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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: Children's Church is available during the worship service for kids age 3—1st grade every Sunday but the last Sunday of the month. The worship leader will dismiss them at the appropriate time. "Family Sunday" is reserved for the last Sunday so that all of us can worship together. There are also activity bags in the Narthex to help our young worshipers follow along.

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

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

- Romans 3:23-25

Prelude

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: Garry Kiphart, Elder

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship[†]

from 1 John 4:8-12

Leader: *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Congregation: *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.*

Leader: *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

Congregation: *Beloved, if God so love us, we also ought to love one another.*

All: *No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

Congregational Songs of Praise[†]

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]**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder; Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed.

Chorus:

***Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art,
How great Thou art; Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.***

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart; Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Chorus

Prayer of Adoration[†]

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:15-16

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Corporate Confession

All: Merciful Father, we confess that we struggle with sin and often fail to know You as we should. Our hearts wander, and we turn to our own ways, following rules of our own making instead of embracing the commandments of Christ. Forgive us for loving our own understanding more than Your truth, and for failing to walk as Jesus walked. Renew us by Your Spirit, that we may know You deeper, obey Your word, and find hope in Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Romans 8:34

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-more than that, who was raised-who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Song of Assurance[†]

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

***This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.***

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above, Echoes of goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and
waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

Presentation of New Members

*Brandon & Chelsie Creps
(Astrid, Nolan)*

Baptism

Astrid Frances Creps, Nolan Jefferson Creps

Jesus Loves Me

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

All Things New Again

For behold, he will create a new heavens and new earth, He will drive away our sorrow and our pain, And this momentary grief, though heavy as it seems, Will be crushed by glory's great eternal weight.

Chorus:

***He will make all things new again, He will keep all his promises,
He will love all who come to him, He will make all things new again.***

For behold, the sun will rise over wastelands dead and dry, In its place shall spring a river full of life, Every wrong will be undone, every thirsty soul shall come, And drink from living water without price. **[Chorus]**

For behold, the holy mountain where the wolf and lamb shall graze, Where we lay our heads and finally find our home, Where the songs we sang in shadows will be sung to God's own face, Where his smile will be the thing we treasure most, Where his smile will be the thing we treasure most. **[Chorus]**

Sermon

“Jesus, Our Righteous Advocate”

1 John 2:1-6

Rev. Jeff Kuebler

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.

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

Chorus:

***I need Thee, O I need Thee, Every hour I need Thee; O bless me now my Savior,
I come to Thee.***

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou near by; Temptations lose their pow’r when Thou art nigh.

Chorus

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One; O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

Chorus

Song of Response[†]

The Lord Almighty Reigns (Psalm 93)

Behold Him robed in majesty, Crowned with strength and glory, Holy is our King;
Behold Him though the waters rage, Breakers bow before Him tides rush to obey.

Chorus 1:

He reigns when oceans roar, He reigns above the storm, Enthroned on high the Lord Almighty reigns.

Behold Him stronger than the seas, God from everlasting, Just in His decrees;
Behold Him worthy of our trust, Faithful to His promise ever here with us.

Chorus 2:

He reigns when oceans roar, He reigns above the storm, Enthroned on high the Lord Almighty reigns; He reigns amidst the flood, He reigns with grace and love, Enthroned on high the Lord Almighty reigns.

Bridge:

**Wind and waves are stilled in reverence, Thunder trembles in Your presence,
You will hold us in the tempest. You will not be moved You will not be moved,
You will not be moved You will not be moved.**

Chorus 2

Benediction[†]

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. ³And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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