



## **Prevenient Grace**

**WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**May 9, 2021      10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Jack Bynum**

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Good morning, my name is Pastor Jack Bynum and I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve in this church on this particular Sunday and I welcome you all in the name of Christ our Lord.

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Those of you who have your candles, you may get them now and prepare to light them.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist, Betty Dippi*

All who truly and earnestly believe  
in the Love of Christ for all Creation,

**Draw Near in Faith.**

All who intend to lead a New Life in Christ,

**Draw near in Faith.**

## OPENING PRAYER

*Liturgist, Betty Dippi*

Almighty God, You have promised mercy and forgiveness to all who repent and, in Faith, turn to You. We acknowledge our sins which, in our human weakness, we have committed by thought, word and deed. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask that You forgive all that is past and grant that we may serve You in the newness of Life. **AMEN.**

## OPENING SONG

*Andy & Svetlana Maddox*

**Come Thou Fount UMH # 400**

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John Wyeth | Robert Robinson

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### Verse 1

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

## Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

## Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart O take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev Jack Bynum*

Gracious Lord God, Creator of all that is, today we open our hearts and minds to You...seeking Your guidance and strength! Our nation and our world is facing difficult times with the Covid Pandemic and people all over the world filled with hatred of other people...the list of excuses is a long one: because of their religion...they don't look like us... they are crossing borders...their political party...they are too "woke"... they are not "Woke" enough...and there are many more. Help us, O Lord, to remember that in this congregation we are indeed, the **School of Love!** May we be a beacon of Christ's light in our community and in the world. Sustain us...strengthen us and guide us... in the Holy name of Jesus, we ask these things. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. Dewey Knowles*

## SCRIPTURE

*Liturgist, Betty Dippi*

**Psalm 46:10    John 6:44-45**

**MESSAGE**      “Prevenient Grace”      *Pastor Jack Bynum*

**SONG**      *Andy & Svetlana Maddox*

**“Have Thine Own Way” UMH #382 all verses**

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**Verse 1**

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
Thou art the Potter I am the clay  
Mold me and make me after Thy will  
While I am waiting yielded and still

**Verse 2**

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
Search me and try me Savior today  
Wash me just now Lord wash me just now  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow

**Verse 3**

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
Wounded and weary help me I pray  
Power all power surely is Thine  
Touch me and heal me Savior divine

**Verse 4**

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway  
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only always living in me

**OFFERING**

*Pastor Jack Bynum*

It is time now to prepare to present our gifts and offerings. If you have the opportunity, the ways to give are displayed on the giving slide now showing on your screen.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Lord God, we give you thanks for the opportunity to share some of the blessings that you have given us. May we return to you a portion of what you have given us. May it do your work according to your will with your blessing. We give you thanks and praise. Amen

## DOXOLOGY

*Andy & Svetlana Maddox*

### **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Christ whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## CLOSING SONG

*Six Ways to Sunday (Band)*

### **Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone**

Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone  
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### **Verse 1**

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm 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.

### **Chorus**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains.  
Unending love, Amazing grace.

### **Verse 2**

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be.  
As long as life endures.

### **Chorus**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His mercy rains.  
Unending love, Amazing grace.

### **Verse 3**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow.  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below.  
Will be forever mine.

### **Tag**

Will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

*Pastor Jack Bynum*

May the Peace and Love of Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

## **SENDING FORTH**

*Pastor Jack Bynum*

Your faith has made you whole again; and so as whole persons, return to God's world, play your part in God's creation. Never lose heart; but risk your faith in the risen Jesus and know He will match His stride to yours until your journey's end.

For the love of God, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with you this day and always. **AMEN**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for being with us in worship today. You are invited to join us again next week as Pastor Jack Bynum continues his series on God's grace. Next week we will look at *Justifying Grace*.

We are working on a special appreciation thank-you service for Rev. Christina for her many years of faithful service and love for all of us at Whitney UMC. In addition, if you were thinking of giving Rev. Christina and her family a gift, please consider providing a gift card or contributing to a single gift card from the church members and friends. Rev. Christina, Clint, Miriam, and Grace will soon be moving into their new home and will need to replace many of their household items and will definitely be able to make good use of gift cards. You may bring them to the office in the next couple of weeks.

Missing your Whitney family? Take a few minutes this week and call a couple of folks you normally sit next to when you're worshipping in person. They will be glad to hear from you. Also consider calling a couple of Whitney members you haven't seen in a while. It will be a joy to hear from one another.

**And now, may God be with us until we meet again.**