

Manor Minutes
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Stewardship

C A M P A I G N

The Good Samaritan is such a well-known scripture because it speaks to the ways in which we can actively represent Jesus' love in our life. The Samaritan was good because he not only helped a person who was in need, but did so out of his wealth and crossed many societal barriers to do so. Jesus told this parable in response to a man who asked, "Who is my neighbor?" after hearing the parable the lawyer rightly surmised that the Samaritan was the one in the story who acted like a neighbor, and Jesus simply responded by saying, "Go and do the same". The parable stands as a model for the church in this world. During our stewardship emphasis, which will conclude next week with commitment Sunday, our congregation is celebrating how we have been blessed by God, and we are making important decisions about how we will answer God's call to serve our neighbors. Please be praying about the resources you will generously offer to help us be a witness for wholeness in a fragmented world, and join us next Sunday as we dedicate our pledges to God.

Rev. Chris

The Story – October 17 – Chapter 5
The 10 Commandments

Dartball – October 19, 7pm @ Home

Calling Commission – October 20, 10am
via Zoom

Stay up to date, check

www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar



The **Drive-Thru Nativity** will not be held this year. Looking forward to this event returning in 2022!

TRUNK OR
TREAT

October 24
2-3 pm
Parking Lot

Sign-up sheet for cookie and/or candy donations is in the Narthex.

Pastor Gena will be away on Sunday, October 24 for a retreat. Please keep her in your prayers.



Fairhill Manor Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

October 17, 2021

Prelude

Audra Allen, organist

Welcome

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship

Gene Sheller

Brothers and sisters, we are loved by God. The ruler of heaven and earth knows us by name. God hears and answers our cries for help. God shows compassion and kindness to us. May our lives praise and magnify our great and awesome God. We have come to worship the one whose image is imprinted within us.

Opening Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Audra Allen, organist

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Gena

O God, who sees everything and knows every one of your children intimately, thank you for your faithfulness to your creation. Thank you for sharing in our joys, grieving with us in our losses and disappointments, and hearing our cries for help. You are always caring for us, lifting us up, setting us free, giving us new life. Like a mother eagle, you carry us, supporting us, until we are ready to soar...

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.” Chalice Hymnal #77 “On Eagles Wings”

O God, we are stuck, stuck in our ways and habits and routines, some of which are not so good for us, some of which are hurtful to those around us. Show us the best ways to live. Show us the joy of soaring on your wings, the wonder of seeing your action in our lives, the peace that comes from waiting for your direction and wisdom. Teach us your ways to fly...

O God, we have seen how you carried our ancestors in the faith out of the suffering and oppression of Egypt. You are always carrying us to yourself. Come now and lift us out of our suffering – the depths of depression in which we find ourselves, the cycles of addictions that we can never break, the chains of pain that trap us, the endless loops of trying to prove that we are worthy. We cannot raise ourselves up; we need your help...

O God, we hear the cries of so many in our world. Those who are on the move, trying to find a new home, oppressed and enslaved like our ancestors in Egypt. We hear the cries of those who are hungry and thirsty, those who are dying from disease and disaster. And so we cry out for our brothers and sisters in need, asking you to show us how to lift them up and praying that you hold them in the palm of your hand...

And now raise us up into your Upper Story for just a few moments. Let us see life from your perspective – what you are doing in our lives, what all of this is heading to, the grand purposes you are working out day by day for this creation that you love. And grace us with glimpses of your Story as we live out our lives. All of this we pray in the name of the one who is our refuge, the rock in whom we trust, Jesus our Lord and Savior, who teaches us to pray this way...

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.

Prayer Response:

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:1-12, 31-35

Gary Ford

Children’s Message

Pastor Gena

Have you ever gone on a road trip? How do you feel at the beginning of a road trip? I always feel excited – excited about everything I am going to see and experience. I have my bags packed, some food for the road ready, I have lots of energy.

But there’s always this point in the trip, especially the really long trips, when I start to get tired and stiff and hungry and irritable. Sometimes I get annoyed at the people I’m traveling with, especially if we are all packed together in the back seat. That’s when I wonder if going on this trip was really worth it. Being in a car for so long is hard, isn’t it? Do you ever feel that way?

