

May 21, 2023

If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.

— C. H. Spurgeon

The Christ Who Brings Back Wanderers

Scripture for Meditation

James 5:19, 20

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Hymn of Invocation

Come, Thou Fount

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy
grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues
above;
Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—mount of Thy redeeming
love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer—hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander—Lord I feel it—prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart—O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face,
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign
grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry bring Thy promises to pass;
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at
last.

Robert Robinson, 1735-1790
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Offertory Hymn of Love

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

William Gadsby, 1773–1844

Sandra McCracken

1. The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His
2. His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be Their ev - er -
3. Love has re - deemed His sheep with blood; And love will
4. He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene; Nor aught from
5. At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less

own e - ter - nal - ly; Nor earth, nor hell, can it re -
lasting Sur - e - ty; 'Twas love that took their cause in
bring them safe to God; Love calls them all from death to
Him can Zi - on wean; Not all the wan - derings of her
bliss, His own shall prove The blaz - ing glo - ry of that

move; Long as He lives, His own He'll _____ love.
hand, And love main - tains it to the _____ end. Love
life; And love will fin - ish all their _____ strife.
heart Can make His love for her de - - - part.
love Which ne - ver could from them re - - - move.

can - not from its post with - draw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can

turn the Sure - ty's heart a - way; He'll love His own to end - less day.

Prayer of Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 85:4–9

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Psalm of Provision

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need: Je-ho-vah is His Name; —
2. When I walk through the shades of death Thy pres-ence is my stay; —
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days; —

9 — In-pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream. —
— One word of Thy sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way. —
17 — O-may Thy house be my a-bode, And all my work be praise. —

— He brings my wan-dering spir-it back When I for-sake His ways, —
— Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my ta-ble spread; —
25 — There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come; —

— And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace. —
— My cup with bles-sings o-ver-flows, Thine oil a-noints my head. —
— No more a stran-ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home. —

Words: Isaac Watts, 1647-1748

Music: Traditional American; Southern Harmony, 1835

Prayer of Corporate Confession

Silence for Personal Confession

Take a moment for self-reflection, and talk with God quietly about your sin and your need for a Savior.

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 8:38, 39*

For I am sure that 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 our Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Pardon

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord,

His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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Confession of Faith

Canons of Dort, Article 14

And, just as it has pleased God to begin this work of grace in us by the proclamation of the gospel, so God preserves, continues, and completes this work by the hearing and reading of the gospel, by meditation on it, by its exhortations, threats, and promises, and also by the use of the sacraments.

Hymn of Grace

*Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Sunday Service Times

9:15 am Corporate Prayer Service

10:30 am Corporate Worship Service

*A nursery is available for all services. Sunday sermons are available on our website or at ebcupstate.sermonaudio.com.

Emmanuel Bible Church is a community of believers committed to glorifying God by applying the Gospel to every area of life and to making disciples who will love God with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves.

We are thrilled to be a part of what God is doing in the Upstate. Few things are as exciting as seeing lives and relationships changed through the clear teaching of God's Word. After all, we are made expressly to be in a relationship with Him and to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior. At Emmanuel we strive to bring God glory through singing and praying together, hearing His Word preached, loving Him, and loving one another.

We would be delighted to have an opportunity to meet you. We are here to help and encourage you through the teaching of God's Word and through biblical fellowship.

—*Brad Baugham, teaching pastor*

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