—arr. Boesiger

Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the
Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

John 17:1-23

17 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify

them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. 20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Sermon—Rev. Bruce Gwyn

Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (UMH #462)

Verse 1

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

Verse 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Verse 3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]
I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus—arr. Krug

*The Altar Flowers are given to
The Glory of God and in memory of
Elsie H. Livingston by Paula Goforth*

Upcoming Events

The **Boy Scouts** will be selling Scout Adventure Cards at Bridges Hardware and at the Tractor Supply locations in Gastonia and Shelby during the weekends in March. Please see Edward or Carol Velky for more information.

Our **Easter Cantata** will be on Sunday, April 10 at 10:00am. We will also celebrate Palm Sunday.

Our **Easter Service** will be on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at 10:00am. Please remember to bring flowers to decorate the cross.

There will be a **Trustees meeting** on Monday, March 7 at 6:00pm.

Hearts for Hospice Fundraiser

Thank you so much for supporting this program. We met our goal of 100 hearts and beyond!

Parents' Night Out

We are excited to announce our upcoming Parents' Night Out program sponsored by Kids Central on Friday, March 18 from 5:30-8:30 pm. This is a free children's event opened to the community where parents will drop off their children for movies, crafts, food, and fun! We are in need of several volunteers to help with this event. Please contact the church office or see Kayla Potter to get involved.

Egg Fest

Central is going to be hosting a community Egg Fest on Sunday, April 10 from 2-4:30 pm. We are going to have bouncy houses, cotton candy, snow cones, treats, and much more! We need your help in preparing for this event. We need individually wrapped Easter Candy donations that can go into the plastic eggs. A donation can will be set up outside of Kayla's office. We do not need eggs as we were blessed with so many from the last time we collected. However, 20 volunteers are needed to help with egg hunting, decorating, set up, clean up, concessions, and running different stations. Please contact the church office or see Kayla Potter to get involved.

It's Time to Order Easter Lilies! Cost is \$12 each. Please see order form for more details. Deadline to order is 3/30/22.

Sunday School News

Sunday School followed by Fellowship time meets in the CAC at 8:45 am.

KID Central is our church's church for ages 3-12. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help in the nursery. This is a rotating Sunday schedule. Please see Kayla Potter or contact the church office to sign up.

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Allan Propst

Greeter: Cecilia Meade

Nursery Volunteer: TBA

2022 Kings Mountain Community Lenten Service Schedule

The services will begin at 12 noon
(no meals will be served)

Theme: Personalities Around the Cross

March 9, 2022

Location: First Baptist Church

Topic: "Barabbas: Jesus Died in My Place"
Matthew 27:15-26 Speaker: Rev. Bruce Gwyn

March 16, 2022

Location: Boyce Memorial ARP

Topic: "Simon of Cyrene:
Suffering May Lead to Blessing" Luke 23:25-28
Speaker: Rev. Ron Caulder, Eastside Baptist Church

March 23, 2022

Location: Eastside Baptist Church

Topic: "Mary the Mother of Jesus:
The Depth of a Mother's Love" John 19:23-27
Speaker: Dr. John (Chip) Sloan, Jr.,
First Baptist Church

March 30, 2022

Location: Peoples Baptist Church

Topic: "The Thief on the Cross:
The Way to Salvation"
Luke 23:32-43 Speaker: Rev. William Thompson,
President of William Thompson Ministries

April 6, 2022

Location: Bethlehem Baptist Church (tentative)

Topic: "Joseph of Arimathea:
Giving our Service for Christ"
Mark 15:42-48 Speaker: Dr. Robert Patrick,
Boyce Memorial ARP Church

STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(2/27) 10:00a Service.....85

Operating Fund

Contributions 2/27 \$ 5,538.00

Contributions YTD \$78,966.59

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 2/27 \$0.00

Contributions YTD \$0.00

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, John & Evelyn Eagle.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SGT Joshua Brucker; Matthew Parker—Army (Fort Benning, GA).

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Judy Norwood 7.12.21; Sheila Gentry 10.25.21; Mary Edwards 1.31.22; The Larson Family 2.15.22; Agnes Robinson, (death) mother of Ray Robinson 2.19.22.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Allen Ware 6.14.21 (colon cancer/www.caringbridge.org/visit/allenware); Sherry Wilson 6.25.21; Sidney Bridges 8.9.21; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Trent Hullender (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) 10.18.21; Jey Yokeley (nephew of Clyde & Faye Kerns); Ed Velky 12.9.21; Freida Grant 2.21.22.