

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 31, 2024

10:30am

**Reflection:** “Believers do not pray, with the view of informing God about things unknown to him, or of exciting him to do his duty, or of urging him as though he were reluctant. On the contrary, they pray, in order that they may arouse themselves to seek him, that they may exercise their faith in meditating on his promises.”

*John Calvin*

### 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 118

**Minister:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing, it is marvelous in our eyes.

**Minister:** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People:** You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

## Hymn of Adoration.....Christ the Lord is Risen Today (#277)



- 1."Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
- 2.Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
- 3.Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
- 4.Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
- 5.Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Al - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 thee we greet tri - um - phant now; Al - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'ns and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

For many in the English-speaking world, Easter Day is inextricably associated with singing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" by Charles Wesley (1707–1788). Of the original eleven stanzas published under the title "Hymn for Easter Day" in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1739), most hymnals use only four, or sometimes as many as seven. This hymn is a *tour de force* of exuberant, expressive, and ecstatic language on the Resurrection...Wesley will not allow us to relegate the Resurrection to a mere historical recollection. Rather, it is a seismic occurrence at one time for all times.

## Prayer of Adoration

**Hymn of Preparation.....***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (#254)*

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior  
2. Was it for crimes that I had  
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness  
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing  
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re -  
bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! Would  
done he groaned up - on the tree! A -  
hide, and shut his glo - ries in, when  
face while his dear cross ap - pears; dis -  
pay the debt of love I owe; here,  
he de - vote that sa - cred head for  
maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And  
Christ, the might - y Ma - ker, died for  
solve my heart - in thank - ful - ness, and  
Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis  
such a worm as I!  
love be - yond de - gree!  
man the crea - ture's sin.  
melt mine eyes in tears.  
all that I can do.

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

**Call to Confession.....**Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....**1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

# Hymn of Response.....*In Christ Alone*



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid  
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right-eous-  
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com-for - ter, my all in  
 God was sa - tis - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on Him was  
 lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is  
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

**Confession of Faith.....***The Apostles' Creed*  
Ruling Elder, Andrew Caudal

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*holy catholic church means the whole Christian church*

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

**The First Reading of God’s Word.....**Psalm 130  
*p 461*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word.....**Matthew 6:5-15  
*p 811*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.....***May the Mind of Christ My Savior (#644)*



1. May the mind of Christ my Sav-ior live in me from day to day,  
2. May the Word of God dwell rich-ly in my heart from hour to hour,



by his love and pow'r con-trol-ling all I do and say.  
so that all may see I tri-umph on-ly through his pow'r.

**Hearing from God's Word.....***Matthew 6:5-15*

Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Communing with Our Father*

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin.

**“Let us ever remember that Christ on the cross is of no value to us, apart from the Holy Spirit in us. In vain that blood is flowing, unless the finger of the Spirit applies the blood to our conscience; in vain is that garment of righteousness wrought out, unless the Holy Spirit wraps it around us and arrays us in its costly folds. The river of the water of life cannot quench our thirst, till the Spirit presents the goblet and lifts it to our lips. All the things which are in the paradise of God could never be blissful to us, so long as we are dead souls — and dead we are, until that heavenly wind comes and breathes upon us, that we may live. We do not hesitate to say that we owe as much to God the Holy Spirit as we do to God the Son.”** *Charles Spurgeon*

**“For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy-this pride is innate in all of us-unless by clear proofs we stand convinced of our own unrighteousness, foulness, folly, and impurity. Moreover, we not thus convinced if we look merely to ourselves and not also to the Lord, who is the sole standard by which this judgment must be measured. For, because all of us are inclined by nature to hypocrisy, a kind of empty image of righteousness in place of righteousness itself abundantly satisfies us. And because nothing appears within or around us that has not been contaminated by great immorality, what is a little less vile pleases us as a thing most pure-so long as we confine our minds within the limits of human corruption.”** *John Calvin*

# Communion Hymns

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## I Glory in Christ – Horatius Bonar/Sandra McCracken

