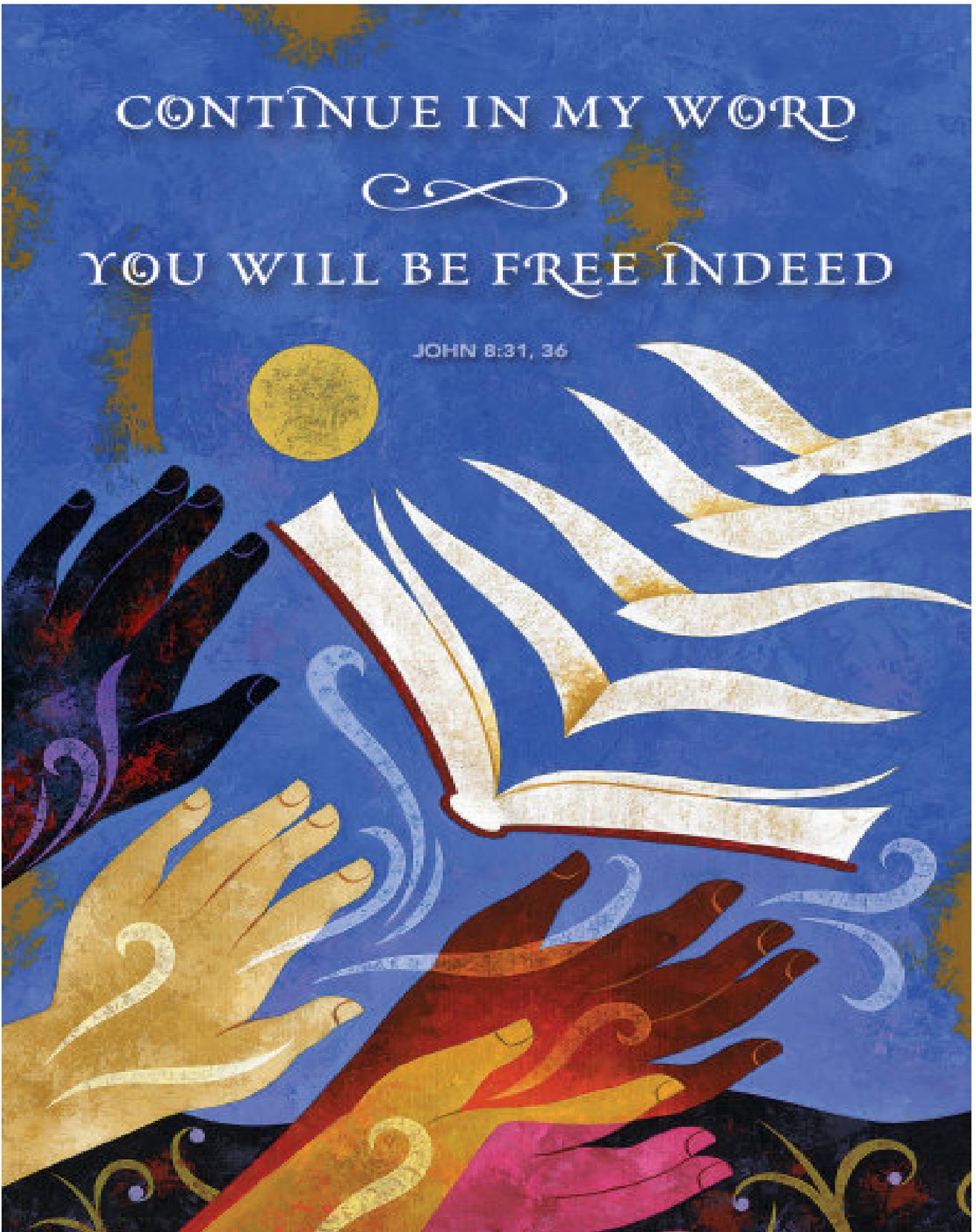


CONTINUE IN MY WORD
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YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED

JOHN 8:31, 36



Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020
Calvary Lutheran Church

+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The first reading is from Jeremiah chapter thirty-one.

31 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, " declares the LORD. **33** "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34** No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

