**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.” - Proverbs 22:1-2

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**SONG: *“****Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)*

Verse 1

***Amazing grace how sweet the sound***

***That saved a wretch like me***

***I once was lost but now I'm found***

***Was blind but now I see***

Verse 2

***'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear***

***And grace my fears relieved***

***How precious did that grace appear***

***The hour I first believed***

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free***

***My God my Savior has ransomed me***

***And like a flood His mercy rains***

***Unending love amazing grace***

Verse 3

***The Lord has promised good to me***

***His word my hope secures***

***He will my shield and portion be***

***As long as life endures***

Verse 4

***The earth shall soon dissolve like snow***

***The sun forbear to shine***

***But God who called me here below***

***Will be forever mine***

***Will be forever mine***

***You are forever mine***

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**SONG: *“****The Times They are a Changin’,”* Bob Dylan

**\*HYMN:** *“As the Deer”*

Verse

***As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You***

***You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You***

Refrain

***You alone are my strength, my shield, To You alone may my spirit yield***

***You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship You***

Verse

***You're my friend and You're my brother, Even though you are a King***

***I love You more than any other, So much more than anything***

Refrain

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, lead us beyond our limitations and biases so that we might know the great expanse of your grace. Forgive us where, in the smallness of our faiths, we have spoken misguided words to others and closed ourselves to your abundance. Lead us to be compassionate in our listening and generous in our love. And, by the power of your Spirit, move us in faith and trust to follow in the ways of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17** My brothers and sisters,\* do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?\* 2For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, 3and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’,\* 4have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.\* Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? 7Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? 8 You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ 9But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters,\* if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**MARK 7:24-37** From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.\* He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ 28But she answered him, ‘Sir,\* even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ 29Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ 30So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. 31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ 35And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36Then Jesus\* ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN: #**42 *“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

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**SENT TO SERVE**

**SONG: “***Open The Eyes Of My Heart”*

Chorus

***Open the eyes of my heart Lord***

***Open the eyes of my heart***

***I want to see You***

***I want to see You***

Verse

***To see You high and lifted up***

***Shining in the light of Your glory***

***Pour out Your power and love***

***As we sing holy holy holy***

Bridge

***Holy holy holy***

***Holy holy holy***

***Holy holy holy***

***I want to see You***

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshiping with us at TCC!

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*To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.

~The family of Herb Gratrix, grieving his recent death.

~Rose Heiser, Angela Hare’s mother, struggling with health concerns

~Stephanie Marko, Jo Ann Hunt’s friend, who lost her son (48 years old) to heart failure

~Karolina Szabo’s sister, Irma, experiencing health concerns.

~Charlotte Coe and family, Jo Ann Hunt's friend with dementia and cancer

~The parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~The family of Brian Smith, Wendy Corris's brother-in-law & longtime friend of

Barbara DeAngelo, who is grieving his recent death.

~Maria Coffin, prayers for healing and peace as she goes through chemotherapy

~The family of Shirley Knecht, grieving her recent death.

~Ian and Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait and Griffin (6th months) who struggles with significant health

issues

~Rev. John Russell, former TCC Pastor, experiencing health concerns

***\*LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SUPPORTING THE “TCC EXPERIENCE”:*  Our giving campaign for the 2024-2025 program year is complete. We’ve collected 37 Giving Estimates for $90,956 in support of our life together as a congregation. The good news is that 22 out of our 37 Giving Estimates are either new or increased! *\*Reminder: the new giving cycle began on Sept. 1.***

**\* *COFFEE HOUR:*  Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Round Room. Please sign up online to host a Sunday. It’s easy, and the fellowship time makes a big difference to our time together. Instructions are on the Signup Genius.**

**\*ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: All members are requested to attend this meeting after worship on Sept. 15 to discuss programmatic priorities for the year, approve the budget, and receive nominations.**

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE: Both programs launch today! A big Welcome Back to all our young people, to Angela Hare our Sunday school teacher, and to Alison Jack, our Nursery provider.  *Please remember that we ALWAYS need a second adult in our classrooms. Signups are on our website.***

**\*PARENTS MEETING TODAY: Please join Angela in the Sunday school classroom today after worship for a brief meeting to discuss details about the new program year.**

**\*\*Welcome back Jon Coffin on guitar and percussion! Thanks for sharing your time and talents with us!**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please feel free to reach out to Lisa – Mondays, Wednesday & Thursdays from 9am-12pm at 203-268-2433 or at [office@trumbullcc.org](mailto:office@trumbullcc.org).