

# Expecting Persecution

July 13,  
2025



Fifth Sunday  
after Pentecost

**Welcome, guests!** We're delighted that you could join us. If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be more than happy to assist you. This folder includes all the details about our services, with the congregational responses indicated by indented, bold letters. Please take a moment to fill out the guest register at the church's entrance; this will be used solely by the pastor and elder. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. May the Lord bless this service as Christ comes to you!

**THE THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS:** Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? The life of faith is lived in a godless world, and it is therefore certain to be met with persecution. Like our Suffering Savior, we too bear his cross in our daily interactions with the unholy trio. The Lord, however, uses these persecutions suffered for the sake of the Gospel to refine us into the pure, precious metal of his children. Strengthened through the means of grace, we boldly confess Jesus as the Christ in the face of any persecution or trouble. The Church prays that God, in his mercy, would direct the affairs of this world so that the Church might have peace, but at the same time, we prepare ourselves for persecution.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ORDER FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** COMMON WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION – CW, Pg.15



# OPENING HYMN:

#156

AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS

**\*\*Please Stand for The Last Verse\*\***



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
God's own Son In love for me has won.  
hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.  
Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.



C: A - men.

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

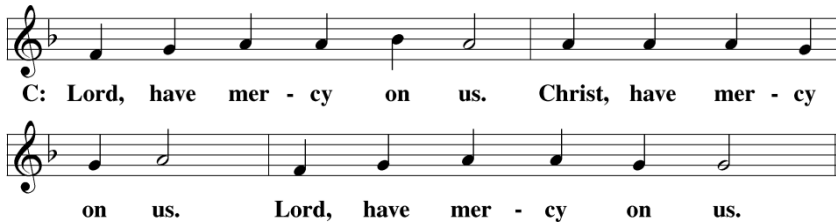
## CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*KYRIE*



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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#### FIRST LESSON:

#### ZECHARIAH 13: 7 – 9

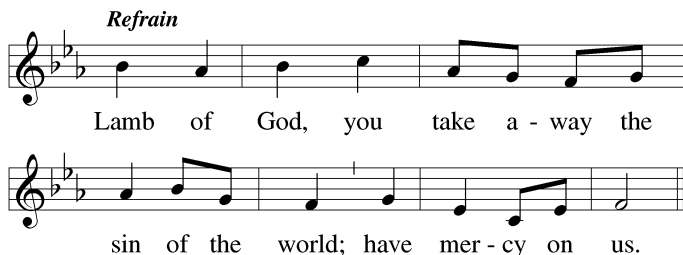
*In this prophetic vision of Jesus as the suffering Messiah, the Shepherd is struck and the flock is scattered. The sound of disciples' feet fleeing into the darkness first fulfilled this prophesy in the Garden of Gethsemane. Yet God makes a promise: suffering for the Gospel is his way of refining his children.*

***Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man who is my associate, declares the Lord of Armies. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. This will take place in the whole land, declares the Lord: Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and perish, but one third will be left in it. I***

***will put that third into the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "This is my people." And they will say, "The Lord is my God."***

**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

**PSALM 22**



*Refrain*  
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?\*  
Why are you so far from saving me?  
I am a worm and not a man,\*  
scorned by men and despised by the people.  
All who see me mock me;\*  
they hurl insults, shaking their heads:  
"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.\*  
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

*Refrain*  
My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;\*  
you lay me in the dust of death.  
A band of evil men has encircled me,\*  
they have pierced my hands and my feet.  
They divide my garments among them\*  
and cast lots for my clothing.  
But you, O LORD, be not far off,\*  
O my Strength, come quickly to help me.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy Spirit,**  
**as it was in the beginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## HEBREWS 11: 24 – 26

*Is faithfulness worth the trouble it brings? For Moses, faithfulness meant giving up power, riches, and pleasures so great that the world still marvels at ancient Egypt's glories. Even more than abstaining from these, faithfulness meant Moses would leave nobility behind and identify himself with an enslaved people. Such trouble for being faithful! Moses, however, knew the Hope of Israel and regarded this disgrace for the sake of Christ to be worth more than all the treasures of Egypt.*

***By faith, Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.***

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6 cf. NIV)