In our Story today, the Israelites are on a trip – a really long trip – a trip that will end up taking 40 years! God has rescued them from slavery in Egypt, and now they are on their way to the land God promised to give them. They aren’t driving; they are walking through the desert and wilderness. And there are a lot of people – at least thousands of people, maybe hundreds of thousands of people - all moving together. At the beginning of their trip, they were singing and dancing and praising God for getting them out of that terrible situation in Egypt. But it’s been awhile now, and they are starting to get tired and complain. They even looked back at Egypt and said, “Maybe that wasn’t so bad after all. At least we had food to eat there!”

I don’t know why I’m always surprised when these times come – in life or on trips. After all, those times always come - when we are overwhelmed or tired or frustrated or disappointed or wonder why we are here. We can plan for them and prepare ourselves for those middle parts of our journeys when we know we will be cranky. Maybe we plan to get out of the car and play at a playground or take a walk. Or maybe we take a few minutes to look around and remember why we’re on this trip anyway, say some things we are thankful for and remember why we were so excited in the first place.

God helped the Israelites in the middle of their 40-year trip by giving them food to eat in the desert. They still had to gather the food every day for themselves, but the food was there for them every morning and evening. And God also traveled with the people. During the daytime, there was a pillar of cloud that went in front of them. And at nighttime it was a pillar of fire.

It is normal for us to have ups and downs in life. The middles of journeys are usually the hard parts. Sometimes we can prepare for the frustrating times and sometimes we can't. But we know that God is with us always. Whether we are on a road trip or in school or at home or in our ball games or at church; whether we are excited or cranky, God is with us.

Dear God, thank you for always being with us. Help us to know you are with us, especially during the hard times. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Special Music

“Shout to the Lord,” Darlene Zschech

Jody Mullis

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 19:1-9

Rev. Stillwell

Sermon

“The Lord Provides”

Rev. Stillwell

So far we have shown in the stories of the book of Genesis God's ability to create whether creating a universe, a world, and then a nation. Next we have seen God's ability to deliver when we spoke last week of God leading the Israelites out of Egypt by parting the Red Sea until they were all safely across. Now, on the way to the Promise Land, God shows the ability to sustain. These three ways that God cares for us are highlighted by the Trinitarian formula we sometimes use of God the creator, Christ the savior, and Holy Spirit the sustainer.

A quick overview of the Bible will show you the first two parts of the divine equation. The Bible begins with God creating and the New Testament begins with God saving, but sustaining is what happens in between, and we see this act of God most clearly here in the book of Exodus. For now, just a few weeks from God's amazing victory over Pharaoh's army, Moses is learning what Alexander Hamilton learned in the musical that bears his name when, while debating how to create the new nation, George Washington said to him “Winning was easy, young man. Governing is harder.”

It is one thing to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, but now the question is, what's next? What do we do, where do we go, how do we who have never been free act? The Israelites have to ask themselves what will they do with their newfound freedom, and many of them want to use it to go back to slavery. “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger,” they cry out to Moses in what is perhaps the saddest scripture of all.

We all know what it is like to be hungry. We know how it can change us, and it can cause us to notice nothing else. So I am sympathetic to the people who are now walking through the desert and who are hungry, but you would think that they would remember what God had done, and they would know that God did not free them only for them to die in the desert. They should have known that God would provide, and provide is what God does but in more ways than one.

First, God provides food and water. Then God provides a place where God may come and dwell among the Israelites at Mt. Sinai. Finally, God provides a law that will create the beloved community and make it a place where God may dwell. God's plan is to be with us. God wants to be with God's people. The Big Idea of the whole Story is God's declaration, “I want to come down and dwell with you.” God continues to say in effect, “For me to live with you, some things need to be worked out.”

The first thing that needed to be worked out is that God takes care of the people's needs. A people hungry and dying will not be welcoming or receptive of God. Every preacher knows this truth all too well, because a hungry church is a church that will not listen. So God provides manna from heaven and then water from a rock. This first gift comes with it some instructions as a first test to see how people will react. They are to gather only as much as they need and twice as much on the day before the Sabbath. If any take more, if they hoard for themselves, it will spoil and be no good to anyone. Here God tests the people's ability to listen as well as their ability to share, and many fail the test. This is a sign of what will come.

The next thing God provides are laws which act as guidelines for how the people are to treat God and each other. There are all told 613 laws in what would come to be called the Mosaic covenant, but the first ten are often singled out as general instructions upon which the other laws are commentary or instructions for how to apply them.

