

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**September 8, 2024**

**10:30am**

**Reflection:** “The Pharisees failed to understand compassion for people’s basic needs, but were intense in their concern for the sacrifices. Jesus reminded them of the words in Hosea 6:6, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’, that is, inner spiritual vitality, not mere external formality.” *L.A Barbieri*

**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 86*

**Minister:** We will praise you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

**People:** **Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

**Minister:** All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

**People:** **Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

# Hymn of Adoration.....*All Creatures of our God and King* (#115)



1.All crea - tures of our God and King, lift  
2.Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye  
3.Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make  
4.And all ye men of ten - der heart, for -  
5.Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and



up your voice and with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le -  
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O sing ye, al - le -  
wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le -



lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou  
lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye  
lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that  
lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise  
lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and



sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
lights of eve - ning, find a voice,  
giv - est man both warmth and light,  
God and on him cast your care,  
praise the Spir - it, three in one,

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O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## 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**—————

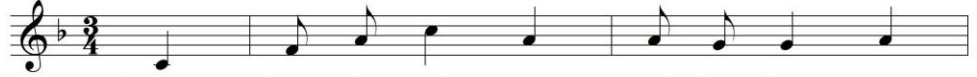
**Call to Confession.....Isaiah 26**

In the path of your judgments, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul.

**Words of Comfort and Promise..... Isaiah 26**

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

**Hymn of Response.....***My Hope is Built on Nothing Else (#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 39-40*

Ruling Elder, Sean Henry

Elder: What is the duty which God requires of man?

**People: The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.**

Elder: What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

**People: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.**

The First Reading of God's Word.....Hosea 6:1-7  
p 754

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Matthew 12:1-14  
pp 816-817


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.....*Jesus, I Come*



Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I  
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy free - dom,  
glad - ness, and light, Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health, out of my  
want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, out of my sin and  
in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“It is a great sin to think any sin little; but it is a greater sin to think the righteousness of Christ is not above all sin. Our disobedience is the disobedience of man; but Christ's obedience is the obedience of God: therefore, our believing in Christ doth please God better than if we had continued in innocency, and never sinned. The least sin is unpardonable without this obedience and righteousness of Christ; and the greatest is pardonable by it. Therefore, O seek in to Christ, to be clothed upon with this righteousness.”  
*Ralph Erskine*

**“[God] gave up his own Son as a ransom for us, the holy one for the lawless, the guiltless for the guilty, ‘the just for the unjust’, the incorruptible for the corruptible, the immortal for the mortal. For what else but his righteousness could have covered our sins? In whom was it possible for us, the lawless and ungodly, to be justified, except in the Son of God alone? O the sweet exchange, O the incomprehensible work of God, O the unexpected blessings, that the sinfulness of many should be hidden in one righteous man, while the righteousness of one should justify many sinners!”**  
*Anonymous*

“The cross which is the object of faith, is also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the cause of it. Sit down and watch the dying Saviour till faith springs up spontaneously in your heart. There is no place like Calvary for creating confidence. The air of that sacred hill brings health to trembling faith.”  
*C. H. Spurgeon*

**“Do you ever think that your sins are too bad, and that forgiveness for those sins requires you to get your act together first? If so, you don't fear God. You are minimizing his forgiveness. You are acting as though his forgiveness is ordinary, just like that of any person or make-believe god. In contrast, the fear of the Lord leads us to believe that when God makes promises too good to be true, they are indeed true.”**  
*Ed Welch*

# Communion Hymns

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## **My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648)** – *William Featherstone/Adoniram Gordan*

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death. I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright; and sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

## **Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts** – *Bernard of Clairvaux/Brian T. Murphy*

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts!  
Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men!  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.
2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good;  
To them that find thee All in all.
3. We taste of thee, O living Bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;
4. Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blessed, when our faith can hold thee fast.
5. O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world the holy light.

## **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (#520)** – *Nikolaus von Zinzendorf*

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;  
For who ought to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
3. When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,
4. Jesus, the endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—  
For me a full atonement made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.
5. O let the dead now hear Thy voice;  
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

**Offertory**.....*His Mercy Is More*

*What love could remember,  
No wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing,  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea  
Without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.*

*Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn'  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more.*

**Closing Hymn**.....*Be Thou My Vision (#642)*



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;  
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art --  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

**Benediction**



## Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 12:15-21

## 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 is studying the book of Job this year. We're praying members and visitors of GCPC will be blessed by this ministry this year.
- **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 (officegpcfw@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 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at the church.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month. They will meet next on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm**. The guys are studying the books Esther and Ruth this year and will be meeting in the

conference room. 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 class will be **this Wednesday, 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 well underway!** We meet this **Wednesday night, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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