

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 7, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “We see in Jesus, both his compassion and his power. Few humans are both strong and compassionate. The strong tend to harshness, the weak to compassion. But Jesus embodies both, so that he is worthy of faith and love.”

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 1 Chronicles 29*

Minister: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

People: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Minister: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

People: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

ALL: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

Hymn of Adoration.....Come, Christians, Join to Sing (#302)



1. Come, Christians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re-joyce;
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - descend;
on heav-en's bliss - ful shore, his good-ness we'll a - dore,



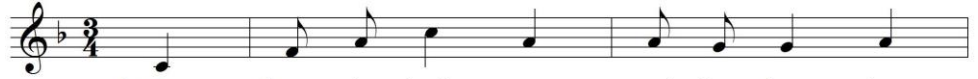
praise is his gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

“The original lyrics to this song (published in 1843) are credited to Christian Henry Bateman (1813-1889). Bateman ministered in England and Scotland for over fifty years and wrote a handful of hymns, this one being his best-known. I gather this song’s original title may have been “Come Children Join To Sing”, which makes sense because Bateman edited songbooks widely used for children’s Sunday schools, versions which eventually reached six million in print. What an influence that part of his work must have had on children!”

Dale Reichel

Prayer of Adoration


Hymn of Response.....*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (#521)



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O




Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and
port me in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my
may I then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -




sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

REFRAIN



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 27-28*
Ruling Elder, Brian Nelson

Elder: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

People: **Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“We conclude that our souls are fed by the flesh and blood of Christ, just as our corporeal is preserved and sustained by bread and wine. For the analogy of the sign not to hold, if our souls did not find their aliment [something that feeds or sustains] in Christ; which however cannot be the case, unless Christ truly coalesce into one with us, and support us through the use of his flesh and blood. It may seem incredible indeed that the flesh of Christ should reach us from such immense local distance, so as to become our food. But we must remember how far the secret power of the Holy Spirit transcends all our senses, and what folly it must ever be to think of reducing his immensity to our measure. Let faith embrace then what the understanding cannot grasp. Now this sacred communication of his flesh and blood, by which Christ transfuses his life into us, just as if he penetrated our bones and marrow, he testifies and seals also in the holy supper; not by the exhibition of a vain and empty sign, but by putting forth there such an energy of his Spirit as fulfils what he promises. What is thus attested he offers and exhibits to all who approach the spiritual banquet. It is however fruitfully received by believers only, who accept such vast grace with inward gratitude and trust.”

John Calvin

“When the soul is emptied by faith, and is lost, it is faith that first spies out Christ, as that all-sufficient satisfaction received by God the Father. When the soul is in a storm, and is even cast away in his own apprehension, when it hath thrown overboard all his own goods, all his own righteousness, all his own hopes, all his own abilities, or whatever it be, and if God should leave the soul in that condition, the wrath of God, like mighty waves, would break in upon it, and swallow it up. What doth faith now? It climbs up to the top of the mast. Oh there is Christ, I have spied out the Lord Jesus, and it makes out to him instantly.”

Thomas Goodwin

“It is our heaven to lay many weights and burdens upon Christ. Let him find much employment for his calling with you; for he is such a Friend as delighteth to be burdened with suits and employments; and the more homely ye be with him, the more welcome.”

Samuel Rutherford

Communion Hymns

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#616) –*Elisha Hoffman/Anthony Showalter*

1. What a fellowship,
What a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness,
What a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk
In the pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path
Grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

3. What have I to dread,
What have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace
With my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken – *Henry Lyte/Bill Moore*

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While thy love is left to me;
Oh, t'were not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with thee.

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

4. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

My Faith Looks up to Thee (#528) – *William Ray Palmer/Lowell Mason*

1. My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*Like a River Glorious*

*Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace
Over all victorious in its bright increase
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.*

Perfect peace and rest.

*Every joy or trial falleth from above
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love
We may trust Him fully all for us to do
They who trust Him wholly
Find Him wholly true.*

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding as He promised*

Closing Hymn.....*Christ is Made our Sure Foundation (#342)*



1.Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and
2.All that ded - i - ca - ted cit - y, dear - ly loved of
3.To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4.Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of
5.Laud and hon - or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner-stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ul - tant ju - bi - la - tion
hosts, to - day: with thy won - ted lov - ing-kind - ness
thee to gain, what they gain from thee for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy peo - ple as they pray; and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
ev - er Three and ev - er One, One in might, and



help for - ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
One in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Benediction

Next Week's Sermon Passage

John 5:1-24

Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

(Our Treasurer will be gone for a few weeks. Your contributions to GCPC will be deposited upon his return.)

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** This morning after worship
Bent Flock: set-up and/or clean-up
Missions Spotlight: 1% of PCA to long-term, cross-cultural missions
- **Summer Hang-Out: Wednesday, July 10th,** from 6:30-8:30 at GCPC. SMOG families and anyone else are invited. Bring your dinner or eat before. Bring games to play. There will be sports equipment and popsicles.

Guys of Grace Fellowship Night (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, August 23rd at 6:00pm** at the church.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study is currently on Summer Break. In the fall the men will meet 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:** We are studying “Lessons from the Upper Room” on Ligonier Connect. Contact Jen Smith for more information: 817-627-7655.
Two different groups 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
- **LoG Ladies Game Night:** July 20th, 6 pm
Melissa Brown’s house, reach out for more details!
817-899-0369
- **Ladies’ Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

Missions of Grace (MoG):

- **Please pray for our 9 missionaries** serving Isaiah 55 and Reynosa, Mexico this week. The Geer family (Scott, Ann, Darton, Matthias, Macklin and Abel), Lezli and Emma Richie and Broc Chambers.
- **A Summer of Missions** - Join us this summer and take 15 minutes at home during your normal Sunday School hour to learn more about missions. You choose your book, magazine, podcast, etc. MoG has a list of suggestions on their Facebook page. Let’s learn more about the spread of the Gospel together!
- What would happen if GCPC committed to send 1% of its church members to the mission field? How many global communities could be renewed by the transformative power of the Gospel? How many unreached people groups would hear the Gospel?

How many new churches would be birthed, or how many struggling churches could be better supported? This is the heartbeat of MTW (Mission to the World- PCA) for our denomination in the next few years. Will you pray during the month of July that GCPC and all PCA churches would raise up an additional 1% of their church members to serve in missions.

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **SMoG Fall Ministry:** We will begin our regular SMoG ministry for 2024 **Wednesday night, August 8th!**
- **Serving in SMoG:** Would you like to serve the students in our church through SMoG? If so, please let us know by sending an email to smoggcpcfwd@gmail.com
- **RYM Middle School Camp:** Alasso Ranch, TX. 7/31-8/4

Greystone FWD:

- **Greystone at Grace:** Introducing the annual Greystone Summer Book Club. Attention men and women of Grace. Do you want to grow in your understanding of the creeds and confessions of the Christian faith? Would you like to discuss how being deeply rooted in the catholicity of the church can deepen your love for Christ? If you would, then please join me this summer as we read and discuss Carl Trueman's latest book, *Crisis of Confidence: Reclaiming the Historic Faith in a Culture Consumed with Individualism and Identity*. We will meet at my house (11533 Aspen Creek Dr; Fort Worth, TX 76244) at 7 PM on the second Saturday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Jared Brown: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org or (817) 965-2550.
 - I will provide snacks and beverages. However, if you would like to bring something, contributions are always welcomed.
 - The Schedule:
 - 7/13: Chapter 3 — Chapter 4
 - 8/10: Chapter 5 — Conclusion