These laws guide the community because God wants a community of love that reflects God. The Ten Commandments shape the community of love. Commandments 1-4 guide how we treat God. This is a vertical relationship in which the Israelites will have no other God or Gods, will make no idols, will not take the name of the Lord in vain, and keep the Sabbath as a tribute to God.

Commandments 5-10 guide how we treat other people. This is a horizontal relationship. Honor your parents, do not kill, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, or covet. These are the basic rules by which the nation is to be governed so that God may dwell with them but human nature has a divine aspect and a sinful aspect and their sinful aspect resisted these laws, even to the point of breaking the second commandment while waiting to receive the commandments when they made a golden calf. God will not be with rebellious people, and Moses interceded so that God would not wipe out his rebellious people.

Even with the poor actions the people have shown God still wished to be with them, so God provides instructions on how to build a tabernacle where God will reside amongst the people. In addition to the measurements and instructions for furnishings, God provides the details that declare God would dwell in the "Most Holy Place" and no one could see God's face. Only the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place once a year on behalf of the people. The Tabernacle was a portable tent so that God would guide the people with a moving cloud during the day and by a column of fire at night.

So this is where our story ends for this week, and here is a story that would seem completely foreign to Christians in our time, since, we no longer follow the law because Jesus fulfilled it, and we have a church where we worship God and we believe that God is with us everywhere we go. Still there is much for us to learn. We do not follow the law, and I give thanks that we are free to eat what we wish and wear the clothes we wish, but the Ten Commandments are completely compatible with the teachings of Jesus and are something we would do well to remember and be reminded of from time to time. I think what is particularly informative for Christians today is to examine how the sinful aspect of our nature causes us to often forget to trust God like the Israelites before us and the way that we believe God with us today.

In the Bible, church is always a reference to people, not a place. The church is a body of believers living out their faith in such a way that it inspires the faith of others. Like Israel in the time of Exodus there was no building, just a moveable tent for a moveable people which signified in smoke and fire that God went with them. Later the tabernacle was used as the blueprint for the temple and what the people gained in a place to worship and sacrifice they lost in the belief that God was near, for is they were not near the temple they were not near God and when the temple was destroyed the nation suffered a psychological and spiritual crisis the likes of which we will never know.

We came as close as we could these past two years when the church building was often closed for worship and we missed it, but we were comforted knowing that God was with us wherever we were and while the church building was closed the church never was, for the church was wherever we were. Online, in the parking lot, in our homes, the church and God were there.

Paul describes the church as people dedicated to doing whatever it takes to reach out and help others. We have a responsibility to serve and help others in need as the church. Caring for each other as well as those outside of the church is the quickest way to see Jesus change lives. Each of us has been given skills, abilities and opportunities to serve. In Timothy's church, for example, the women ran a widows ministry (1 Timothy 5:16), and elders directed church affairs while others were devoted just to teaching and preaching (1 Timothy 5:17).

The church is not the building, rather it is the people, and that is why we come, for each other. It is a pleasure to see you and to know that if you are not here you are missed, but the best thing is to think of what a church can accomplish together. What God accomplished with the Moses and the Israelites God was planning to achieve with the church after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. We are the place where God dwells. We are the new tabernacle. The church is not a building, the church is us and we are the place where God resides. As a result it is imperative that we trust that the Lord will provide. Think of it as the 11th commandment if you will.

Walter Brueggemann in an article of the same name describes, "The Liturgy of Abundance, the Myth of Scarcity." In it he says the beginning of Genesis is a liturgy of abundance. Genesis 1 sings of God's generosity as the world is created and life springs forth over its face. It is good. But then comes Exodus and with it Pharaoh, and the idea of scarcity is introduced. Suddenly people became afraid that things would run out, afraid that food and water would run out, afraid that life would run out, and afraid that God would run out. Because of the covetousness of people's hearts people began hoarding as much as they could, always afraid that they would run out always fearful that what they had would never be enough. Soon the myth of scarcity replaces the promise of abundance and we become anxious and afraid. Our generosity shrivels up and so does our spirit.

We are called to believe in the promise of abundance that God will always provide and will always have what we need even if we do not always have all that we want. This stands in sharp contrast to the Israelites who, after having just been delivered from slavery in Egypt and having their lives spared quickly cry out when hunger overcomes them cry out to return to Egypt and who while waiting for God created a false God.

