

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 1, 2024

10:30am

**Reflection:** “This passage summons all readers to respond to the revelation entrusted to them, to repent, believe, and follow Jesus. God is the judge of mankind and is qualified for the task. He knows the words, deeds, and hearts of men. He gives more light to some than others and judges all people accordingly. Nonetheless, Jesus continues to address the hardhearted, since it is impossible to tell how people will respond to the Word or how the Spirit will move.”

*Dan Doriani*

### Prelude

### Welcome

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## WORSHIP IN PRAISE

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### 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 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: **My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;**

Minister: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

ALL: **Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

### Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Adoration.....10,000 Reasons

CHORUS



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

VERSE



- 1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing,
- 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger.
- 3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing



it's time to sing Your song a - gain. What-  
Your name is great and your heart is kind. For  
the end draws near, and my time has come;



ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be-fore me,  
all Your good-ness I will keep on sing-ing;  
still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing



let me be sing - ing when the ev - 'ning comes.  
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more!

Hymn of Preparation.....*Jesus Lover of My Soul (RUF)*



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me  
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, I  
 3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here  
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bo - som fly, While the near - er  
 help - less hang on thee; leave, oh leave me  
 more than all I find; raise the fall - en,  
 cov - er all my sin; let the heal - ing



wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is  
 not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort  
 cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the  
 streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with -



high; hide me, O my Sav - ior hide,  
 me! All my trust on thee is stayed, all  
 blind. Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am  
 - in: thou of life the foun - tain art,



till life's storm is past safe in - to the  
 help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
 all un - right - eous - ness; false and full of  
 let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



ha - ven guide, re - ceive my soul at last.  
 sense - less head in the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.  
 in my heart, for all e - ter - ni - ty.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

**Call to Confession**.....*Psalm 84*

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

**Words of Comfort and Promise**.....*Psalm 84*

The LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

**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 37-38*  
Ruling Elder, Doug Flowers

Elder: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

**People: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.**

Elder: What benefits do believer receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**People: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God, to all eternity.**

**The First Reading of God’s Word**.....Isaiah 14:13-20  
*p 578*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word**.....Matthew 11:20-30  
*p 816*

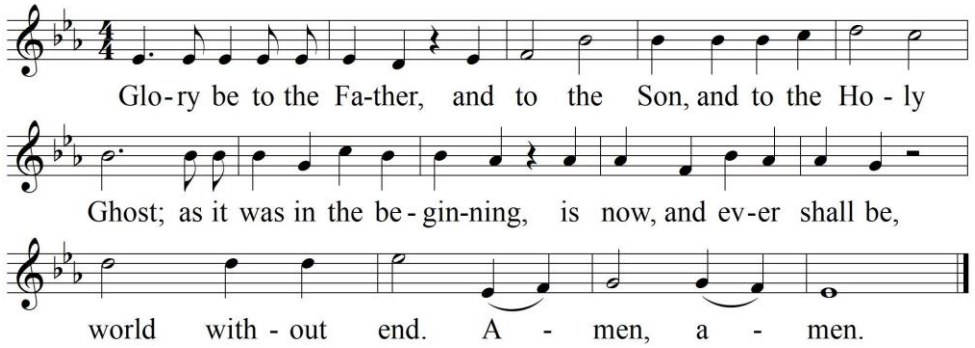
Reader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Amen!**

**Prayer of Consecration and Illumination**

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.....Gloria Patri (#735)**



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

**Hearing from God’s Word.....Matthew 11:20-30**  
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *A Rebuke and an Invitation*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

“There is nothing that is so calculated to promote holiness as the realization that we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, that our destiny is certain and secure, that nothing can prevent it. Realizing that, we purify ourselves even as He is pure, and we feel that there is no time to waste. That is the way to live the Christian life!

