

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 29, 2018, 9:00am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements *George Kalemkarian*

Gathering

Call to Worship *Chorus Team*

*Choruses

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Chorus of Thanks

*Passing of the Peace

Christ in Action *Cheryl Lehmann*

*Doxology

**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.**

The Word

*Old Testament Reading: Numbers 14:5-9

The Gathering of Tithes & Offerings & Musical Offering
Men's Chorus *"We Bless Your Name"*

Cymbala/Hammerly

Congregational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

*New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-13

Sermon **"My Grace IS Sufficient for You"**
Elder Jack Wheeler

Sending

*Hymn #87 *"My Grace IS Sufficient for You"* Showalter

*Blessing

*Postlude

*If you are able, please stand

Sermon Outline: **"My Grace Is Sufficient for You"** - 2 Corinthians 12:1-13

I. Introduction

A. Muslim visions

B. Two remarkable stories

1. Paul's visit to Paradise

2. His "thorn in the flesh"

C. Paul contends with false teachers by contrasting his resume with theirs

II. Paul's vision of Paradise

A. Received many visions from God during his ministry

B. "Man in Christ" is Paul

C. Didn't share his experience for 14 years

1. "Nothing to be gained"

2. Only writes of what he heard

3. God wouldn't allow him to speak of it

4. Actions and words, not visions, best define one's character

D. Is "forced" to share it by the situation in the Corinthian church

1. Third Heaven is where God is

2. Did Paul actually die and come back?

3. Experience encouraged him to "finish the race"

III. Thorn in the flesh & suffering

A. Thoughts:

1. Result of his revelations

2. A substantial infirmity

3. Never identified; God is sufficient

4. From Satan to "torment" Paul

5. Divinely ordained & purposed

6. Prays for God to remove it

7. God says, "No."

8. Keeps Paul humble

9. God's grace is sufficient & leads to spiritual maturity

10. "His power is perfected in weakness."

11. Praises God & "boasts" in his weakness

12. Basis for rejoicing in his afflictions

B. God's grace not only sustains us in our suffering, it draws us closer to God.

1. Moody: "The only way to keep a broken vessel full is to keep it always under the tap."

2. What is your "thorn in the flesh"?

3. V. 9-10 – the "summit" of Paul's letters to the Corinthians

4. "My grace is sufficient for you..." – an everlasting present tense

5. Joshua and Caleb trusted in God's sufficiency, will YOU?

VISION

To know Christ and to make Him known

MISSION

Worship, Grow, Love, Reach

First United Presbyterian Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will develop disciples who worship God, grow spiritually, care for the congregation, and reach out to the world.

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2 Corinthians
when I am weak, I am strong