

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 21, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: *"Fredrick Bruner sees 'Judge not' as the fifth beatitude, 'Blessed are the merciful' (5:7), in reverse. He also sees links to the themes of mercy and a refusal to retaliate (5:38–48; 9:13; 12:7)"*

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: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his love endures forever.

People: **Let those who fear the LORD say "His love endures forever."**

Minister: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

People: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Hymn of Adoration.....Wondrous King All Glorious (#166)



1. Won-drous King, all - glo-rious, sov - 'reign Lord vic -
2. Heav-ens, spread the sto - ry of our Mak - er's
3. O my soul, re - joic - ing, sing, thy prais - es
4. Hal - le - lu - jahs ren - der to the Lord most



to - rious, oh, re - ceive our praise with fa - vor!
glo - ry, all the pomp of earth ob - scur - ing.
voic-ing, sing, with hymns of faith a - dore him!
ten - der, ye who know and love the Sav - ior.



From thee welled God's kind-ness tho' we in our
Sun, thy rays be send-ing, thy bright beams ex -
All who here have be - ing, shout, your voic - es
Hal - le - lu - jahs sing ye, ye re - deemed, oh,



blind - ness strayed from thee, our bless - ed Sav - ior.
pend - ing, light to all the earth as - sur - ing.
free - ing, bow down in the dust be - fore him.
bring ye hearts that yield him glad be - hav - ior.



Strength-en thou, help us now; let our tongues be
Moon and star, praise a - far him who glo - rious
He is God Sab - a - oth; praise a - lone the
Blessed are ye end - less - ly; sin - less there for -



sing - ing, thee our prais - es bring - ing.
made you; the vast heav - ens aid you.
Sav - ior, here and there for - ev - er.
ev - er, ye shall laud him ev - er.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Rock of Ages (#500)*



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Call to Confession.....*Isaiah 64:6*

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*2 Corinthians 5:21*

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hymn of Response.....*His Love Can Never Fail*



1. I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to
2. And if my feet would go a - stray, they can - not, for I
3. I will not fear, tho' dark-ness come a - broad o'er all the



tread; But on - ly that my soul may feed up - on the liv - ing
know That Je - sus guides my falt - 'ring steps as joy - ful - ly I
land, If I may on - ly feel the touch of his own lov - ing



Bread. 'Tis bet - ter far that I should walk by
go. And tho' I may not see his face, my
hand. And tho' I trem - ble when I think how



faith close to his side; I may not know the way
faith is strong and clear; That in each hour of sore
weak I am, and frail, My soul is sat - is - fied



I go, but oh, I know my Guide.
dis - tress my Sav - ior would be near.
to know his love can nev - er fail.

REFRAIN



His love can nev - er fail, his love can nev - er fail.



My soul is sat - is - fied to know his love can nev - er fail.



My soul is sat - is - fied to know his love can nev - er fail.

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 9-10*
Ruling Elder, Brian Nelson

Elder: What is the work of creation?

People: The work of creation is, God’s making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Elder: How did God create man?

People: God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 16:1-11
pp 453-454

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 7:1-14
pp 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.....*Spirit of the Living God (#726)*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the
liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me! Melt me! Mold me!
Fill me! Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“The Christian often tries to forget his weakness; God wants us to remember it, to feel it deeply . . . The Christian thinks his weaknesses are his greatest hindrance in the life and service of God; God tells us that it is the secret of strength and success. It is our weakness, heartily accepted and continually realized, that gives our claim and access to the strength of him who has said, ‘My strength is made perfect in weakness’(2 Cor. 12:9)”

Andrew Murray

“People sit down groaning under their discouragements because they do not look further than themselves . . . God humbles us with much weakness, that he may turn us to prayer . . . If God commands anything above our natural ability, it is to bring us to our knees for grace.”

Thomas Manton

“He who lives without prayer, he who lives with little prayer, he who seldom reads the Word, and he who seldom looks up to heaven for a fresh influence from on high— he will be the man whose heart will become dry and barren. However, he who falls in secret on his God, who spends much time in holy retirement, who delights to meditate on the words of the Most High, and whose soul is given up to Christ— such a man must have an overflowing heart.”

Charles Spurgeon

“We are always needing; and therefore, we need to be praying always. The world is always alluring; and therefore, we need to be always praying. Satan is always tempting; and therefore, we need to be always praying. We are always sinning; and therefore, we need to be always praying. We are in dangers always; and therefore, we need to be praying always.”

Thomas Brooks

“Our spirits daily are decaying, and if not daily renewed by proper nourishment we perish. The vessels that are always leaking, must stand constantly under the conduit to get what they lose.”

George Swinnock

Communion Hymns

All Must Be Well – *Mary Bowler Peters/Matthew Smith*

1. Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well. Free and changeless is
His favor, All is well. Precious is the
blood that healed us. Perfect is the grace
that sealed us. Strong the hand stretched
forth to shield us, All must be well.

2. Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well. Ours is such a full
salvation, All is well. Happy still in God
confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,

Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,
All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow;
All will be well. Faith can sing through
days of sorrow, All is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying,
All must be well.

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting – *Jean S. Pigott/David Hampton*

1. Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole.

*Refrain: Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy Loving Heart.*

2. Oh how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me!
Yes I rest in Thee, beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine

Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine. *Refrain*

3. Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longing,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings;
Thine is love indeed! *Refrain*

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace. *Refrain*

I Stand Amazed – *Charles Gabriel*

1. I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.

*Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

2. He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered, and died alone. *Refrain*

3. When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me. *Refrain*

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*I Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Finish then, Thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation
perfectly restored in Thee.*

*Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.*

Closing Hymn.....*All to Jesus I Surrender (#562)*



1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;



may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live
world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.



I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.



All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Benediction

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 7:15-23

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 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 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 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

Contact Jen Smith for more information: 817-627-7655.

Missions of Grace (MoG)

- **Thank You:** Thank you for generously giving \$1000 towards missions at the Variety Show & Nacho Bar!
- **Isaiah 55:** Last call for Isaiah 55 mission trip to Reynosa, MX July 6-12. Contact Scott with questions and interest 940-577-7452.