They showed their fear and inability to trust that God will provide but what about us? What are we afraid will run out? Do we fear that we will not have enough money to pay our bills? Do we worry that there will not be enough food to eat at the end of the week? Are we concerned that we will run out of energy, enthusiasm, or desire for life? God's message and promise to us is the same as to the Israelites. It is a promise of life and life in abundance. God's creation is full and provides us with all that we need, and yet, when asked to give some back so that God's love can reach others, we worry. What if we do not have enough?

It is not surprising that we might feel that way because we have inherited these stories from the Israelites, God's chosen people. We have inherited God's story of abundance from the book of Genesis when humans had all they need and lived in paradise with God, but we have also inherited the story of Egypt where the people lived seemingly apart from God and feared that they would never have enough. We want to trust in the promise of the first story, but we often live in fear of the second.

Let us remember another story that we have inherited then. It is the story of Jesus Christ, who fed a multitude of people with just a few fish and a few loaves, who raised Lazarus from the dead, and who was

himself raised from the dead, that we may know that God promises not just abundant life now, but abundant life eternally.

The world teaches fear, Jesus teaches peace. The world teaches scarcity, the scriptures promise abundance. The world makes us believe that we will run out, but God promises that God will always provide. It is all about trusting that God is with us and will give us all we need to do God's work.

During this time of stewardship as you consider your pledge that we will receive and dedicate next Sunday remember that as Christians, we understand something about God's generosity. We rely on it and we imitate it. We trust God, and we know that there is a feeling that only sharing what we have can produce. There is great freedom in trusting God, knowing that our needs will be met when we freely give away the things that weren't ours to keep anyway. Give as you are able but remember in all things that the Lord provides. Let us respond to God's generosity with gratitude for its existence rather than apprehension of its ending. If we do that than we will create place for God to dwell.

Call to Offering

Written by Gene Sheller

This Call to Offering is a little different from recent Calls to Offering. We have all already decided the size of our offering for today. We have been studying how our story fits in with God's story and our stewardship is an integral part of our story.

Since we are in the midst of our fall stewardship campaign, I want to give you some information about Fairhill Manor's recent financial situation:

- In 2019 we had approximately \$206,000 receipts to our general budget and \$200,000 expenditures, or an **excess of \$6,000**.
- In 2020 we had approximately \$187,000 receipts to our general budget and \$207,000 expenditures, or a **lack of \$20,000**.
- In 2021 our Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Shaw, has projected, based on the 1st 9 months of the year, we will have approx. \$192,000 receipts to our general budget and \$230,000 expenditures or a **lack of \$38,000**.

Fairhill has used the, so called, Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loans given by a bank and forgiven by the federal government if all the requirements are met, to help keep our treasury in the black. Through the diligent work of our Financial Secretary/ Treasurer, the PPP loans were obtained from a local bank and forgiven by the federal government. That has allowed our bank account to remain in the black even with our lack of matching our receipts with our expenditures.

As a church we need to return to the level of giving we had in 2019 and increase it some from there so that we will not be dependent on PPP loans which we cannot expect to keep coming.

I am challenging Fairhill Manor congregation members to pray about their financial stewardship and try to increase it from the 2019 level. After prayer and discussion, my wife, Connie, and I have decided to increase our giving by 25% for 2022.

Some people might already be giving more than they should for their own financial security, so please do not think I am asking you to give more. I am just asking that the congregation, as a whole, try to increase its giving so that we will be able to satisfy our expenditures without relying on PPP loans which, as I have said, we cannot expect to keep coming.

Next Sunday is ommitment Sunday when we will give our pledges for our 2022 stewardship. Please plan to pledge so that the Stewardship/Finance Ministry will be better able to plan the finances for 2022.

May God bless us all as we give today and plan for 2022.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering Prayer

Rev. Stillwell

These offerings represent only a part of what we owe you. Our currency bears the imprint of worldly powers, but we bear the holy image you inscribe on our hearts. All that we have and all that we are belong to you, O God. As we give these gifts and ourselves freely to you, may others know your goodness and your love, through our offerings. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Stillwell

As we reach the middle of October it is hard to believe that winter will be coming since it barely has even begun to feel like fall. This is the time of year that I am torn between enjoying each moment and getting things ready for the winter to come. There are leaves to rake, gutters to clean, decorations to put out and to put away. We all have things that need to be done before the winter comes, but we hate to think about that now that the sun is shining and the leaves are colorful. What do we need to do before the blustery winds of December blow? Rake those leaves? Put away the patio furniture? Get the siding put on before it gets cold?

