



# Miracles Just Ahead

February 21, 2021  
1st Sunday of Lent

## Life at Grace Announcements

### Opening Voluntary

"Prelude Modal"

*Jean Langlais*

### Call to Worship *(responsive)*

*adapted from Shari Miller Wagner*

Our Lenten journey has begun. Let us follow the example of Jesus,

**Who enters the doors of our temple and overturns the tables, scattering coins on the floor.**

Jesus, the Son of God, comes to say "No!" to its corruption, and redeem it once more to a house of hallowed prayer.

**Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard and cold.**

Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered in us, and let it break forth in beauty.

**For you are righteous and faithful forever.**

### Hymn 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

[Refrain]

## Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

*from Ann Siddell*

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls, as we begin the Lenten journey, look deep within our hearts and our lives and clear away all that holds us back. Forgive us when we have not had the courage to stand up for or live out our convictions, May our minds, spirits and bodies be a Temple that is open to Your presence: and may our words and our actions be transparent to Your love and truth. May our church community be purified in its life and mission, so that all that we do in and from here may reveal Your Gospel to others, in Jesus Christ we pray.

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:13-14

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.  
**For he knows how we are made; he remembers that we are dust.**  
Believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## Response (Hymn 582) "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

VASILE

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.**  
Amen.

## Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

The peace of God in our hearts is a result of our faith in Christ Jesus. Let us encourage this peace in one another: The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

## Praise

"Lord I Need You"

*by Daniel Carson, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Jesse Reeves, and Kristian Stanfill*

Verse 1

**Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart**

Chorus 1

**Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You**

Verse 2

**Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me**

Bridge

**So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay  
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## Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 1:16-22

I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been “Yes and No.” For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not “Yes and No”; but in him it is always “Yes.” For in him every one of God’s promises is a “Yes.” For this reason it is through him that we say the “Amen,” to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

## Youth Reading

*Lord, Help us to Say No*

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## Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## Message

“The Miracle of Saying No”

## Affirmation of Faith

“Trading My Sorrows”

*by Darrell Evans*

Chorus

**I'm trading my sorrows I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down For the joy of the Lord**

Vamp

**Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen**

Verse

**I am pressed but not crushed Persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure That His joy's gonna be my strength  
Though the sorrow may last for the night His joy comes with the morning**

## Pastoral Prayer and 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

## Moment for Mission

Scouting

## Time of Commitment

## Tithes & Offerings

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

*arr. Knapp and Schram*

## Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

## Hymn 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

"Choral Song"

*Samuel Wesley*

The flowers in the Sanctuary have been given to the Glory of God by Karen Williams in memory of Barry, Scott, and Kimberly.

## Participating in Worship

Rev. Dr. Tracey Davenport  
Rev. Cara Ellis  
Michael King  
Trenton Hull  
Andrew Packard  
Valerie Goldsmith  
Bob Chatley  
Nathan Dahlberg  
Uyai Thomas  
Dorema Thomas  
Deann Collins  
Mark Ellis

Pastor, Head of Staff  
Associate Pastor of Family Ministries  
Director of Music Ministries  
Worship Leader  
Organist/Pianist  
Soprano/Liturgist  
Moment for Mission

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- *Loving and supporting each other,*
- *Learning and growing together, and*
- *Serving those in need in Plano and the world.*



*Tithes & Offerings*