

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost- October 19, 2025 PAX

Persistence Pays

As We Gather

From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Verse: Great is you faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters, into mercy. And nothing can keep us apart.
So remember Your people, remember Your children. Remember Your
promise, oh God.

Chorus: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for me.

Verse: Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing
along.
So remember Your people, remember Your children. Remember Your
promise, oh God.

Chorus: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for
me.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, for
me.

So remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your
promise, oh God.

Chorus: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me!
Yeah, Your grace is enough, heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is
enough for me.

Chorus: God I sing Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

Invocation

- P** We gather as God's people in the name of our faithful God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9

- P** As the Psalmist writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.
- C** **We confess that we haven't brought all things to You in constant prayer, instead looking to ourselves and other things for guidance, direction, and answers.**
- P** God also invites us to bring to Him our mistakes, our sins of things we've done and failed to do, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Unlike Jacob, we've been quick to give up and to forget the blessings You have in Your grace.
- C** **God forgive us!**
- P** As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been looked for things that fit our own passions and desires.
- C** **God forgive us!**
- P** As in Jesus' parable, we look for our own justice and even revenge for times we're wronged, unwilling to wait and trust in the perfect justice You promised in Your time.
- C** **God forgive us!**
- P** Almighty God, in His mercy, gave Jesus Christ to die for us, and for His sake God forgives all our sins. To believers in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

May our God, who started this good work in us, completed it in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P Join me in prayer.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You commanded us to pray promised to hear us. In Your mercy, have Your Holy Spirit lead and rule our hearts always, so that we continue in devoted faith in confessing Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the Man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. ²⁶Then He said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." ²⁷And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³All there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against

my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?”

Apostles’ Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

"Hosanna"

Verse: I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire. The whole earth
shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin. The people sing, the people
sing

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the highest.

Verse: I see a generation rising up to take their place with selfless faith, with selfless
faith.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek. We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Bridge: Heal my heart and make it clean, open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like You have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks Yours, everything I am, for Your Kingdom's cause.

As I walk from earth into eternity.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

Sermon

Rev. Jim Wonnacott

Offering

"Goodness of God"

Verse: I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able. Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse: I love your voice. You have led me through the fire and in darkest nights. You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able. Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Bridge: 'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.
Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.
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Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now. I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after, it's runnin' after me.

Chorus: And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so
good.
With every breath that I am able. Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
'Cause all my life You have been faithful. And all my life You have been so, so
good.
With every breath that I am able. Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

Prayers of the Church

P To the God who hears our prayers,
C we pray to you!

Lord's Prayer

C 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 and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P May the God who hears our prayers guide you, protect you, provide for you, give you
peace, and ✠ fill you with joy. Amen!

C Amen.

"Who You Say I Am"

Verse: Who am I that the highest King would welcome me. I was lost, but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me.
Oh, His love for me.

Chorus: Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Verse: Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me.

Chorus: Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house is a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.
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Chorus: Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am
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