

The Church Gathered

October 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness
– 2 Corinthians 12:9*

Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy C. L. Bass

Welcome to Worshippers Michael Mills

*God of Grace and God of Glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.*

Hymn of Praise 285 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,
serving Thee whom we adore.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christlike graces in the fight to set all free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee!
that we fail not man nor Thee!**

Words by Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

Responsive of God's Word Isaiah 40:25-31 Cheri Jordan

"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Lift your eyes and look to the heavens; Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden
from the LORD;

My cause is disregarded by my God?" Do you not know? Have you not
heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can
fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

*Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and
praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.*

Hymn of Prayer 404

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

**I need Thee very hour, most gracious LORD;
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.**

**I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

**I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quick and abide, or life is vain.**

**I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.**

Words by Annie S. Hawks, 1872

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

Hymn of Perseverance 629

Be Strong in the LORD

STRENGTH

**Be strong in the LORD, and be of good courage;
your mighty Defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
victory is sure when you call on His name.**

**Be strong, be strong, be strong in the LORD;
and be of good courage, for He is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the LORD;
and rejoice, for the victory is yours.**

**So put on the armor the LORD has provided,
and place your defense in His unfailing care.
Trust Him, for He will be with you in battle,
lighting your path to avoid every snare.**

**Be strong in the LORD, and be of good courage;
your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle, for the victory is always His;
He will protect you wherever you go.**

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Offertory Prayer

Jay Summers

Instrumental Offertory

Because I Have Been Given Much
Arr. C. L. Bass

C. L. Bass

*Gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christlike graces;
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not man nor Thee.*

Reading of God's Word

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Janice Summers

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—Was caught up to Paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the LORD to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Worship in Song

Grace Medley

Cheri Jordan

God has never promised a day without tears, He has never promised a day without fears,
He gives grace for today in his own gracious way, His grace is enough for me.

God's grace is enough for me, His grace is enough for me.
What else do I need from fears to be freed? His grace is enough for me.

God will never leave us, nor ever forsake us, He will give assurance whatever come our way,
He gives grace for today in his most gracious way, His grace is enough for me.¹

Grace so amazing is with me each day, for this great love I can never repay,
Grace all sufficient though sinful I've been, God loved me so much in spite of my sin.

Grace so amazing, Grace undeserved, I'll ever praise him and joyfully serve.
Grace so amazing, and love so divine makes life worth living, and brings joy sublime.²

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Message

When I am Weak
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Michael Mills

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by God's grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by God's grace.**

**Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.**

**Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share His peace is only by God's grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by God's grace.**

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Opportunities for Ministry

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

C. L. Bass

Deacon of the Week – Jay Summers