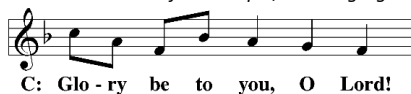


## GOSPEL

## LUKE 9: 18 – 24

*In a private moment, Jesus offers the disciples an opportunity to confess their faith. They confess Jesus as "the Christ of God." These men, so bold in faith, have no idea what lies ahead. Jesus warns them of his impending suffering and glorious resurrection. But the suffering is not his alone. To all who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior, come trials and suffering on account of his name.*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

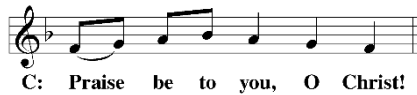


***One time when Jesus was praying alone and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist," but others say, 'Elijah,' and others say, 'one of the ancient prophets come back to life.'"***

***He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." He gave them a strict command not to tell this to anyone. He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law. He must be killed and be raised on the third day."***

***Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."***

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***\*\*Please Be Seated\*\****

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

#536

LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH'S HEAD



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her  
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -  
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both  
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you  
lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing  
pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -  
fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built  
care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your  
vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That  
cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure  
sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word  
we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.  
grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things  
To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they  
The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils  
Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!  
may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.  
Tune: REUTER (87 87 65 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

SERMON TEXT:

LUKE 9: 18 – 27

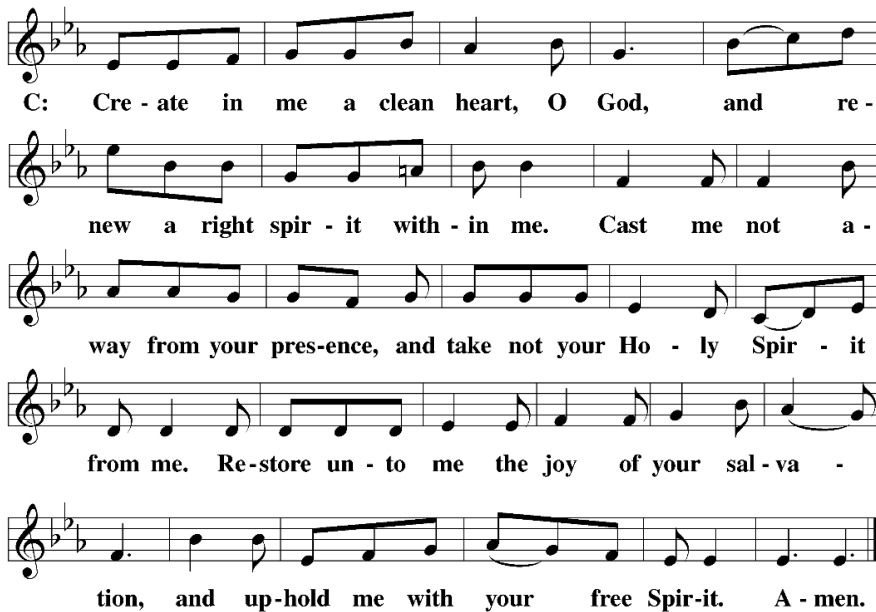
SERMON THEME:

PURPOSEFUL SUFFERING



**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

*OFFERING – In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul tells us: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.*

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

### PRAYER FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love to our family members and neighbors.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament, bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to clearly witness and to act boldly to those who live in Redmond and her

surrounding cities. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

*Special Prayers and Intercessions*

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

### THE 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 and ever. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**#376**

**JESUS, YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day— Who can a  
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -  
5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my



are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in  
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -  
ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for  
on the o - cean shore, You have for all a  
man - sion in the skies, E'en then this shall be



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
 sin - ners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.  
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.  
 all my plea: Je - sus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!  
 Your boundless mercy has for me,  
 For me and all your hands have made,  
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

### THE SACRAMENT

**\*\*Please Stand\*\***



C: And al - so with you.