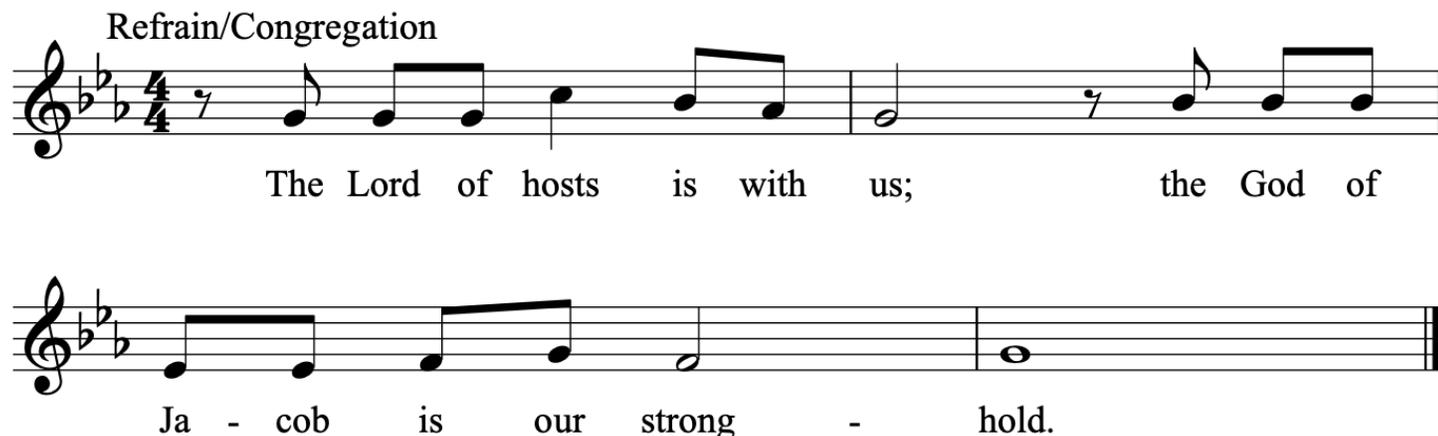
P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 46

The Lord of Hosts is With Us - Guimont

Refrain/Congregation



The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

Verses/Cantor

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth
should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths
of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by
its waves. (REFRAIN)

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.

Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are
shaken;
God's voice roars forth, the earth shrinks
away. (REFRAIN)

Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds God has done on
the earth:

Putting an end to wars across the earth;
breaking the bow, snapping the spear,
[burning the shields with fire.]

"Be still and know that I am God,
Supreme among the nations, supreme on
the earth!" (REFRAIN)

The Second Reading is from Romans, the third chapter.

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. **20** Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. **21** But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22** This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. **27** Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. **28** For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel is from Saint John, the thirty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **32** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **33** They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" **34** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. **35** Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. **36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Free Indeed

Pastor Middaugh



HYMN OF THE DAY

For By Grace You Have Been Saved



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.
God's great gift." A - men.
God's great gift. A - men. A - men.

Text: Kari Tikka, b. 1946; tr. Michael Harper
Music: ARMOLAULU, Kari Tikka
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The Rite of Confirmation for

Henry "Hank" John Coltrane Schwartz

Baptized: November 12, 2006 | Confirmed: October 25, 2020

P: Dear parents and family: Our Lord Jesus Christ blessed you with the presence of Hank in your lives. When Hank was baptized – the waters of baptism washed away all his sins and planted saving faith in his heart. These past many years you have taught Hank by what you say and especially by what you do to love our Lord Jesus.

Confirmation is about faithful study and growth in saving faith. I therefore ask you: Is it your sincere intent to continue to encourage Hank in his faith and in his understanding of God's Word and to support him in the work he is called to by God. If so, please answer: "Yes with the help of God."

Family: Yes with the help of God.

P: Dear Confirmation Sponsor, you have walked alongside of Hank in his faithful study of God's word and as he has grown in his understanding of the beliefs of the Christian Church. Is it your intent to continue to pray for him, to support him and encourage him in all his endeavors as a child of God, and to remind him of his confirmation, being available to him for help and counsel? If so, please answer: Yes with the help of God.

Sponsor: Yes with the help of God.

Family and sponsor(s) may lay hands upon the confirmand.

P: We pray, Creating and sustaining God, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in entrusting us with the care of children both in our earthly families and as fellow members of your heavenly family. Today we give thanks for Hank, for his faithfulness in instruction, for his own confession of faith, and for this family which continues to support and encourage him. We now ask that you would lead Hank to serve your church faithfully with all the gifts you have granted him. Send your Holy Spirit to be upon him to be his Helper and Guide. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and

reverence. Fill him with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Confirmand and sponsor join the Pastor at the Altar

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Our Lord Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

Hank, in obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child.

You are here today make a public profession of your Christian faith. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Romans says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

So I ask you, do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: I do.

P: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe 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, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting?

R: Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: I do.

P: Do you intend to hear the word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: I do.

P: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as long as you live?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The Confirmand may now kneel at the Altar to receive the Pastor's Blessing

P: Henry John Coltrane Schwartz, may the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. Amen.

The confirmation text is read.

The congregation stands

P: As a congregation you have heard Hank' confession of faith. Do you commit to care for him as one of your own, a fellow member of the body of Christ?

C: Yes, we do.

P: Let us pray, Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great work of bringing Hank to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, enabling him both with a heart to believe and a mouth to confess. We pray that Hanks' faith might be an example to us and to all he encounters, and that with your help he might bring forth the fruits of faith, continuing steadfast to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: I invite you now to receive Hank as a newly confirmed member of the same Christian faith.

APOSTLES' CREED

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living 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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the

body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ THE DISTRIBUTION +

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Reverend Michael Middaugh

Minister of Music

Brian Priebe

Organist/Pianist

Toku Kawata

Flute

Keturah Keihl

Trombone

Hank Schwartz

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