

Order of Service 9.18.2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green

Prelude *Abide with Me, O God of Bethel*
—arr. McConnell

Acolyte—Eli O.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
(CCLI # 4768151)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm 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

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

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

Chorus

Verse 4

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

Opening Hymn

Way Maker (CCLI Song #7115744)

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You (repeat)

Chorus

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God
that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Chorus

Bridge

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Chorus

Announcements

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Special Music

In Christ Alone—
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
arr. Mark Hayes

Offering

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow -
arr. McKibben

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

Hebrews 11:1-16 (NRSVUE)

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death, and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and

this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Sermon—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; the third day he arose from the dead; 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

My Hope Is Built (UMH 368) V1,2,4

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)

Verse 4

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

When I Can Read My Title Clear—arr. Wagner

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Central News and Events

9/25/22 Church Conference Meeting, 5 pm

The annual Fall Festival is on Sunday, October 23. We will be having planning meetings on September 18, 25 and Oct 2 following service in the Asbury Room. We are in need of **15 volunteers** to help with the event set up/clean up, games & activities, candy runners, and prepare ministry bags. We are collecting individually wrapped candy to give away and the collection bin is in the CAC hallway.

10 Decorated Cars for Trunk or Treat Needed for Fall Festival

We need 10 volunteers to decorate their cars for this annual event. Candy will be provided to hand out. Please contact Nicole Radford at 704-751-6798 to sign up

Join The Live-Stream Team!

You can learn about all of the roles that go into our online broadcast each week. There's audio, video, switching, and streaming. If you are interested in helping in a less technical way, we can always use an extra set of hands and volunteer time is rotational. If you are interested, please reach out to our Live-Stream Volunteer Leader, Todd Wilson at 704-692-1217.

Sunday School News ****Please Note New Time**** Sunday School now will be meeting in the CAC at 8:30 am.

Our Nursery is available during worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

KID Central is our church's church for ages 5-12. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org.

UMYF United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

If you need to contact Pastor Bruce Gwyn please contact/text him at 704-291-0212 or pastor@cumckm.org.

Ushers: JD Burris & Mark Dixon

Greeter: Mary Ann Hendricks

Volunteer Driver Needed! We are in need of a volunteer to drive the bus to Manteo Recreation Center for the annual *VIP Fishing Trip for the Blind*. The time is from October 16-October 20. Please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or central@cumckm.org if you can assist.

The Choir and Praise Team NEEDS SINGERS. We rehearse on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning before service. There are opportunities to sing in ONE or BOTH of the groups depending on your musical preference. We are welcoming singers of all experience levels who want an opportunity to grow musically, spiritually, and in humble fellowship. For more information, please contact the church office at 704-739-2471 or our Music Director, Justin Harper Justin@cumckm.org.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(9/11) 10:00a Service.....102

Operating Fund

Contributions 9/11 \$ 5,527.45

Contributions YTD \$ 278,214.38

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 9/11 \$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: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, John & Evelyn Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

Praise: Birth of Boston Hogan Sellers on 9.7.22, son of Alex and Hogan Sellers, grandson of Terry & Janet Edwards, great grandson of Margie Alexander.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua 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; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX (Doug & Ivoni Parker's son).

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Sheila Gentry 10.25.21; Mary Edwards 1.31; Katherine Hicks 7.27.22; Doug Parker 8.23.22 (bike accident recovery); Jim Ware 8.26.22.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Freida Grant 2.21.22; Sherry Curtis 4.20.22; Jennifer Wall 4.26.22; Parker Byrd 7.27.22; Clyde V. (motorcycle accident); Dr. Deepak R. Gelot 8.30.22; CL.