1. God forbid that I should glory,  
Save in the Redeemer's cross.  
Counting shame for Him but honor,  
Counting earthly gain but loss.  
All the love of God is here,  
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

2. God forbid that I should glory,  
Save in Christ, my Lord alone.  
Him I lean on; Him I follow,

Him, before the world, I own.  
All the love of God is here,  
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

3. God forbid that I should glory,  
Save in Christ the Son of God.  
Him who sought me Him who bought me,  
Him who washed me in his blood.  
All the love of God is here,  
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

## Beautiful Savior – Stuart Townend

1. All my days I will sing this song of  
gladness, Give my praise to the Fountain  
of delights; For in my helplessness You  
heard my cry, And waves of mercy  
poured down on my life.

*Refrain:*

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in  
holiness, You're the Risen One, heaven's  
Champion And You reign, You reign  
over all.*

2. I will trust in the cross of my  
Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that  
never fails; Of sins forgiven, of  
conscience cleansed, Of death defeated  
and life without end.

*Refrain*

3. I long to be where the praise is never-  
ending, Yearn to dwell where the glory  
never fades; Where countless  
worshippers will share one song, And  
cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb.

*Refrain*

## Blessed Assurance (#693) – Fanny Crosby/Phoebe Knapp

1. 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.

*Refrain:*

*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.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture

Now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending,  
Bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Refrain*

3. 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.

*Refrain*



## WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

**Offertory**.....*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

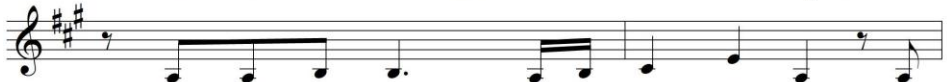
**Closing Hymn**.....*The Lord Is My Salvation*



1. The grace of God has reached for me,
2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,
3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord,
4. In times of wait - ing, times of need,
5. And when I reach the fi - nal day,



and pulled me from the ra - ging sea.  
his strength will help me scale these walls.  
he flow'rs each prom - ise of his Word.  
when I know loss, when I am weak.  
he will not leave me in the grave.



And I am safe on this sol - id ground: the  
I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: the  
When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: the  
I know his grace will re - new these days: the  
But I will rise, he will call me home: the



Lord is my sal - va	-	tion.	1, 3.	2, 4, 5.
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Lord is my sal - va	-	-	-	-
Lord is my sal - va	-	-	-	-

### REFRAIN



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My



debt is paid and the vic-t'ry won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

## Benediction



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 6:16-24

### Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,788

### Upcoming Events

#### **General:**

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** April 7 after worship

**Nelson Flock:** Set-up and/or clean-up

**Please bring the following:**

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: side

K-O: dessert

P-Z: salad

**Missions Spotlight:** Burkempers

#### **Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):**

- **Service Project Opportunity:** We hope you and your students are able to join us for our service project with Cornerstone (1628 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth 76104) on **Saturday, 4/13 from 10:00-12:00pm**. We will be doing landscaping work to serve our neighbors for God's glory. Please sign up through the links available on Facebook or Remind.
- **Youth Group Study:** We offer a study for our middle and high school students on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Please reach out to Andrew Sarnicki (andrewgpcfw@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, April 12<sup>th</sup> 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 of Grace Spring Brunch:** Saturday, April 13 from 10 am - 12 pm in Westminster Hall. Come enjoy fellowship, food, music, and stories of God's faithfulness to sisters in Christ through different seasons of life. Sign up in the church foyer or on Facebook by Sunday, April 7.
- **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 Spring/Summer Bible Study:** More information, including dates and sign-up information will be available soon.
- **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)**

- **Good Neighbor Team:** Interested in joining a Good Neighbor Team for ministry to a refugee family? Please contact Samantha Rohde with any questions: [Samantha.rohde@gmail.com](mailto:Samantha.rohde@gmail.com) OR 480-399-5656) The March 2nd training is postponed. Look for our new training date soon!
- **Variety Show & Nacho Bar Dinner:** April 14, 5:30pm – We need all the variety of talents and abilities you have to make a fun night of fellowship! Contact Ann Geer at 930-393-3524 with your entry.

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