



## Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the Dawn of a Covenant

### The Covenant God Who Reigns and Is True to His Promises

"Jesus Christ is the only descendant of Abraham who kept God's covenant without transgression."

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:9-14

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:8-11

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Update

#### Prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

#### Call to Worship: from Psalm 105

**Leader:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

**People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

**ALL: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

### Songs of Praise

#### Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

#### Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creations revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing, God

All powerful, untameable  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?  
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing, God  
You are amazing, God

### Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

#### Confession

**Our exalted Lord Jesus, you poured out your Holy Spirit upon the church to fill us with new life, power and love with which we might serve you. We confess the times we have resisted and grieved your Spirit. Forgive our closed minds when we block out your truth and wisdom. Forgive our closed eyes when we blind ourselves to needs in the world. Forgive our closed hands when we clutch the gifts and wealth you have graciously given us too closely. Forgive our closed hearts when we limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins. Open our hearts to your Spirit, that we may open our lives to reveal your glory and share in the joy of your mission of love to the world. In Jesus's name we pray, amen.**

#### Private Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Song of Assurance

##### Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

## Tithes and Offerings

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## Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Scripture - Genesis 17:1-16; 23-27

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

## God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

## The Covenant God Who Reigns and Is True to His Promises

### Sermon Outline

1. The Names of God
2. The Covenant Sign of God's Promise
  - i. An Excursus on Slavery in the Bible
3. Abraham's Obedience Pointing to God's Perfect Covenant Partner
4. Jesus Being King of kings Over All

**Application Questions:** If Jesus is God's perfect covenant partner given up for us all in love and if Jesus also now reigns as King of kings having been triumphant at the Cross, what is your response?

## The Lord's Supper

## The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

## Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

## Song of Thanksgiving

### What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

We didn't have a way without you  
So Jesus, You wore a thorny crown  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
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Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, God, You reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name is it  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all  
**People: And also with you**

## Announcements

1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7 to 7:45 pm. Zoom link is in Friday Notes & reminder sent on Thursday afternoon
2. Prayer requests & Tithes. Please send to [mail@gracevancouver.com](mailto:mail@gracevancouver.com)
3. Soup and Bread today, immediately after the service! Please join us!
4. Lost & Found items are in cabinet between washrooms. Please claim your items before Feb 10.

## Tithes up to December 31, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$250,000
Giving as of Dec 31, 2024	\$282,873
Giving Last Week	\$4,421

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