

## Welcome and Call to Worship

## Praise and Prayer

### Great Things

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## Prayer of Confession

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## Passing the Peace

## Announcements

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## Minute for Mission Exodus World Service

## Scripture Reading John 8:2-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

## Sermon Jesus and the Bridge from Religion to Grace

*The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built*

## Closing Songs God Really Loves Us

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### How He Loves

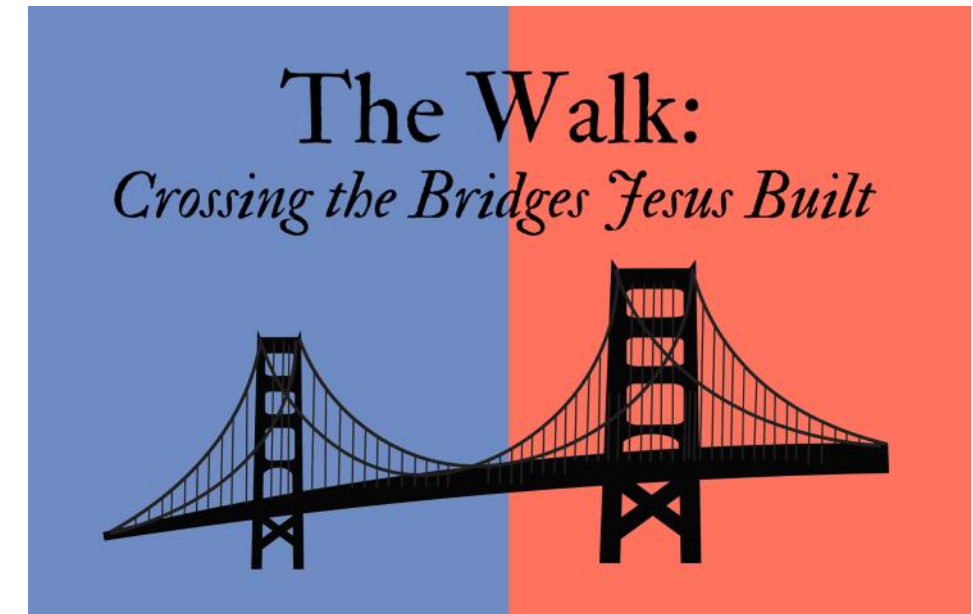
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## Blessing

## *The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built* Jesus and the Bridge from Religion to Grace

### Jesus and the Woman Caught in Adultery – John 8:2-11

1. To what degree do you think it is human nature to judge others? Why do you think it is so easy for us to judge one another?
2. Based on the first two verses of our passage today, why might Jesus have been perceived as a threat to the religious leaders of his day?
3. How did the Pharisees and scribes attempt to test Jesus? What was their true motivation in doing this? (vs. 3-6a)
4. Why do you think Jesus ignored their initial questioning and instead wrote on the ground? What do you think he might have written? What was their response to him? (See v. 7a)
5. How did Jesus respond and answer their questions? How did everyone around them respond?
6. How did Jesus extend grace to the woman that day? How did he challenge her? Why are both important?
7. Are there individuals or groups of people that you find yourself wanting to condemn because of attitudes or behaviors in their lives that you perceive as wrong? How does today's reading inform how you should view them and respond to them?
8. Pray that God would remove any judgmental or hypocritical spirit in your own heart. Pray for grace and mercy to break in and change the lives of those whom you find easy to judge.



## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries  
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Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)



November 13, 2022

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

## Prelude

**Canon**  
(Composer: Theodore Salome)

## Welcome

## Announcements

Minute for Ministry **Exodus World Service**

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the Day that the Lord has made.  
People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Choral Introit

**Call to Worship**  
(Composer: Dale Grotenhuis)

Opening Hymn **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty** #538

Responsive Reading **Psalm 16 (NLT)**

Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.  
I said to the Lord, "You are my Master!  
Every good thing I have comes from you."

**The godly people in the land are my true heroes!  
I take pleasure in them!**

Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.  
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood  
or even speak the names of their gods.

**Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.  
You guard all that is mine.  
The land you have given me is a pleasant land.  
What a wonderful inheritance!**

I will bless the Lord who guides me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
I know the Lord is always with me.  
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

**No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.  
My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul  
among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.**

You will show me the way of life,  
granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasure  
of living with you forever.

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgiving Lord, you love us, but we have not loved you; you reach out, but we turn the other way. We walk away from our neighbors in need, too concerned with our commitments. Too often, we have participated in the self-righteous crowd that is first to condemn rather than extend grace. Help us, O God, to see ourselves clearly in light of your goodness, mercy, and grace. Enable us to see the log in our eye before the speck of dust in our neighbor's. Help us to repent and sin no more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:  
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response **Glory Be to the Father** #961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

## Passing the Peace

Anthem **Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake**  
(Composer: Richard Farrant)

Scripture Reading **John 8:2-11**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon **Jesus and the Bridge from Religion to Grace**  
*The Walk: Crossing the Bridges Jesus Built*

Musical Offering **An Offering**  
(Composer: Dan Forrest)

Doxology **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn **Before the Throne of God Above** #682

## Benediction

Postlude **Sonata #2: III.Fuga**  
(Composer: Felix Mendelssohn)

## Worship Participants

Sermon  
Announcements

Spencer Lundgaard  
Greg Buell (9:30)  
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Worship Leader  
Liturgist  
Scripture Readers

Luke Stoner (9:30)  
Greg Buell (11:00)  
Carolyn Nyren (9:30)

Prayers of the People

Ron Mantegna (11:00)  
Rich Blue (9:30)

Organist  
Soloist  
Anthem

Bill McDowell (11:00)  
Sharon Peterson (11:00)  
Loren Myers (11:00)  
Village Church Choir (11:00)

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