We Humbly Approach God
The Call to Confession: from the Canons of Dort, 3rd and 4th points of doctrine, articles 1 and 3

The Prayer of Confession:
Triune God, the light of your holiness exposes the cracks in our nature. It shines on the faults we try to hide from others and illuminates the secrets we don’t acknowledge even to ourselves. So we admit it: flaws run through the fabric of our lives. Yet your image in us is not ruined beyond recognition or redemption. The light of your holiness shines on us through the righteousness of Jesus, too. So, God, reclaim even our fractures and our faults. Through them, show us our dependence on Jesus. Through them, shine your light in this world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon:
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 1:4-6)

Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn of Commitment: Lift Up Your Hearts 655
“Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High”

We Respond with Thanksgiving
The Children’s Moment
The Pastoral Prayer
The Anthem: “And Can It Be?” (8:40) Anna Laura Page
Amazing love! How can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?
The Anthem: “Almighty and Everlasting God” (11:00)
Music at LaGrave: (8:40) Composer, clinician, organist, and handbell editor for a music publishing company, Ann Laura Page cleverly combines two familiar hymns in her handbell arrangement *And Can It Be?* The outer sections feature full chords and rich harmony, evoking Charles Wesley’s text “Amazing love, how can it be that you, my Lord, should die for me?” The character of the middle section is slower and more meditative, using the early American hymn *Amazing Grace.* Both hymns speak of God’s amazing love and grace which cover all our sin.

The flowers on the chancel today are given by Jim and Barb Boelkins in loving memory of their daughter, Melissa, who passed away on September 10, 2022.

The November special offering is for World Renew, who work in 30 countries responding to both natural disasters and civil unrest. With partner organizations, they provide for displaced families and invest in local economies to help rebuild communities and renew hope, bringing long-term stability for future storms. World Renew embraces a family-centered approach to ending global poverty with food security, peace and justice, economic livelihood and health. They join families in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness.

This evening, Reverend Peter Jonker will go deeper into Romans 9:1-24, his sermon is titled “Objects of Wrath, Created for Destruction.”

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