The Lord be with you.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

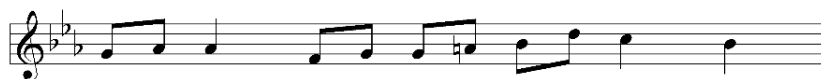
### SANCTUS



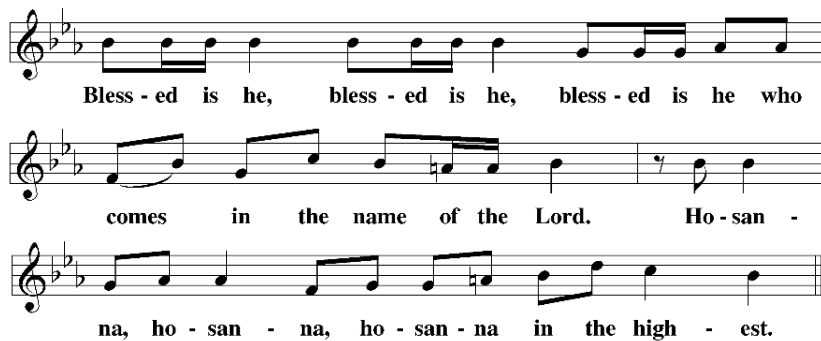
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

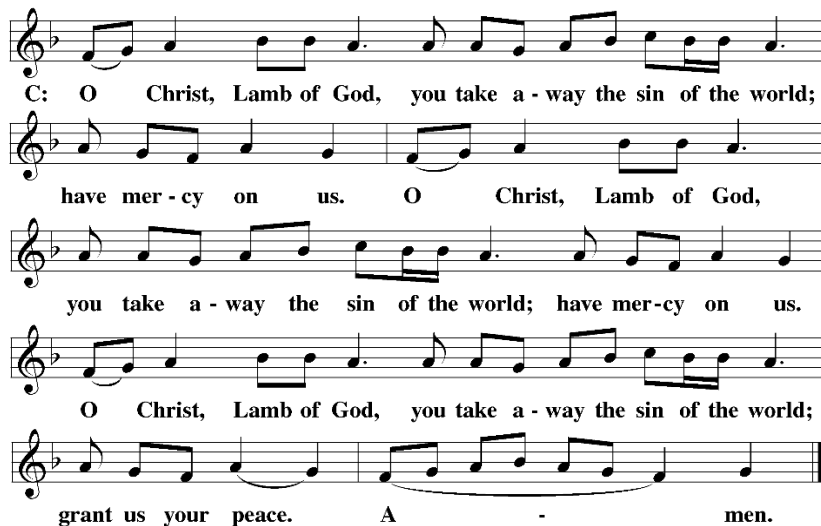
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*AGNUS DEI*



**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

### DISTRIBUTION

*DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We do practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he*

*does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.*


**\*\*Please Stand\*\***

## SONG OF SIMEON

*NUNC DIMITTIS*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

## CLOSING PRAYER


We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it, you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men, A - men, A - men.

**\*\*Please Be Seated\*\***

# CLOSING HYMN:

#466

## THOUGH THOUGHTLESS THOUSANDS CHOOSE



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road  
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,  
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.  
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;  
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,  
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,  
 To him I look; on him I call.  
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,  
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:  
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,  
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply  
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.  
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.  
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.  
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.  
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745–88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698–1768, alt.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date – Saturday, August 9:** We will be hosting a Grace family picnic at Centennial Park from 11 am to 3 pm. This is a great chance for us to gather for games, food, drinks, and quality time together. Join us, and feel free to invite your friends, as this will also be a mission weekend.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Please join us at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday. If you have questions or are curious about Luke's Gospel, feel free to join us. You can come and go as needed; reading is always voluntary, and questions are always welcome. On August 3, mark your calendar for a Bible study on prayer, where we will focus our prayers on reaching our neighbors.

**Midweek Bible Study:** Join us at 6:30 pm on July 1 at Greg and Penny Port's home, 1923 NW Nickernut Ct, Redmond. You can also participate via Zoom. We are focusing on reaching out to our neighbors using Pastor David Rosenau's One by One Bible study. The Zoom link is provided, or you can email Pastor Emmons to receive the link.

Zoom Meeting ID: 850 328 6057

Password: GraceOT

**Information about the Bible:** We will share details about the Bible for those who have questions, are curious, or disagree but want to understand its true message. This is an eight-week course with one-hour sessions held at Sam Johnson Park, either at a picnic table or in the shelter, starting on July 1 at 5 pm. The class is limited to 10 participants and each session lasts one hour.

**Visiting Our Neighbors:** Pastor Emmons will be out in the streets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9 to 11 am throughout July and August. Please consider joining him for some company.

**Home Visits:** Pastor Emmons will be conducting home visits. Please let him know if there are any times when you will not be available so he can schedule your visit accordingly. This is an opportunity to discuss any personal issues you might have or ideas for our congregation.

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