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

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. 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.

Grace is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Meditation

“In the new creation, God's presence will not be limited to a physical structure of a temple where people are kept outside; but the people themselves will be the city and the temple, as well as priests dwelling in the midst of God's and Christ's presence.”

- Gregory Beale

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

- Galatians 6:14-16

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[†]

Isaiah 25:1, 7-8

Leader: *O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.*

Congregational Song of Praise[†]

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah. Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Open Thou the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs and praises, songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Chorus:

***Come and behold Him, The One and the Only, Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God, Come and worship the Holy God.***

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.

Chorus

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God, Only my
Holy God.

Chorus

Prayer of Adoration[†]

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 7:1, 8-10

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Corporate Confession

All: God Almighty, Forgive us for our many sins. We have strayed from your way, disobeying your Law, failing to heed your Word. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. By looking to your Son and living by your Spirit, give us the courage to repent in a godly manner. In Jesus name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared

Song of Assurance[†]

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

***He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.***

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast; Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last.

Chorus

Greeting[†]

Children's Church

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

You may give your offering by using the "give" button online at www.gracepca.net or those worshipping in person may give their gift in the offering box by the sanctuary exit to the Narthex.

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise! Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it; Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me, Thou has brought me to this place; And I know Thy hand will brin gme safely home by Thy good grace; Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God. He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning I shall see thy lovely face; Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace; Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Bring Thy promises to pass; For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last.

Sermon

"New Creation in Christ"

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Sam Payne, Dir. of Youth Ministry/Pastoral Intern

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.

Abide with Me

Abide with me; Fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, Abide with me.

Thou on my head, In early youth didst smile; And, though rebellious, And perverse
meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee, on to the close Lord,
Abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine,
Abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, tears lose their
bitterness; Where is thy sting, death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still,
Abide with me.

Song of Response[†]

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word; What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, And cause thee to stand, Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials, thy pathway shall lie, My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply; The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Benediction[†]

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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