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# GLORIFY GOD BY BEING GROUNDED IN CHRIST, GROWING IN GRACE, GATHERED IN COMMUNITY, AND GUIDING OTHERS TO THE GOSPEL

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## **Welcome -**

We are so glad you are here, whether in person or online! If you have any questions about Grace, please do not hesitate to ask. Connection Cards are placed on the back of seats and on our web site to help us get to know you better and to answer any questions you might have.

## **Audio Assisted Listening -**

Download the ListenWiFi App from either Apple or the Google app store and use the log in "Grace\_AudioWiFi". Please ask a greeter or usher if you need an assisted listening device.

## **For Children -**

**Activity Bags & Children's Church:** There are activity bags in the Narthex to help our young worshipers follow along. Also, Children's Church is available during the worship service for kids age 3—1st grade. The worship leader will dismiss them at the appropriate time.

**Nursery:** Nursery is available throughout the worship time for children, birth through three years old, in the back of the building in room 114.

## **Extra Help for Parents -**

Should you need to step out with your child, there is a nursing mothers room in the back of the building to the left. Audio of the service is available in the Narthex.

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## **Meditation**

*"The true and genuine love that Christ taught and demonstrated seeks no advantage of its own...while there is indeed a reward for love, one who loves perfectly loves without the intention of that reward."*

- Peter Abelard, Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

- 1 John 4:18

## **Welcome**

Please silence your cell phones. Take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and place it in the offering box as you exit the sanctuary.

Worship Leader: Tom Dell, Elder

## Prayer of Invocation

### Call to Worship<sup>†</sup>

Psalm 145:1-3, 8-9

Leader: *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*

**Congregation:** *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

### Congregational Song of Praise<sup>†</sup>

#### *How Great (Psalm 145)*

I'll bless Your name, O God, each day that I awake, From dawn to setting sun;  
Your greatness I'll proclaim, Your glory far exceeds all human thought, So, with  
each breath I'll bless Your name O God.

Your name will be revered by children yet to come, As generations sing of wonders  
You have done; Your strong and mighty deeds are always near, O, God, Most High,  
Your name will be revered.

#### **Chorus:**

***How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! How great is the Lord our God!  
How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! (And greatly to be praised)***

Your gracious hand provides, For all who live and breathe; Your mercy runs to find  
the helpless and the weak, When we call out to You, You hear our cries, And all  
our needs Your gracious hand provides. **[Chorus]**

Forever without end creation will rejoice, When works of wicked men You finally  
destroy; Your power we'll proclaim till Christ descends, And You will reign forever  
without end. **[Chorus]**

## **Creator**

Praise Him all you creatures great and small, Praise Him summer winter spring and fall; Howling wind, rushing streams, Rolling hills, and crashing seas, Lift your voice and worship your Creator.

Praise Him gleaming moon and burning sun, Praise Him all you spinning spheres above; Shining stars, golden beams, Choir made of galaxies, Lift your voice and worship your Creator.

### **Chorus:**

***Holy, You are holy, Earth and heaven, Sing forever;  
Holy, You are holy, All creation, Praise Creator.***

Praise Him who stepped into what He made, Paid our debt and pulled us from the grave; Every heart He set free, Every soul that's been redeemed, Lift your voice and worship your Creator. **[Chorus]**

This my great and everlasting hope, I've been saved and heaven is my home I can't wait for that day, When I see You face to face; For I was made to magnify my Maker, Yes, I was made to worship my Creator. **[Chorus]**

### **Prayer of Adoration<sup>†</sup>**

#### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Revelation 3:15-17**

*I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing," not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.*

## Corporate Confession

**All: O Lord God our King, You are a mighty God, glorious in your splendor and radiant in your holiness. When we look upon your holiness, we are struck to the heart with our sinfulness. Father, forgive us of the many ways in which we have sinned, transgressed your law, broken your covenant, and squandered your abundant mercies for earthly treasures that bring us no hope or healing. Turn our wayward hearts to your Son, who took upon flesh and entered this world for our sake, to vanquish sin, death and the devil. And Holy Spirit, work in us a desire to bludgeon sin, to grow in holiness and to long for glory. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of God's Pardon

**Romans 5:5**

*Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

### Song Of Assurance<sup>†</sup>

#### *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him;  
Yet I look for worldly treasure, And forsake the King of kings.

