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Gentleness

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing the Life of the Church

Prayer of Invitation

Lighting of the Candles

Call To Worship

Leader: God is like the gentle shepherd,

People: Leading us beyond our wants,

Leader: Leading us beyond our fears,

People: Leading us to a place of rest,

Leader: Where we sing the music of God's love

People: And feel new strength to walk through the valleys and shadows of life.

Hymn of Praise: "Amazing Grace" p.378

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon. (1 Chr. 17:16-17)

1. 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.

Through many

dangers,

toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'tis grace hath brought

me safe thus far,

and grace will

lead me home.

The Lord has promised

good to me,

his word my

hope secures;

he will my shield

and portion be

as long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh

and heart shall fail,

and mortal

life shall cease,

I shall possess,

within the veil,

a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there

ten thousand years,

bright shining

as the sun,

we've no less days

to sing God's praise

than when

we'd first begun.

Prayer of the Congregation:

Divine Companion, from beginning to end, we rest in your embrace, though we do not always acknowledge or recognize your presence. All along our days you journey with us. Sometimes you are a loud shout to help us to heed your call. Sometimes you are a quiet whisper to help us to listen. You help shape our questions and are patient with our answers. You are full of compassion and care like a loving grandparent. You love us tenderly like a mother cradling her child. You give us visions to soar like the eagle. Like a wise doctor, you heal our memories with a gentle touch. O God, how wonderful you are. How good it is to be in your presence. We bring to you our whole life, our joy and our grief, our patience and our worry, our dreams and our despair. Like a long-time friend, you know us, beginning to end. And you embrace us into new life. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: "Spirit Song" p.347

WORDS: John Wimber, 1979 // © 1979 Mercy Publishing

**1. 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.**

[Refrain]

**2. O come and sing
this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.**

**Lift your hands in sweet
surrender to his name.**

**O give him
all your tears and sadness;
give him all
your years of pain,
and you'll enter
into life in Jesus' name.**

[Refrain]

Refrain:

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

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

Written Word of the Lord

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19:11-13 New International Version

¹¹The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30 ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from

me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Spoken Word – Gentleness

Hymn of Commitment: “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” p.351

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1868

**1. Pass me not,
O gentle Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others
thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

[Refrain]

**2. Let me at thy
throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there
in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.**

[Refrain]

**3. Trusting only
in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded,
broken spirit,
save me by thy grace.**

[Refrain]

**4. Thou the spring
of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I
on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee?**

[Refrain]

Refrain:

**Savior, Savior,
hear my humble cry;
while on others
thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**