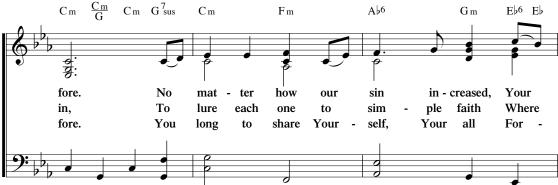
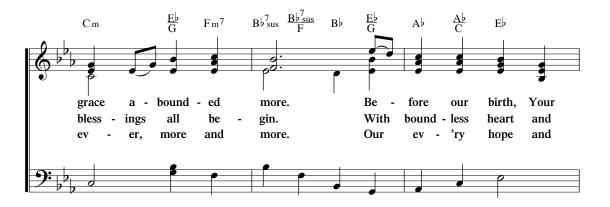
Thank you, Sarah Wanck

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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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,

completely,

and through all time,

Your unmerited grace is going before us,

longing to share Your life,

Your joy,

Yourself,

constantly, and

forever.