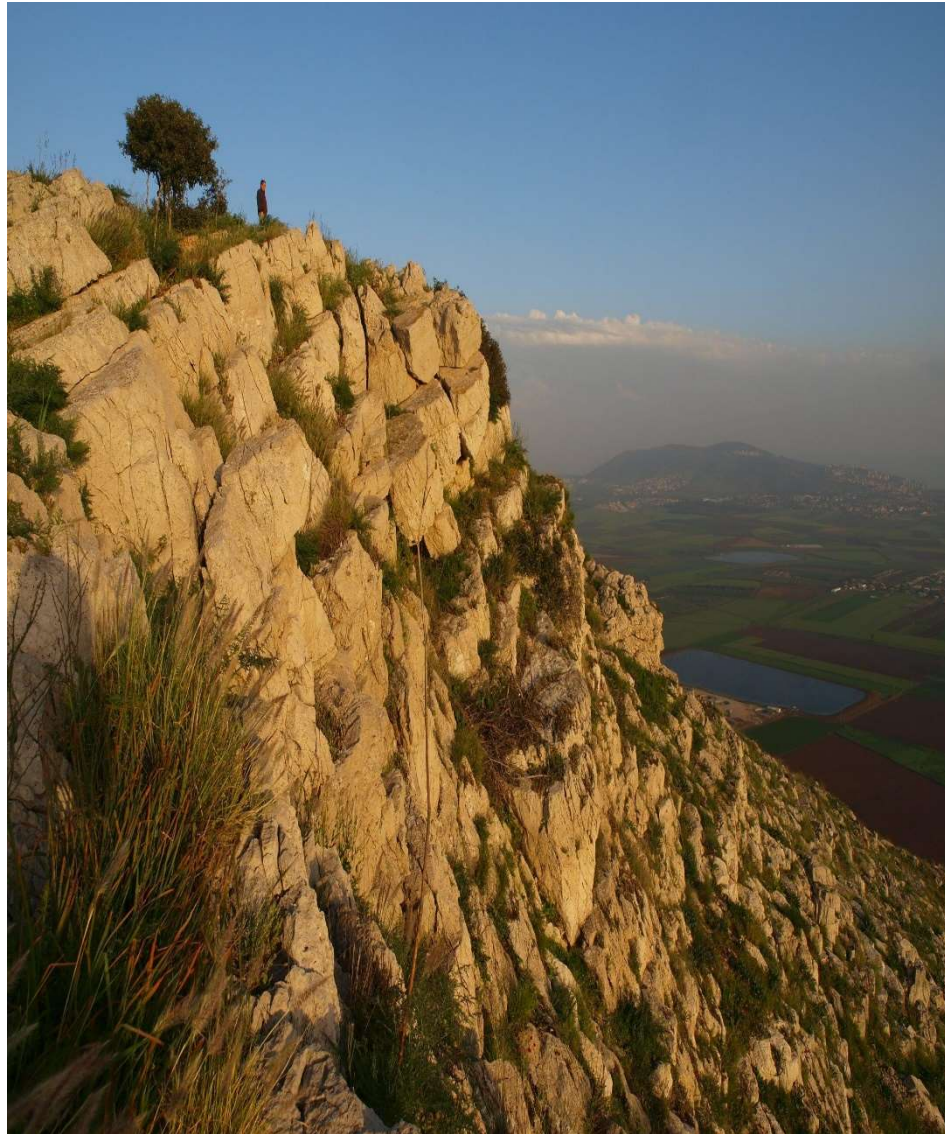


*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*January 23, 2022*



### Thought for Meditation:

That God Almighty should become so little, poor and helpless, all for our sake, while remaining who he eternally is as God, was an act of indescribable majesty and power beyond anything that unaided human reason could grasp. *Hilary, in the 4<sup>th</sup> century*

**Prelude** Hymn Fantasy on "Be Thou My Vision" Kriebel

**Welcome and Announcements** Doug Marshall

**Call To Worship** Psalm 30:11-12 Paul Milz

L: O God, you have turned my mourning into dancing;

**P: You have taken away my sorrow and clothed me with joy.**

L: I will praise you and not be silent.

**P: O Lord our God, we give you thanks.**

L: May Jesus Christ be praised!

