



Sunday Morning Service May 11, 2025

This Is My Father's World

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2009 Jennie Lee Riddle Music and Tent Peg Music
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This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns: let earth be glad!

Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism # 31 - 33

Q. 31. *What is effectual calling?*

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?*

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Q. 33. *What is justification?*

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Memory Verse

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Call to Worship & Prayer

Psalms 100:1-5 (ESV)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Father, Long Before Creation

Jones Francis and William H Monk
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Father, long before creation, Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us. Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant, through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Chorus

*And the world will sing His love,
Yes, the world will sing His love,
And we'll all join hands, every woman, every man,
To sing His love, to sing His love.*

Loving Father now before Thee, we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb;
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

Chorus

Corporate and Silent Confession

Psalm 32:3-5 (ESV)

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 32:6-7; 1-2

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matthew Boswell and Matthew Papa

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Christ the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow O my soul now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
All my hope is in the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured

Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

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.

*sins/trespasses

Sermon

Micah 6:1-16, “Doing Justice, Loving Mercy, Walking with God”

Rev. Matt Duraski

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
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O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless.be.

* **Benediction**

Micah 7:19-20 (ESV)

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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
10:15 a.m.....Worship Service
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group
(May 18th, 4-6 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee)

Congregational Meeting: May 18th immediately following the worship service.

Women’s Bible Study on the Epistle of Colossians:
The morning study will meet at **9am at the church**, and childcare will be provided. (5/13 and 5/20)
The evening study will meet at **6pm at the home of Courtenay Guthrie**. (5/20) No childcare for the evening.

Women's Summer Book Club: June 3, July 8, and July 28

Wednesday
4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome
6:00 p.m.....Women’s Bible Study “Be Satisfied” by Warren Wiersbe

Kids’ Summer Program: June 4, 11, 18 and 25. Details to come!

Deacon of the Month: Phillip Smith (May); Eddie Davis (June)
Please see the deacon of the month for thermostat changes outside of office hours.

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

Prayer Concerns

Church Officer Nominees
Pastoral Candidate and family
Linda Cornwell – recovery from surgery
Alicia Atchley – health concerns
Ann Pike (Bryan Vaughn’s mother) – upcoming surgery
Martha Baba (AmyLaura Duraski’s grandmother) – continued healing (physically and mentally)
Mrs. Ayao Konghar (Trinity Missionary Training Center, India) - poor health
Frances Holder (Brandy Smith’s grandmother) long term healthcare decisions

Various Cancer Treatments

Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart, Rosa Weaver, Josh Brooks,
Rachel Davis, Sam Franklin, Libba Smith

2025 Projected Missions Expenditures: \$157,100.00 2025 Faith Promise Giving: \$29,824.48

2025 General Fund Giving: \$120,749.99

Faith Promise Reminder

Please submit your Faith Promise commitment slip by Sunday, May 18. Slips should be placed in the offering box. There are extra slips available in the sanctuary entrance. The Missions Committee and our Grace-supported missionaries and ministries appreciate your participation.