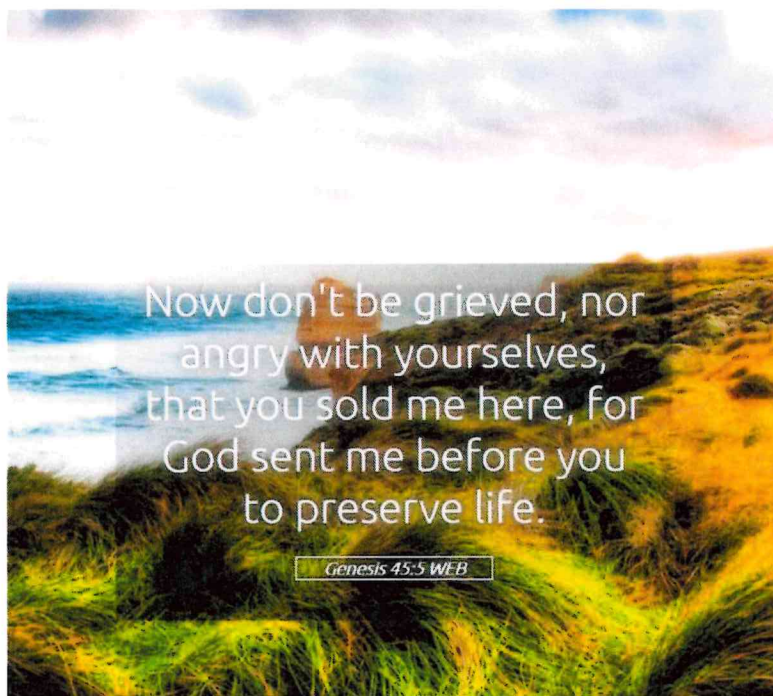


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**Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Introduction from *Sonatine*

Gerald Bales

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*  
*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*  
*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Turn us, O God,  
**away from the world's temptations and distractions.**  
Return us, O God,  
**to the quiet calm of your presence.**  
Restore us, O God,  
**to the path you call us to follow.**  
Orient us, O God,  
**to the hope of all that is possible through you.**

**Gospel Praise**

Mary Don't You Weep

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy.**  
**You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless.**  
**But we, who benefit from your grace,**  
**do not emulate you and your ways.**  
**We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly.**  
**We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others.**  
**We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.**

## **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

### **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

### **Response GTG #463**

How Firm a Foundation

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **First Reading**

Romans 8:28 – 30

#### **Anthem**

When, Dearest Lord  
Chancel Choir

Jane Marshall

#### **Second Reading**

Genesis 45:1-15

#### **Message**

The Providence of God

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**\*Hymn AAHH #271**

Amazing Grace

### **Call to Offering**

*We are cautious as we gather for worship. We are not currently passing an offering plate. We have placed an offering plate outside the sanctuary where you may place your offerings.*

### **Invitation to Offering**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prayers of the People**

...Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**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.**

**\*Hymn GTG #301**

Let Us Build a House

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Voluntary in A Minor

John Stanley

*(The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited  
to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly,  
remembering those who are still worshipping.)*

**Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Karen Stunkel, Interim Pastor  
Dalos Grobe, Organist/Chancel Choir Director  
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director  
Ismael Taylor, Liturgist

**Today's Anthem**

When, dearest Lord, when shall it be that I shall find my all in thee; the fullness of thy promise prove, the seal of thy eternal love? A poor blind child I wander here if haply I may feel thee near, O dark, dark I still must say amidst the blaze of gospel day. Ah! Wherefore did I ever doubt? Thou wilt in no wise cast me out, a helpless soul that comes to thee with only sin and misery. Lord, I am sick: my sickness cure; I want: do thou enrich the poor; under thy mighty hand I stoop, O lift the abject sinner up. Lord, I am blind: be thou my sight; Lord, I am weak: be thou my might; a helper of the helpless be and let me find my all in thee.

# 271 AMAZING GRACE

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.  
Ephesians 2:8*

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to  
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand

sound That saved a wretch like me!  
 fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 me, His word my hope se - cures;  
 snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,

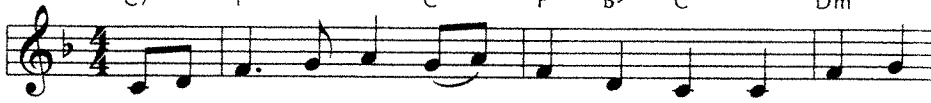
I once was lost but now I'm  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap -  
 He will my shield and por - tion  
 'Twas grace hath brought me safe thus  
 We've no less days to sing God's

found, Was blind but now I see.  
 pear The hour I first be - lieved.  
 be As long as life en - dures.  
 far, And grace will lead me home.  
 praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

# 301 Let Us Build a House

## All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

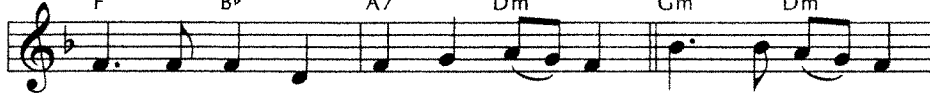
(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
Gm C F B<sup>b</sup>



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

### Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
F B<sup>b</sup> A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)  
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F (C7)



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.