These are all pressing concerns, but there are others as well. Perhaps we have people to forgive, wrongs to atone for, bad habits to break, good habits to start. It is never too soon to begin work on these projects, but it can be too late. Of course, I am not talking about the season of winter, rather I am talking about the winter of our life.

There is so much we are meaning to do someday. How often do we give flowers to the dead rather than the living. How often do we make time for our children after they no longer need us? How often do we keep within us the deepest things in life and never share them until the one we wanted to share them with is gone? Too late, and one day it will be too late for us to right the wrongs we have committed, to ask forgiveness from those whom we have hurt, to welcome Christ into our hearts and ask him to transform our lives.

As we gather around this table, let us take this moment to begin planning for the winter if we have not already. Invite Jesus into your life to repent your sins now rather than later, to begin afresh today rather than put it off tomorrow, to be ready so that when winter comes to you, you will inherit an eternal spring.

Communion Hymn

"I Hunger and I Thirst"

Audra Allen, organist

I hunger and I thirst;	O bruised and broken Bread,
Jesus, my manna be!	my life-long needs supply.
O living Waters, burst	As living souls are fed,
out of the rock for me!	so feed me, or I die.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

Gary Ford

Lord, we come to Your table to thank and praise you. Just as you delivered Your people from Egypt You continue to do powerful and amazing things today. You guide us when we are on a high and You are there to carry us when we are low. As we come to You today, we remember what Jesus did for each of us. As we take the bread, His broken body, and the cup, His spilled blood, we remember His suffering but we give thanks for Your love and guidance and pray we are worthy of all that You do for us each and every day. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Stillwell

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing in Communion

Closing Hymn

"Here I Am Lord"

Jody Mullis, pianist

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?	I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
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Chorus: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Benediction

Rev. Stillwell

Go now to serve the living God, whose image we bear. We go, knowing that God goes with us. May all our work be done with faith. May all our efforts be filled with love.

Recorded worship services can be found on the Church website or on YouTube,
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmlH3qzih_fzHCC2X0Jhc_sfniJ7C1O3X

**PRAYER
REQUEST**

Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) and Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033 directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

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 Marcie Yocum
 Preparing for Baptism – Nyka Rash
 Owen Stillwell
 Eli Graff
 Molly Johnson

In the Military

Lance Dague Andrew Gregg
 Terrell McClain Zachary Keene
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 Daniel Robinson Travis Ringer
 Shawn Dallatore Emily Chase
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Fairhill Manor extends its sympathy to the family of Bill Behrens who passed away Friday, October 8. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time.



With
 Deepest
 Sympathy...

Fairhill Manor extends its sympathy to Ed Palfreyman on the passing of his uncle Jack Palfreyman on Sunday, October 10. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



Take a minute and send a card to someone that you haven't seen for a while to let them know you are thinking of them.

Zoom Worship will continue to be live at 10:15 am each Sunday.

"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9:45am using the meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: 932 4557 4206 Password: 026316

Fellowship with other "Zoomers" from 9:45 – 10:15am.

Text your prayer concerns to be shared during worship to Rev. Chris at (412) 956-6590.

Church Office hours:

Karen is working from home on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9 am – 2 pm. She will be in the Church Office on Wednesday & Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm. The Church phone is forwarded to Karen's cell phone and can be reached anytime.

Pastor Gena is off on Friday. Pastor Gena is working from home and comes in to the church as needed. Feel free to text, call, email or set up a time to meet with Pastor Gena.

Rev. Chris is off on Tuesday during the school year.

If you need anything at any time, please call the Church Office phone at 724-225-8610.

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



F _ r by gr _ c _ y _ _ h _ v _
b _ _ n s _ v _ d thr _ _ gh
f _ _ th, _ nd th _ s _ s n _ t
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th _ g _ ft _ f G _ d — n _ t th _
r _ s _ lt _ f w _ rks, s _ th _ t
n _ _ n _ m _ y b _ _ st.

_ ph _ s _ _ ns 2:8-9, NRSV



Answer: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV