

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 14, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “If men and women serve God, not money, they should not worry about 'life' or the food, drink, and clothing necessary for it. If they know God gives life, if they lay up treasure in heaven and serve God, there is no place for anxiety. Peter adds, 'Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you' (1 Pet. 5:7).” *Ian Duguid*

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 Psalms 95, 96

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

People: **For He is the LORD, our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

Minister: O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

People: **For He comes to judge the world; He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His truth.**

Hymn of Adoration.....Come, People of the Risen King



1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de -
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and



light to bring him praise. Come all, and tune your
weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or



hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his
emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver



shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will
per - fect love will nev - er change, and his
all the world his peo - ple sing; shore to



lift our eyes to him, where stead - y arms of
mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through
shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through



mer - cy reach to gath - er child - ren in.
all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all."

REFRAIN



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One



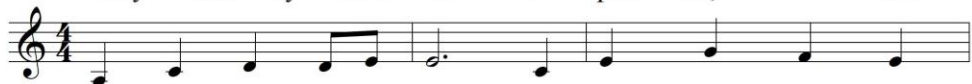
heart, one voice, oh, Church of Christ, re - joice!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*



1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, on
 2. But oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I
 3. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



thee when sor - rows rise, on thee when waves of
 fear to call thee mine. The springs of com - fort
 shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of
 let my soul re - treat with hum - ble hope at -



trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies. To
 seem to fail, and all my hopes de - cline. Yet
 sov - ereign grace be deaf when I com - plain? No,
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet. Thy



thee I tell each ri - sing grief, for
 gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou
 still the ear of sov - ereign grace at -
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



thou a - lone canst heal. Thy Word can bring a
 art my on - ly trust, and still my soul would
 tends the mourn - er's prayer. Oh may I ev - er
 let my soul re - treat with hum - ble hope at -



sweet re - lief, for ev - 'ry pain I feel.
 cleave to thee, though pro - strate in the dust.
 find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession.....Psalm 143:1–2

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....Psalm 143:9–10

O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your Spirit lead me on level ground!

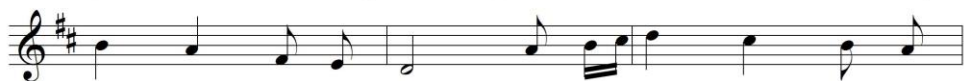
Hymn of Response.....*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (#457)



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God: he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love: here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Elder: What are the decrees of God?

People: The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Elder: How does God execute his decrees?

People: God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 37:1-7
p 466

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 6:25-34
pp 811-812

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.....*Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho-ly rev - er - ence, true hu-



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the



fash-ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di-ance of Your pur-i-ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our



seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail; Let their



pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 6:25-34

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

More to Life

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace, nor are your best days ever so good that you are beyond the need of it.”
Jerry Bridges

“There was only one, and there will not need to be another, who bore the full weight of the divine judgment upon sin and bore it so as to end it. The lost will eternally suffer in the satisfaction of justice. But they will never satisfy it. Christ satisfied justice.”
John Murray

“At the root of all our disobedience are particular ways in which we continue to seek control of our lives through systems of works-righteousness. The way to progress as a Christian is to continually repent and uproot these systems the same way we become Christians, namely by the vivid depiction (and re-depiction) of Christ’s saving work for us, and the abandoning of self-trusting efforts to complete ourselves. We must go back again and again to the gospel of Christ-crucified, so that our hearts are more deeply gripped by the reality of what he did and who we are in him.”
Tim Keller

“All tears of godly sorrow drop from the eye of faith. Godly sorrow rises and falls—as faith rises and falls.
The more a man is able by faith to look upon a pierced Christ—the more his heart will mourn over all the dishonors which he has done to Christ.
The more deep and wide the wounds are, which faith shows me in the heart and sides of Christ—the more my heart will be wounded for sinning against Christ.”
Thomas Brooks

The lesson of wisdom is, be not dismayed by soul-trouble. Count it no strange thing, but a part of ordinary... experience. Should the power of depression be more than ordinary, think not that all is over with your usefulness. Cast not away your confidence, for it hath great recompense of reward. Even if the enemy’s foot be on your neck, expect to rise amid and overthrow him. Cast the burden of the present, along with the sin of the past and the fear of the future, upon the Lord, who forsaketh not his saints.”
Charles Spurgeon

Communion Hymns

He Leadeth Me (#600) – Joseph Gilmore/William Bradbury

1. He Leadeth me! O blessed thought,
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught;
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Chorus: He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest
gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers
bloom, By waters calm, o'er troubled
sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Chorus

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Chorus

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Chorus

Living Waters –Kristyn Getty/Ed Cash

1. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters.

2. Christ is calling. Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters.

*Chorus: There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure.*

*Do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

3. Spirit moving, mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shore line.
Life is in these living waters.

Chorus

4. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Chorus

Cling to the Crucified –Horatius Bonar/Kevin Twit

1. Cling to the Mighty One,
Cling in thy grief,
Cling to the Holy One, He gives relief.
Cling to the Gracious One, Cling in thy pain
Cling to the Faithful One, He will sustain.

*Chorus: Cling to the crucified,
Jesus the Lamb who died.
Cling to the crucified, Jesus the King.*

2. Cling to the Living One, Cling in thy woe
Cling to the Loving One, Through all below

Cling to the Pardoning One,
He speaketh peace.
Cling to the Healing One,
Anguish will cease. *Chorus*

3. Cling to the Bleeding One,
Cling to His side,
Cling to the Rising One, In Him abide.
Cling to the Coming One, Hope shall arise.
Cling to the Reigning One,
Joy lights thine eyes. *Chorus*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heav'n and home?

When Jesus is my Portion.
My constant Friend is He!
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Closing Hymn.....*The God of Abraham Praise (#34)*



1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a -
2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com -
3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de -
4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty
5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Right - eous -
6. The whole tri - um - phant host gives thanks to God on



bove, An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and
mand from earth I rise, and seek the joys at
pend; I shall on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to
blest, a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and
ness, tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the
high; "Hail, Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they



God of love. Je - ho - vah! Great I
his right hand. I all on earth for -
heav'n as - cend. I shall be - hold his
end - less rest. There milk and hon - ey
Prince of Peace. On Zi - on's sa - cred
ev - er cry. Hail, A - braham's God and



AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed; I
sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r, and
face, I shall his pow'r a - dore, and
flow, and oil and wine a - bound, and
height his king - dom he main - tains, and
mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays; all



bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.
glo - rious with his saints in light for - ev - er reigns.
might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Benediction

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 7:1-6

Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,788

Upcoming Events

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **Fellowship Events:** We have two fellowship events this month. We are trying to plan a Six Flags day for the **high schoolers on Saturday, 4/27**. Please sign up on the links that have been sent out through Facebook and Remind, so that we can determine if we have a sufficient group to go. We are also planning a movie and fellowship night at the church for the **middle schoolers on Friday, 4/26**. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up if your student plans to attend.
- **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 (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, June 21st 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 Spring/Summer Bible Study:** Our next study will be “Lessons from the Upper Room” on Ligonier Connect. Sign-ups available before and after church in the foyer.

Two different groups will meet during the week:

Tuesday 9:30-11:00am, in person with childcare; April 30
- July 23

Thursday 7:00-8:30pm ZOOM; May 2 - July 25

- **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)

- **Variety Show & Nacho Bar Dinner:** Tonight at 5:30 at the church.

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