



\*SONG OF PRAISE    *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Our gracious heavenly Father,  
we confess that we have sinned  
against heaven and against you.  
In our stubbornness, we have gone our own ways,  
and failed to stay near you.  
In our ingratitude, we have failed to remember  
how your righteous Son became sin on our behalf,  
to bring about our justification.  
In our shortsightedness, we have neglected  
the message of reconciliation entrusted to us.  
We acknowledge our sin, O God,  
for we cannot hide our iniquity.  
We confess our transgressions, O Lord;  
set us free from all self-deceit.  
Forgive the guilt of our sin,  
that we may be a joyous people,  
and praise you with loud cries of deliverance.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE    *Change My Heart, O God*

LUYH 61

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*SONG OF RESPONSE    *Glory Be to the Father*

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\*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION    *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Ann Fayles

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 5:9-12

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM

*I Will Love the Lord*

#### MESSAGE

*What It Means to Be Prodigal*

Tracy L. Evans

#### SONG OF FAITH

*God's Great Love Is So Amazing*

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#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

#### THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace*

Emma Lou Diemer

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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DEDICATION PRAYER

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### \*SENDING SONG

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

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\*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

\*POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in B<sup>b</sup>*

Johann Pachelbel

\*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

**Lectionary Readings** for March 17: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

**The Urban Mission** item of the month for March is **canned fruit**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

The **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** continues to host a series of **Lenten services** at noon on Wednesdays. This week's service will be at First Christian Church, with Rev. Amy Venable preaching. Each service will be followed at 12:35 by a simple lunch (cost is \$5.00). An offering will be taken each week for the benefit of a local non-profit, Among Friends (Cathe Fox, Director).

The Norman Chapter of **Parents Helping Parents** will present "Anonymous Q & A" as part of its Parent Action Series on Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital. For more information, call 278-1221 or go to the website: [ParentsHelpingParents.info](http://ParentsHelpingParents.info)

Pastor Evans will be in St. Louis this Monday through Wednesday for a conference. In the event of a **pastoral emergency**, please contact a deacon or Rev. Melinda Clements (310-3444).

**SUNDAY****March 10**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons meeting

**MONDAY****March 11**

- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

**TUESDAY****March 12**

- 6:00 P.M. – Mission & Evangelism meeting

**WEDNESDAY****March 13**

- 3:30 P.M. – Kids Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Hand-Chime Choir
- 5:30 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 6:00 P.M. – Chancel Ringers
- 7:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY****March 14**

- 7:00 P.M. – Building & Grounds meeting
- 7:00 P.M. – Christian Education meeting

**SUNDAY****March 17**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship meeting