

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 28, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “The promises attached to the Beatitudes are theological. In the first and last, the poor in spirit and the persecuted hear that 'theirs is the kingdom.' That is, they already have a place in God’s universal reign. The second to seventh beatitudes offer future blessing. Each has the form “Blessed are ___, for they shall....” *Dan Doriani*

Prelude

Welcome

—————WORSHIP IN PRAISE—————

Silent Preparation

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Call to Worship.....from Psalm 33

Minister: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Minister: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hymn of Adoration.....*Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)*



1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
 2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! All the saints a-dore thee,
 3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y!



Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast-ing down their gold-en crowns a-round the glass-y sea;
 though the eye of sin-ful man thy glo-ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!
 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim fall-ing down be-fore thee,
 on-ly thou art ho-ly; there is none be-side thee
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!



God in three Per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev-er-more shalt be.
 per-fect in pow'r, in love and pur-i-ty.
 God in three Per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!

“Holy, Holy, Holy” by Reginald Heber (1783-1826) is unique in many regards. Indeed, it spans many Christian traditions and centuries, unifying them in four timeless stanzas. Not only that, but Heber was an Anglican bishop whose ministry spanned continents and races, placing him as one of the heroes of the Christian faith. Perhaps the most intriguing characteristic of the hymn is how the text does not initiate praise, but instead encourages the singer to join in an endless song. Both Isaiah 6:1-5 and Revelation 4:2-11 inspire this hymn, spanning the Testaments, reminding us that the Trisagion (thrice holy) has been uttered in worship for centuries. Isaiah received his vision in the eighth century B.C.; John the Apostle recorded his revelation in the first century C.E.; while Reginald Heber composed his hymn in 1826, in the nineteenth century. Congregations continue to be inspired by Heber’s text in the twenty-first century. It is safe to say that songs of praise, begun by the seraphim and cherubim, have been echoing throughout the millennia through the voice of the people.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*I Need Thee Every Hour* (#674)



1.I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2.I need thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near - by;
3.I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
4.I need thee ev - 'ry hour; teach me thy will,
5.I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly One;



no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

REFRAIN



I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;



O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

—————WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—————

Call to Confession.....*Psalm 41:4*

O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Psalm 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in
whose spirit there is no deceit.

Hymn of Response.....*Lift High the Name of Jesus*



1.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our
 2.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our
 3.Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our



King. Make known the pow - er of his grace, the beau - ty of his
 Lord. His pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this
 Light. No oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to



peace. Re - mem - ber how his mer - cy reached and
 world. To share the rea - son for our hope, to
 life. He o - pens up our eyes to see the



we cried out to him. He lift - ed us to
 serve with love and grace, that all who see him
 har - vest he has grown. We la - bor in his



sol - id ground, to free - dom from our sin.
 shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.
 fields of grace as he leads sin - ners home.



O sing my soul and tell all he's



done 'til the earth and heav - ens are filled with his glo - ry.

Elder: What does your conclusion to this prayer mean?

People: **“For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever” means: We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.**

—————**WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE**—————

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 32:1-11
pp 462-463

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 5:1-12
pp 809-810

Reader: This is the Word of God.
People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

We offer an optional **Children’s Lesson** for children 4 years old through 1st grade. If you choose to have your children participate, you may dismiss them for CL as we sing the hymn of response. Please know we welcome and encourage your children to remain with you during the sermon. However, in the CL they will be hearing from the same text that the sermon is based upon, so you may discuss the message as a family after church if you wish to do so.

Hymn of Response.....Brethren, We Have Met to Worship



1. Bre-thren, we have met to wor - ship and a - dore the
2. Let us love our God su - preme - ly, let us love each
Lord our God; will you pray with all your po - wer
oth - er too; let us love and pray for sin - ners
while we try to preach the Word? All is vain un - less the Spir - it
till our God makes all things new. Then he'll call us home to heaven,
of the Ho - ly One comes down; Bre - thren, pray, and
at his ta - ble we'll sit down; Christ will gird him -
ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

The Upside-Down World of Discipleship

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin

“The redeemed have all their objective good in God. God himself is the great good which they are brought to the possession and enjoyment of by redemption. He is the highest good, and the sum of all that good which Christ has purchased. God is the inheritance of the saints; he is the portion of their souls. God is their wealth and treasure, their food, their life, their dwelling place, their ornament and diadem, and their everlasting honor and glory. They have none in heaven but God; he is the great good which the redeemed are received to at death, and which they are to rise to at the end of the world.”

Jonathan Edwards

Communion Hymns

Just As I Am (#501) – Charlotte Elliot/William Bradbury

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee whose blood can cleanse each
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

My Redeemer's Love – Joel Sczebel/Jordan Kauflin/Mark Altrogge

1. My Redeemer's love is deeper
Than the depths of sin and hell.
He who was enthroned in glory
Came to bring us to Himself.
My Redeemer's love is wider
Than the breach my sins had made.
He reached down into my darkness.
He alone has pow'r to save.

