

October 14 & 15, 2017

“Grace and Gratitude”

Luke 17:11-19

Message by Steve Fowler
Worship led by Natalie Folkert

Music:

Jesus Paid It All	Come Thou Fount	Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)
Great Are You Lord	This is Amazing Grace	Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)

Ridiculous grace

Is personal.

is collectivistic.

Sees the unwanted.

Is thoughtful.

Is generous.

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He’s the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son. – Ephesians 1:3-7 The Message

Ridiculous grace

Will offend my sense of superiority.

Will disturb me and prompt me to dictate to God how and to whom grace should be dispensed.

Will expose me.

Will offend my belief that being fair is more important than being generous.

Rejoice with those who rejoice.

Am I denying grace to anyone because I don’t think they deserve it?

Commit a ridiculous act of grace.