

Order of Worship

10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship, August 13, 2023

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

(Liturgist) See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God

(Congregation) The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

(Liturgist) Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;

(Congregation) but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

- 1 John 3:1-2

Opening Prayer

*Sharing of God's Peace

*Opening Praise: FOG #1 The Beauty of The Earth
FOG #92 The Solid Rock

Confession of Sin: Psalm 32:5

Assurance of Pardon: Belgic Confession Article 24:
The Sanctification of Sinners

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

***Song of Praise:** FOG #631 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

Children's Blessing

Message: "*Stephen's Witness*" (Acts Series)
Acts 6:8-15

Communion

(Liturgist) The Lord be with you

(Congregation) and also with you

(Liturgist) Lift up your hearts

(Congregation) We lift them up to the Lord

(Liturgist) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

(Congregation) It is right for us to give thanks and praise

***Hymn of Application:**

FOG #105 Marvelous Grace

Offering & Offertory

Online Giving available via Zelle (admin@cccei.org) & Venmo (@ccceastislip)
August Special Offering: Steve & Sandra Brauning (Dominican Republic)

***Doxology:** PH #637 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please stand in body or in spirit

Today's Scripture || Acts 6:8-15

8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. 10 But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke. 11 Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God." 12 So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. 13 They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. 14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us." 15 All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel."

Sermon Notes

Announcements

1. **[Happy Sunday!]** Thanks for joining us in worship! If you're visiting, please fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you.
2. **[Communion Sunday]** Please prepare your hearts as we partake in the Lord's Supper together this morning. Special Offering for August is for our partner missionaries to the D.R., Steve & Sandra Brauning.
3. **[Women's Retreat]** Please join us for the 2023 Women's Retreat! The retreat will be held at Camp DeWolfe in Wading River, NY on September 30 from 9am-3pm. It will be a day of spiritual renewal, prayer, worship and fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Our guest speaker this year is Tanya Carson. **Register by August 24** with a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. The cost for the retreat is \$75. Questions? Talk with Faye G. or Elisa M.
4. **[Dates to Remember]**
8/22: Council & Families Fellowship Dinner
8/27: Fellowship Sunday (Celebrating July & August Birthdays)
9/3: Joint Worship with Disciples Making Church & Lunch Fellowship
5. **[Summer Revival]** Our Third Summer Revival will be on August 30th. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Jesus Revolution Movie at 6:30 p.m. & discussion from 8:30-9:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend and be a part of the fellowship!
6. **[DR Missions Trip 2024]** If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please speak with Pastor James.
7. **[Membership Class]** Membership class will be offered in September. If you are interested please email admin@cccei.org



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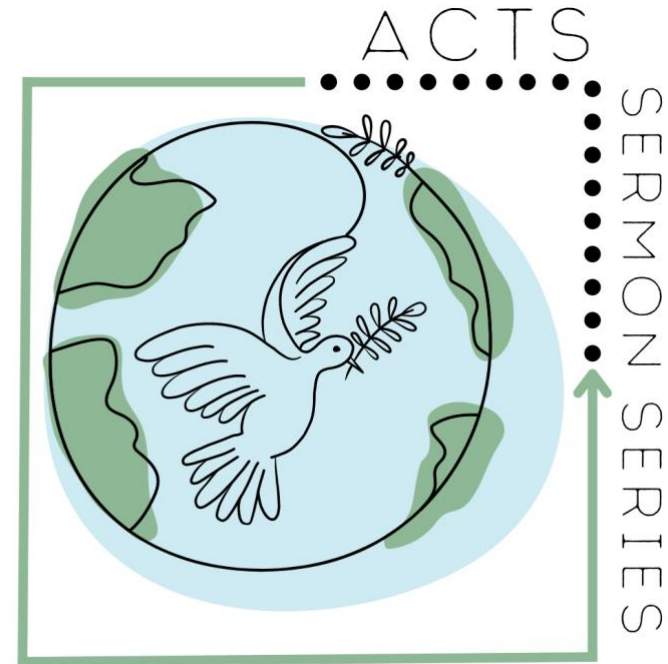
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“Stephen’s Witness”

Acts 6:8-15

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For The Beauty of The Earth

Family of God #1

CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain

**Lord of all, to Thee we raise. This our hymn of grateful
praise.**

Verse 2

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of
light:

Refrain

Verse 3

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child:
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts
and mild:

Refrain

Verse 4

For Thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love:

Refrain

Verse 5

For Thyself, best gift divine, To our race so freely given; For
that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in
heaven:

Refrain

The Solid Rock

Family of God #92

CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and
righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But
wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, All other ground is
sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.**

Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His
unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My
anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

Verse 3

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the
whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He
then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in
Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless
to stand before the throne.

Chorus

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Family of God #631

CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known, Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain

But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.

Verse 2

I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart, Nor how believing in His word wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

Verse 3

I know not how the Spirit moves, Convincing men of sin, revealing Jesus through the word, Creating faith in Him.

Refrain

Verse 4

I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noontide fair, Nor if I walk the vale with Him, Or meet Him in the air.

Refrain

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Psalter Hymnal #637

CCLI #3140875

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. Amen

Marvelous Grace

Family of God #105

CCLI #3140875

Verse 1

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 split.

Refrain

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!

Verse 2

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.

Refrain

Verse 3

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.

Refrain

Verse 4

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?

Refrain