

But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was still not known by sight to the churches of Christ in Judea; they only heard it said, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Earning Salvation" Rev. Frank Wyche

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

\*HYMN *Just as I Am* #488

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debtors/debtors...)

\*HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong To Save* #808

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Our Father's God, to Thee* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Alessio Giacobone

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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From his fullness have we all  
received, grace upon grace.

For the law was given  
through Moses; grace and  
truth came through

Jesus Christ.

~ John 1: 16-17

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11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Ephesians 2: 4-8, 14a, c, 15a, 16a

L: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our sins, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

**P: He raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

L: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest anyone should boast.

**P: For he is our peace, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, [to] reconcile us to God.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ Based on the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you have revealed your will to all people in Jesus Christ, and promised your presence through the Holy Spirit. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness in our lives may be overcome by the power of your light, we pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Come, Christians, Join To Sing* #225

CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy and grace, forgive us for not trusting your promises. You call us to be saved by faith, but we still think we need to “do” something in order to be forgiven – some act of contrition or penance, or some good deed to “earn” forgiveness. Forgive us for scorning the free gift of your grace, and forgive us for insisting that others must engage in works to deserve our forgiveness. Forgive us for thinking our salvation and forgiveness are earned by anything we do, and forgive us when we do not forgive others as you have forgiven us.** *(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 1: 1-5, 9-14, 16-18 ~ Page 922 in the pew Bible

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light that enlightens every person was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the human desire nor of human intention, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father... And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Galatians 1: 1-24 ~ Page 1012 in the pew Bible

[From] Paul an apostle – not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead – and all the brothers and sisters who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed. Am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ. For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.