



# Jazz vespers moment

First Christian Church – Bloomington  
September 11, 2020 6:30 pm

September Series of Jazz Meditations on the Theme: Trust  
Trust in Grace

Elena Escudero, singer and piano  
Linda Abe, reader  
Stefan Lenthe, jazz piano  
Sam Taylor, saxophone

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Gathering In Your Compassion Elena Escudero

In your compassion you grant us forgiveness.  
We trust in your patience and grace.

Words: Linda Abe, 2020 Music: Elena Escudero, 2020

Greeting and Scripture Elena Escudero

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- I Peter 4:10

Instrumental Jazz Moment Stefan Lenthe and Sam Taylor

Reading

Lucky Streak

Angela Herrera

Who cast a spell over my world?  
Who opened the doors,  
stirred the crowd of possibilities,  
put gold dust in my dreams  
causing my life to turn?

O Fate, O Love, O Spirit, O God:  
is it true  
that all good things must end?

Or have you set me on a path of meaning  
Not luck  
Of clarity  
Not magic

And this grace  
that brought me to the mountaintop  
is also assigned to carry me through dark forests of  
loss,  
the ones that await us all,  
that disturb our peaceful sleep.

The same grace that guides the seasons:  
cracking the ice,  
pushing up saplings,  
scattering the earth with their first dramatic leaves.

Jazz Meditation

Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous    Tune: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Dismissal

Linda Abe

Closing Sung Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Elena Escudero

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