

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.
3. Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.
4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

† **CLOSING PRAYER (responsively)**

Lay Reader: Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again.

People: **As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

† **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**                      **"Spirit Song"**                      **#347**

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

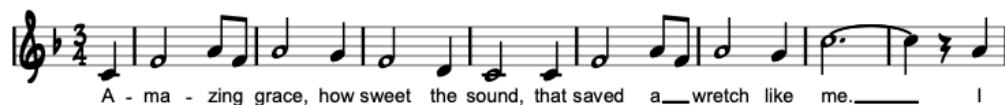
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove

will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

† **POSTLUDE**                                      **"To a Wild Rose"**                                      **- Monica Whitehurst**



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**March 12, 2023 ~ 11:00 A.M.**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**"Amazing Grace"**



*Welcome in the name of our Lord. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. A Crying Room is also available. Please ask the greeter for further assistance and direction to these rooms. [†] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.*

**PRELUDE**    **"Largo"**    **- Monica Whitehurst**

**THE MORNING WELCOME**    **- Dr. Tim Hazlett**

**CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**Faithful Father, we begin today by giving you thanks. Your love endures forever, it never fails. Though there are many ways in which we have failed, we have not exceeded the supply of your mercy and grace. We thank you for revealing yourself to us through your word. As we open the Bible today, we pray that we would hear your voice. We ask that your Holy Spirit would be at work, opening our ears to hear and our hearts to receive your word. May we be transformed into your likeness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

† **OPENING HYMN**    **"Blessed Assurance"**    **#369**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

### **THE MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (responsively)**

Lay Reader: The Samaritan woman met Jesus as he rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God's commandments, but he graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God's commands as we should, yet he looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before him, confident in his steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, daily we sin against your commandments. We turn away from your Word and ways as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

Lay Reader: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We are refreshed in the flood of his grace.

People: **The living water that Jesus gives becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life! Refreshed and empowered by this living water Christ provides we pray together the prayer he taught his disciples to pray...**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)**

**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. Amen.**

**SOLO "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - Monica Whitehurst**

**SCRIPTURE READING - John 4:7-26 (CEV)**

<sup>6-8</sup> The well that Jacob had dug was still there, and Jesus sat down beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well.

Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?"

<sup>9</sup> "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?"<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water?" <sup>12</sup> Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give will become in that person a flowing fountain that gives eternal life."

<sup>15</sup> The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus told her, "Go and bring your husband."

<sup>17-18</sup> The woman answered, "I don't have a husband."

"That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have already been married five times, and the man you are now living with isn't your husband."

<sup>19</sup> The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> My ancestors worshiped on this mountain,<sup>[b]</sup> but you Jews say Jerusalem is the only place to worship."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her: Believe me, the time is coming when you won't worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans don't really know the one you worship. But we Jews do know the God we worship, and by using us, God will save the world. <sup>23</sup> But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now the true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. These are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth.

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

<sup>26</sup> "I am that one," Jesus told her, "and I am speaking to you now."

### **THE SUNG RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING "Amazing Grace"**

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

**SERMON "The Woman at the Well: Grace for Those Ashamed" - Dr. Tim Hazlett**

**†HYMN OF RESPONSE "Standing on the Promises" #374**

1. Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

*Today's service is being broadcast on Facebook Live at 11:00 am. You can access the service through the Oaklette Church Group on Facebook. You must be a member of that group page to see it however. Please send Dr. Tim a Facebook request to join the group if you are not already a member of the group. You can also access the sermon through the Oaklette UMC Facebook page. If you are unable to use Facebook Live a link can be sent to you by email after the Facebook Live Worship has been recorded, but we will need your email address to do this. The Facebook Live service will also be downloaded to our website on Monday morning.*

*The flowers on the altar today are presented to the glory of God by LouAnn Poyner and family in memory of Russell Poyner.*

*The Food Basket on the altar is presented to the glory of God by Ethel Hickman in memory of Robert (Bobby) Hickman for their anniversary.*

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