Do not turn it into a law, but realize that you have received the Holy Spirit. Then work out this theme. Your Father is watching over you. He is looking after you – yes, let me use scriptural language – He is jealous concerning you because you belong to Him. You belong to Christ, you are His brother. The Holy Spirit is dwelling in your very body and you are destined for glory.”  
*Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

**“The voice that spells forgiveness will say: ‘You may go: you have been let off the penalty which your sin deserves.’**

**But the verdict which means acceptance [justification] will say: ‘You may come; you who are welcome to all my love and my presence.’”**  
*Sir Marcus Loane*

Do not worry about what you feel. The truth about you is glorious. If you are in Christ, rise to it ‘o’er sin and care. Take your full salvation and triumph and prevail.”  
*Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

# Communion Hymns

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## There is a Redeemer –*Melody Green*

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Refrain: Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit,  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face,  
There I'll serve my King forever,  
In that Holy Place. *Refrain*

## Jesus, with Thy Church Abide – *Thomas Pollock/Christopher Miner*

1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

3. May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

4. May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

5. Save her love from growing cold,  
Make her watchmen strong and bold,  
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

6. May she holy triumphs win,  
Overthrow the hosts of sin,  
Gather all the nations in:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

## 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.

*Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

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.....I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Closing Hymn.....And Can it Be



1.And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
2.'Tis mys-t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies; who can ex -  
3.He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
4.Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
5.No con-dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who  
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born  
in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so  
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a  
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my



caused his pain? For me, who him to death pur -  
ser - aph tries to sound the depths of love di -  
great his love!), and bled for all his cho - sen  
quick - 'ning ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with  
liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di -



sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that  
vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore, let  
race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; for,  
light; my chains fell off, my heart was free; I  
vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and



thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
an - gel minds in - quire no more.  
O my God, it found out me.  
rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.  
claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

REFRAIN



A - maz - ing love! How can it be that



thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Benediction



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 12:1-8

### Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

### Upcoming Events

- **Christian Education** for all ages continues **next Sunday, September 8, at 9:30**. Our goal is to dismiss at 10:10 so you can hang out and enjoy one another for a few minutes before we gather for worship. The Adult SS Class will be studying the book of Job this year. We're praying members and visitors of GCPC will be blessed by this ministry this year.
- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** After worship this morning! Please stay and eat with us.  
**Caudal Flock:** set-up and/or clean-up  
**Please bring the following:**  
ALL: main dish  
By Last Name:  
A-J: dessert  
K-O: salad  
P-Z: side  
Missions Spotlight: RUF
- **Membership at GCPC:** If you are interested in becoming a member of GCPC, please make note of the next member public reception date: **Sunday, October 6, 2024**. The public reception date following October will be **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Please contact Sherrie Hamby (officegcpcfw@gmail.com) to schedule a membership interview with our elders.

## 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 **Friday, October 25th at 6:00pm** at the church.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study begins this Wednesday, **September 4<sup>th</sup>** and will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month. The guys will be studying the books Esther and Ruth this year. Please contact Sean Henry for more information: seanph10@yahoo.com.
- **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:15am every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

## Greystone at Grace:

- This semester Jared Brown is offering a **free course on the theology of Paul**. We will meet at GCPC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The first c will be **September 11**. Please contact Jared to sign up for the course: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org or (817) 965-2550.

## Ladies of Grace (LoG):

- **Ladies' Fall Bible Study:** We will read *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by Dane Ortlund and work through the study guide. The study guide is \$6. If your family did not receive a copy of *Gentle and Lowly* from the church in 2021, please contact Jen Smith for a copy.  
**Tuesday morning in-person** (with childcare): September 10 - November 12  
**Thursday evening Zoom:** September 12 - November 14  
**You can sign up this morning in the church foyer.**

- **Ladies of Grace Fall Retreat:** Come and hear teaching from Susan Tyner, enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ, eat delicious food, participate in a service project partnering with Missions of Grace, and enter or help judge our annual dessert contest on **Friday, September 27 (evening) and Saturday, September 28** at GCPC. Option to stay the night at a nearby hotel (**must book by 9/13** to get discounted rate!) Sign up by **Sunday, September 22** in the church foyer or online.
- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

### **Missions of Grace (MoG):**

- 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):**

- **All Events Listed:** Please see SMoG page on our website: <https://gcpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> for a full calendar of events for SMoG through December 2024.
- **SMoG Fall Ministry is underway!** We meet this **Wednesday night, September 4th!**

