

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Thank you, Sarah Wanck

Grace Goes Before Us

Psalm 84:11; Isaiah 65:1; 66:13; Jeremiah 31:3; Matthew 25:34; Luke 19:10;
John 1:9; Acts 17:26-28; Romans 5:6-8, 20-21; 9: 11:36;
Ephesians 1:3-12; 3:14-21; Titus 2:11; 2 Peter 3:9

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Unison G⁷_{sus} C_m F_m A^b6 G_m E^b6 E^b C_m A^b6 A^b F_m G_m7

1. O Time-less God, Your burn - ing love Has al - ways gone be -
 2. For - ev - er call - ing, "Here I am!", You work to draw us
 3. Lord, e - ven now and thro' all time, Your good - ness goes be -

C_m C_m/_G C_m G⁷_{sus} C_m F_m A^b6 G_m E^b6 E^b

fore. No mat - ter how our sin in - creased, Your
 in, To lure each one to sim - ple faith Where
 fore. You long to share Your - self, Your all For -

C_m E^b/_G F_m7 B^b7_{sus} B^b7_{sus}/_F B^b E^b/_G A^b A^b/_C E^b

grace a - bound - ed more. Be - fore our birth, Your
 bless - ings all be - gin. With bound - less heart and
 ev - er, more and more. Our ev - 'ry hope and

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Bb7 Eb Eb/G Ab Ab/Bb Ab/C Ab/D Eb Eb/G Fm Ab Fm D G7 G7sus

wis - dom planned, Your eag - er heart pre - pared To
 ten - der touch, With all love's sub - tle art, You
 deep de - sire, The joy we all pur - sue, Are

Cm Fm Ab6 Gm Eb6 Eb Cm Ab6 Ab Fm/Bb Fm7/B Eb Eb/Bb Eb

call and give and groan and die To leave no good un - shared.
 ev - er - more con - spire to save And fill each mind and heart.
 rich and full be - yond our dreams, All - lov - ing God, in You!

TOPICS: God's Love; Prevenient Grace; Tunes, Folk

LEAD-IN: *I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore I have drawn you with kindness.*
(Jeremiah 31:3, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Grace Goes Before Us

Eternal God,
timeless God,
Your grace always goes ahead of us,
planning and preparing for our salvation.
You always take the first step.
We decide whether to
trust You or
reject You.
But You do everything You can to
invite us and
draw us in.
You are there,
watching,
listening,
eager to nurture the tiniest flicker of response.
You are
“always,
everywhere,
calling everyone to Yourself” (Paul Bassett).

Before we had any interest in You,
before we were even born,
before the foundation of the world,
You were already working to draw us to Yourself.
You broke down every barrier
between You and us.
You chose that all who repented and trusted You
would be saved.
You called us.
And as we responded, You
forgave us,
cleansed us,
adopted us, and
“blessed us with every spiritual blessing...in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3, NASB).
Before we were even aware of You,
You were moving heaven and earth
to bring us near.

And even now,
and through all time,
Your unmerited grace is going before us,
longing to share Your life,
Your joy,
Yourself,
completely,
constantly, and
forever.