



Sunday Morning Service September 15, 2024

Behold, How Good a Thing It Is

Psalm 133

Tune: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Behold, how good a thing it is, and how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are in unity to dwell!

Like precious ointment on the head, that down the beard did flow,
Ev'n Aaron's beard, and to the skirts, did of his garments go.

As Hermon's dew, the dew that doth on Zion' hills descend:
For there the blessing God commands, life that shall never end.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #103-104 (1563)

Q 103. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

Q 104. What is God's will for you in the fifth commandment?

A. That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings—for through them God chooses to rule us.

Memory Verse

1 John 4:20

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

Call to Worship & Prayer

Revelation 4:8, 11 (ESV)

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Oh How Good It Is

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Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

Chorus

***So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people***

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Chorus

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

***Corporate and Silent Confession of Sin**

Lamentations 3:34-42 (ESV)

To crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth, to deny a man justice in the presence of the Most High, to subvert a man in his lawsuit, the Lord does not approve. Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins? Let us test and examine our ways and return to the LORD! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: "We have transgressed and rebelled..."

***Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Lamentations 3:19-26

Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

To God be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby, William H. Doane, and William Howard Doane

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 we may go in.

Chorus

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!***

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

Pastoral Prayer & 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 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.

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See How Good It Is

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See how good it is, gathering with friends
Welcoming the stranger in, see how good it is

Chorus

***When God's children live as one, by the Spirit we become
The open arms of God, to a world in need of love***

Sad divisions cease, we're ordained as priests
Spreading out God's joyful feast, see how good it is

Chorus

See the earth renewed, by the morning dew
All creation sings the truth, see how good it is

Chorus

Tag: To a world in need of love, To a world in need of love

Blessed Be The Tie That Binds

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Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like that to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
While each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin, we shall be free,
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

*** Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD'S GRACE

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m.....Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m.....Communicant's Class (children only)
- 10:15 a.m.....Worship Service
- 6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group

Wednesday

4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome

September 18 and 25, October 2, 9, 16 and 23

5:30 p.m.....Fellowship Meal followed by classes for all ages (nursery is provided)

Every other Thursday

September 19, 9-10:30 a.m. – Women's Bible Study (at the church with nursery provided)

September 19, 6-7:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study (at Blue Jug, 519 Gault Ave. N Fort Payne)

The 2024 annual Women's Care Center's 2024 Banquet is Tuesday, September 17.

Our focus for the evening is The Goodness of God (Nahum 1:7) and our guest speaker is child advocacy innovator, Mrs. Alison Centofante (of Huntsville AL). Please call 256-845-0838 (Monday-Thursday) for tickets or contact Pat Harper or John Mathieu. The cost is \$35 each. Profits will support the ministry.

Please visit our new website, www.caredekalb.org for further information.

GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
SUNDAY	Mary Katherine & Robert Harris	Jessica & Marcus Nobles <i>RUF, Alabama A&M</i>
MONDAY	Sharon & Jim Harris	Anna & Brad Owens <i>RUF, UAB</i>
TUESDAY	Wende & Brad Hood	Anastasiya & Oleg Panasenko <i>International Partnerships, Ukraine</i>
WEDNESDAY	Mary Jane Hunt Caleb	Provee Ministries (students Dolce & Fabricio)
THURSDAY	Christy & Dale Jackson	Susan & Dan Steere <i>Equipping Leaders International</i>
FRIDAY	Dorothy Jackson	The Summit of Fort Payne
SATURDAY	Emily Jones Ford, Alice Ann, Ruthie & Margaret	Pamleihpy & Apam Vashum <i>REF Missions, Manipur, India</i>

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Search Committee
 Gary Wagoner – healing and recovery
 Kay Kinard – healing and pain relief
 Rachel Sterns & Family
 Jerry Smith – recovery from knee replacement
 Kathleen & Howard Owen – health concerns
 Baby Maverick (Christy Jackson’s great nephew) – treatment of brain tumor
 Reid Davis (Larry & Sally Johnson’s grandson) healing and recovery
 Nathan Smith (Brandy & Kevin Smith’s son) relief from Lyme Disease flare/relapse

Various Cancer Treatments

Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart, Rosa Weaver, Josh Brooks

2024 Faith Promise Commitment \$106,660.00

2024 Faith Promise Giving: \$48,882.86