*Chorus: Deeper than the rolling seas,
Higher than the mountain peaks,
Your love is all I need.
Stronger than the rushing wind,
Shattering the power of sin,
Your love is all I need.*

2. My Redeemer's love is stronger
Than my fiercest enemies.
He will hold me in the tempest.
Through the flood He carries me.
My Redeemer's love will lead me
Through the deepest valley here.
He will shepherd me and guide me.
He will ever keep me near. *Chorus*

3. My Redeemer's love grows sweeter
As eternity draws near
I'll enjoy His love forever
At His throne for endless years
My Redeemer's love will fill me
On the day I see His face
I will love Him back forever
And forever sing His praise. *Chorus*

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (#701) – Fanny Crosby/A.L. Butler

1. Redeemed--how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

*Chorus: Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, through his infinite mercy
His child, and forever, I am.*

2. Redeemed and so happy in Jesus,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell. *Chorus*

3. I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent;
His love is the theme of my song. *Refrain*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

(Please consider filling out your prayer request **now** and dropping it in the offering plate.)

Offertory.....*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

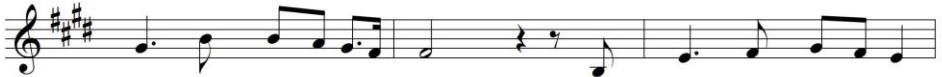
*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Closing Hymn.....*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*



1. On Jor-dan's storm - y banks I stand, and
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, shines
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - 'nous breath can
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place and



cast a wish - ful eye to Can-aan's fair and
one e - ter - nal day. There God, the Son, for -
reach that health - ful shore. Sick-ness, sor - row,
be for - ev - er blessed? When shall I see my



hap - py land, where my pos - sess - ions lie.
ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.
pain, and death are felt and feared no more.
Fa - ther's face, and in His bos - om rest?

CHORUS



I am bound, (echo) I am bound, (echo) I am



bound for the Prom-ised Land. I am bound, (echo) I am



bound, (echo) I am bound for the Prom-ised Land.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 5:13-16

Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,787

February 4: Financial State of the Church meeting at 9:30am during Sunday school hour in Westminster Hall.

Upcoming Events

General:

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** February 4 after worship
Henry Flock: Set-up and/or clean-up
Please bring the following:
ALL: main dish
By Last Name:
A-J: salad
K-O: side
P-Z: dessert
Missions Spotlight: Mario and Keila, church planting missionaries, Isaiah 55 Ministries
- **Greeter Team:** We need Greeters! If you have any interest in joining our team of faithful volunteers who are there every Sunday to hand out bulletins and greet existing GCPC attendees AND first time visitors, please let us know. It is a simple but important job which requires minimal time (15-20 minutes) and only requires you to participate about one Sunday per month. If you have any interest in becoming part of our team, please see John Rohde before or after service, or contact him at john.rohde63@gmail.com for more information.

- **Griefshare:** We're having our next Griefshare group here at GCPC beginning February 4th. We'll meet in the Calvin classroom from 5:00-7:00PM. These 13-week group sessions are designed to help you walk through your grief process and heal from the pain of the loss of a loved one. If this is something you sense you need in your life, please consider joining us. Or if you know of someone who has recently lost a loved one and is needing help in their grief recovery, please invite them to attend. For questions or more information, please contact Brian or Anne Nelson. To sign up for the group, please go to Griefshare.org, select "Find a Group" to locate the group under our church name, and register.

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **Youth Group Study:** We offer a study for our middle and high school students on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except the month of June) from 7:00-8:30pm here at the church. We enjoy fellowship, time in Scripture, and discuss select chapters from books pertaining to the particular Christian-living topics we are discussing that year.
- **Discipleship Groups:** We have intentional discipleship groups for both our middle and high school students. These groups typically meet the 2nd Wednesdays of each month. Please reach out to Andrew Sarnicki (andrewgcpcfw@gmail.com), if you're interested in having your student be a part of one of these groups.

Guys of Grace (GoG):

- **GoG Fellowship Nights:** These bi-monthly fellowship nights are meant as an informal time for our guys to get together and discuss/do the things that interest them—theological discussion, sports, fire pit, pipe smoking, etc. These events are BYOB (Beef,

Brew), and we will have the grills running. Our next fellowship night will be **Friday, February 9th at 6:00pm** at the church.

- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact Sean Henry for more information: seanph10@yahoo.com.
- **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:15am every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Ladies of Grace (LoG):

- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am and 3:30pm on the second Sunday of every month. Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.
- **Ladies Winter Bible Study:** 1 Peter, 2 Peter and Jude by Sarah Ivill. This week we will discuss Lesson 4: Called to Righteousness and Reconciliation.

Two different groups will be meeting during the week:

Tuesday: 9:30-11:00am, in person

Thursday: 7:00-8:30pm ZOOM

Contact Jen Smith for more information: jenswope@hotmail.com or 817-627-7655.

- **Questions?** LoG news and events are communicated via email, Remind, and our LoG Facebook page. If you aren't receiving updates, please contact Melissa Brown: 817-899-0369.

Missions of Grace (MoG)

- **January Spotlight:** RUF ministers Justin Smith (UNT) & Shaynor Newsome (UTA)
Most RUF ministers lead a large group meeting each week with singing and preaching. They organize small group Bible studies

and other evangelistic or apologetic meetings to gather interested students. They pastor and counsel Christian students, our covenant children included. Pray that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit to reach many seekers for Christ. Pray for their families who live an unusual and demanding lifestyle and welcome many young people into their home.

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