

The Power of Kindness

Augustine speaking to God in *Confessions*:

And so I came to Milan to Ambrose the bishop, known throughout the world as among the best of men, devout in your worship. At that time his eloquence valiantly ministered to your people 'the abundance of sustenance' and 'the gladness of oil' (Ps. 44:8; 80:17; 147:14), and the sober intoxication of your wine. I was led to him by you, unaware that through him, in full awareness, I might be led to you. That 'man of God' (2 Kings 1:9) received me like a father and expressed pleasure at my coming with a kindness most fitting in a bishop. I began to like him, at first indeed not as a teacher of the truth, for I had absolutely no confidence in your

Church, but as a human being who was kind to me... gradually, though I did not realize it, I was drawing closer.

Sinclair Ferguson in *Devoted to God*:

What impressed Augustine about Ambrose? Despite the fact that he was one of the greatest preachers of his century, it was not his rhetorical skills in the pulpit, but the eloquence of his life. It was - although at the time Augustine could not have expressed it this way - his Christlikeness. He 'was kind to me'.

Events

TODAY 7th/8th &
VisionYouth Meetings
7 PM

3/3 Ladies Missionary
Society 9 AM

3/4 College & Career
Lunch 1 PM

3/7 Small Groups 7:15 PM

Give



Upcoming
Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm
919-563-9249 www.grbc.net

Traducción
simultanea
al español
disponible en
servicios
de AM y PM



GRACE
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

February 25, 2018

“I know
the plans I have for you,
plans for a **FUTURE**
and a **HOPE**”

JEREMIAH 29:11

Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Nick Gaines
#374 Jesus Shall Reign

Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

John 2:1-12, page 887

Offertory

When Trials Come

When trials come, no longer fear, for in the pain our God draws near,
to fire a faith worth more than gold; and there His faithfulness is told;
and there His faithfulness is told.

Within the night I know Your peace;
the breath of God brings strength to me.

And, new each morning, mercy flows as treasures of the darkness grow;
as treasures of the darkness grow.

I turn to wisdom not my own, for ev'ry battle You have known.

My confidence will rest in You; Your love endures, Your ways are good;
Your love endures, Your ways are good.

When I am weary with the cost, I see the triumph of the cross;
So in its shadow I shall run 'till He completes the work begun;
'till He completes the work begun.

One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope You called me to.
And in Your Kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old;
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old.

Text and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty © 2005 Thankyou Music
Used by Permission CCLI #1899094

Preparatory

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
there God, the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

(Chorus with "echos")

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore,
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus with "echos")

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(Chorus with "echos") (repeat chorus)

Text: Samuel Stennett Music: Christopher Miner © 1997 Christopher Miner Music Used by Permission CCLI
#1899094

Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Pastor Charles Fortner
You are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak; You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel; Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
(Chorus) Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I bless Your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.
(Chorus)

Words and Music: Dennis Jernigan © 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music Used by Permission CCLI #1899094

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:15-3:24, page 2

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in Thy presence humbly I bow,
as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power – all power – surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!
Christ only always, living in me! Amen

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902 Music: Katie Malone Redfern, 2002 Used by Permission

Preparatory

#667 To God Be the Glory

Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston