PARISH OF WEST MORAY - KINLOSS - SUNDAY - 26th JANUARY 2025

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn - MP 31 - Amazing grace

Amazing grace –
 how sweet the sound –
 that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.

2.Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

3.Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4.When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Hymn - MP 473 - My hope is built on nothing less

- My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness no merit of my own I claim but wholly trust in Jesus' name.
 On Christ, the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.
- When weary in this earthly race, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every wild and stormy gale my anchor holds and will not fail.
 On Christ, the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.
- 3. His vow, His covenant and blood are my defence against the flood; when earthly hopes are swept away He will uphold me on that day. On Christ, the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.
- 4. When the last trumpet's voice shall sound, O may I then in Him be found! clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before His throne. On Christ, the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand.

Reading: *Ephesians 2:1-10 -* ¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and

thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hymn - MP 515 - O love that wilt not let me go

 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

 O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
 I cannot close my heart to Thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,
 and feel the promise is not vain
 that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,
 I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
 I lay in dust life's glory dead,
 and from the ground there blossoms red
 life that shall endless be.

Prayer

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn - MP 59 - Blessed assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:

 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God;

 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

 This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Saviour all the day long;
 this is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Saviour all the day long.

2.Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture, burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

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3.Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn - MP 445 - Lord the light of your love shining

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining:

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth You now bring us—
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into Your radiance; by the blood I may enter Your brightness: search me, try me, consume all my darkness — shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light!

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story — shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!

Benediction

Hymn - MP 460 - May God's blessing

May God's blessing surround you each day, as you trust Him and walk in His way. May His presence within guard and keep you from sin, go in peace, go in joy, go in love.