\* **Hymn of Praise** When Morning Gilds the Skies #215

### Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our sins. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son... *Silent Prayer of Confession.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness** Exodus 33:19

L: "I am the LORD. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious."

**P: "I will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."**

L: God has been gracious to us and shown us mercy.

**P: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**All: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

### \* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.*

\* **Glory Be To The Father** #813

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.

**Special Music** Children of the Heavenly Father (Forrest) Chancel Choir

<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 4:16-30 (page 892)	
<b>Sermon</b>	Don't Be Too Familiar With Jesus!	
<b>* Hymn of Response</b>	Just a Closer Walk with Thee (we will sing the refrain after each verse)	#564
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	<b>The Apostles' Creed</b> I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		
<b>Call for Tithes and Offerings</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	Gabriel's Oboe	Morricon
<b>* Doxology</b>	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#815
<b>* Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>* Hymn of Dedication</b>	Our Great Savior (v1-4)	#17
<b>* Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>* Congregational Response</b>	Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.	#17
<b>* Postlude</b>	Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda"	Manz

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**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.** Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service. Your hosts will be Dan and Teresa Howard.

**C.S. Lewis – Adult Sunday School Class**

**When: Sundays @ 9:00 AM 1/9, 16, 23, 30**

**Doug Marshall will be leading this four-week class**

**Where: Library**

He was one of the most published authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a professor of medieval literature at Oxford and Cambridge. He was a man who loved drinking beer at the local pub and smoking his pipe, yet was (and still is) an icon of the Evangelical church. He was raised a Presbyterian, became an atheist, and then accepted Christ as an adult. Learn more of his story and how his writing encourages and challenges us to grow in our faith.

**Hot off the Press:** Copies of the new Grace Church directory is in the Narthex. One per household.

**Calling All Owners:** There is a table with several containers and plates in Cana Hall that would love to go home with their owners. We would appreciate if you would claim your containers/plates by Sunday, February 6. If not claimed, we will find them a good home!

**2021 Contribution Report:** Please pick up your contribution report located in the Narthex.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** By the end of the 1840s and the beginning of the 50s Europe was changing. In France, the February revolution riots in Paris in 1848 had spread to other European cities, including Stockholm. In 1850, Sweden sent troops to help Denmark, which combated a rebellion in Schleswig-Holstein in Germany. The conservative ideas of King Karl IV were superseded by strong liberal forces, who wanted to completely change Swedish society. In 1848 Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels published their revolutionary thoughts in *The Communist Manifesto*. Industrialism was replacing agricultural life in Sweden.

In the midst of these revolutionary and turbulent times a small and sick teenager, Lina Sandell, sat in her favorite ash tree in the garden of the vicarage and wrote about the safety of the faithful crowd. Her first version of "**Children of the Heavenly Father**" said nothing about children, only about the faithful crowd of Christians throughout history. The first verse started: 'No one can be safer than the faithful little crowd.' Probably she thought of the martyrs throughout the centuries. Later an editor changed her text and put in the image of children. Thus it became a song about and for children.

Karolina "Lina" Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg (1832-1903) was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor. Many of her 650 hymns were used in the revival services of Carl O. Rosenius, and a number of them gained popularity particularly because of the musical settings written by gospel singer Oskar Ahnfelt. Jenny Lind, the famous Swedish soprano, underwrote the cost of publishing a collection of Ahnfelt's music, which consisted mainly of Berg's hymn texts.

Ernst W. Olson (b. Skane, Sweden, 1870; d. Chicago, IL, 1958) prepared the English translation of "**Children of the Heavenly Father**" for the 1925 Hymnal of the Lutheran Augustana Synod. The four-stanza text is a confession of humble but confident trust in God's providence in the lives of his people. It reflects Lord's Day 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism-- "in life and in death I belong to my faithful Savior."

### This Week's Calendar

Jan. 23	C.S. Lewis Adult SS Class	9:00am
Jan. 24	Session Meeting	7:00pm
Jan. 25	Bible Study	1:00pm
Jan. 25	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Jan. 27	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm

CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, January 24. [secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org](mailto:secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org)

### Looking Ahead

Jan. 30	C.S. Lewis Adult SS Class	9:00am
Feb. 1	Bible Study	1:00pm
Feb. 2	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Feb. 3	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

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