#### **Chorus:**

***But mine is hope in my Redeemer, Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore.***

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel, Where I see no earthly good.

**Chorus:**

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven, And the strength in times of need;  
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me.**

Mine are days here as a stranger, Pilgrim on a narrow way;  
One with Christ I will encounter, Harm and hatred for His name.

**Chorus:**

**But mine is armour for this battle, Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver, Safely to the golden shore.**

**Chorus:**

**And mine are keys to Zion city, Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Bridge:**

**Come rejoice now O my soul, For His love is my reward;  
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Chorus:**

**And mine are keys to Zion city, Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure, Christ is mine forevermore.**

**Greeting<sup>†</sup>**

**Children's Church**

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings**

*You may give your offering by using the "give" button online at [www.gracepca.net](http://www.gracepca.net) or those worshipping in person may give their gift in the offering box by the sanctuary exit to the Narthex.*

## **Offertory**

### ***Ancient Words***

Holy words long preserved, For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life words of hope, Give us strength help us cope;  
In this world where'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home.

### **Chorus:**

***Ancient words ever true, Changing me changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.***

Holy words of our faith, Handed down to this age;  
Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.

### **Chorus**

## Sermon

### *The Love of God and the Love of Neighbor*

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Dr. Dan Doriani

## The Lord's Supper

*You will be dismissed by row in which you will walk to the front, pick up your cup/wafer, and take it back to your seat. Please hold on to your cup where you can dispose of it in the trash receptacles as you exit the sanctuary. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us.*

*Children should take the Communicant's Class and meet with the Elders before taking the Lord's Supper.*

### *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of  
spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Saviour, Lord of all the nations, Son of God and Son of Man;  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine.

## **Song of Response<sup>†</sup>**

### ***Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me***

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give;  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love my deep and  
boundless peace. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to  
his; Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine, Yet not I but through Christ in  
me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Saviour he will stay;  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need his power is displayed. To this  
I hold my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley he will lead; Oh the  
night has been won and I shall overcome, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure the price it has been paid;  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And he was raised to overthrow the  
grave. To this I hold my sin has been defeated; Jesus, now and ever is my plea, Oh  
the chains are released, I can sing I am free, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me  
home; And day by day, I know he will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the  
throne. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to him; When  
the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

## **Benediction<sup>†</sup>**

*If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,<sup>[a]</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

#### OUR GUEST PREACHER

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Daniel Doriani is Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Covenant Seminary. He earned his MDiv and PhD at Westminster Seminary and a Masters at Yale University where he was also a research fellow in 1981 and 1995. After finishing his PhD, Dr. Doriani pastored a small church for four years and taught theology at a college level for five years before becoming a professor of New Testament at Covenant Seminary in 1991. He taught from 1991 to 2003 and from 2013 until the present, serving as Academic Dean and/or Vice President for sixteen of those years while teaching full-time. From 2003 to 2013 he pastored a large urban church, and from 2023 to 2025 he served as Interim Pastor at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, the founding church of the PCA. He has served as interim pastor on eight other occasions.

Dr. Doriani joined the executive board of The Gospel Coalition in 2022. He frequently speaks at conferences and has authored or co-authored twenty books. Two facilitate interpretation and application of Scripture, *Getting the Message and Putting the Truth to Work*. Seven are New Testament commentaries. Others explore biblical ethics, gender roles, biblical manhood, and work. His book *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation* led him to establish the Center for Faith and Work in St. Louis in 2019. Its podcast, "Working, with Dan Doriani," interviews people who change their corner of the world through their work. He hopes to complete a commentary on 1 Corinthians and a book for fathers in 2025.

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

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1. Why is love more essential than skills, abilities, or experience?
2. How does Jesus embody the traits of love described in 1 Corinthians 13:1-7?
3. Review Luke 5-8 and ask “How does Jesus show his love for people in these passages?”
4. Re-read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Name two or three of the traits or actions of love that you would like to pursue in 2026.

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