

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 25, 2025

10:30am

### **Reflection:**

“When Jesus tossed the merchants from the temple, he appealed to Scripture, their mutual authority, to explain himself (v. 13). But when the chief priests and elders, a high-status group, interrupt his teaching to question him, they appeal to their own authority. Instead of asking *themselves*, ‘Was he right?’ they ask *him*, ‘Who gave you the right?’”

*Ian Duguid*

### **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 68*

**Minister:** May God arise, may his enemies be scattered!

**People:** Sing to God, sing praise to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds — his name is the Lord — and rejoice before him.

**ALL:** Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

## Hymn of Adoration.....Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (#16)



1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord  
 2. The great sal - va - tion of our God  
 3. He called to mind his truth and grace  
 4. All lands, to God lift up your voice;



new songs of praise with sweet ac - cord;  
 is seen through all the earth a - broad;  
 in prom - ise made to Is - rael's race;  
 sing praise to him, with shouts re - joice;



for won - ders great by him are done,  
 be - fore the hea - then's won - d'ring sight  
 and un - to earth's re - mot - est bound  
 with voice of joy and loud ac - claim



his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.  
 he has re - vealed his truth and right.  
 glad tid - ings of sal - va - tion sound.  
 let all u - nite and praise his name.

This is one of John Newton's (1725-1807) most popular hymns. Verse 4 highlights the glorious twofold nature of Christ's cross: it demonstrates both God's mercy *and* His justice. Our lyrics about the cross are often lopsided, emphasizing only the greatness of God's love, while we neglect the truth that the cross is also a demonstration of God's terrifying judgment on sin. But the cross is worth wondering at because it is the place where God's love and wrath are reconciled. It is on the cross that "righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Ps. 85:10). As Newton writes that "grace and justice join and point to mercy's store," he illustrates the truth that God is both *just* and the *justifier* of the one who has faith in Jesus (Rom. 3:26). These two truths are inseparable, so much so, that if we neglect the cross as a demonstration of God's wrath, we fail to do justice to the cross as a demonstration of God's love.

## Prayer of Adoration

**Hymn of Preparation.....***Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (#520)*

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous-ness my beau - ty  
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day, for who aught  
3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my  
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through  
man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be  
mer - cy hath for me, for me a full a -

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, hath died, for me.  
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

**WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Call to Confession.....***2 Corinthians*

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....***2 Corinthians*

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.....*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.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less reminds us where true security lies. Written by Edward Mote, this enduring anthem powerfully articulates that our eternal hope rests solely on the righteousness of Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice. In a world of shifting sands, our trust is firmly placed on the "solid Rock" of our Savior. Written in 1834, this hymn stands as a timeless testament to salvation by grace through faith, reminding us that all other ground is "sinking sand."

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## WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

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**Confession of Faith**.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 22&23*  
Ruling Elder Dan Bent

**Leader:** What then must a Christian believe?

**People:** All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

**Leader:** What are these articles?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Holy catholic church=universal church
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**The First Reading of God's Word**.....Job 5:8-16  
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**The Second Reading of God's Word**.....Matthew 21:23-27  
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**Reader:** This is the Word of God.

**People:** Amen!

We offer an optional <b>Children's Lesson</b> 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.
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**Prayer of Consecration and Illumination**

**Hymn of Response and Preparation.....***Before the Throne of God (vs 3)*



Be-hold Him there, the ris-en Lamb, my per-fect  
spot-less right-eous-ness, the great un-change-a-ble I AM, the King of  
glo-ry and of grace. One with Him-self I can-not die. My soul is  
pur-chased with His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my  
Sav-ior and my God, with Christ my Sav-ior and my God.

**Hearing from God’s Word.....***Matthew 21:23-27*  
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Who Says?*

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

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

“All inadequate doctrines of the atonement are due to inadequate doctrines of God and man. If we bring God down to our level and raise ourselves to his, then of course we see no need for a radical salvation, let alone for a radical atonement to secure it. When, on the other hand, we have glimpsed the blinding glory of the holiness of God, and have been so convicted of our sin by the Holy Spirit that we tremble before God and acknowledge what we are, namely ‘hell-deserving sinners’, then and only then does the necessity of the cross appear so obvious that we are astonished we never saw it before.” *John Stott*

“The crucified Christ has irresistible attractions. When He stoops into the utmost suffering and scorn, even the brutal must relent. A living Savior men may love, but a crucified Savior they must love. If they perceive that He loved them and gave Himself for them, their hearts are stolen away. The city of Mansoul is captured before the siege begins, when the Prince Emmanuel uncovers the beauties of His dying love before the eyes of rebellious ones.” *Charles Spurgeon*

# Communion Hymns

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## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#252) – Isaac Watts/Gregorian Chant

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small:  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## Not What My Hands Have Done – Horatius Bonar/Kevin Twit

1. Not what my hands have done  
Can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne  
Can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do  
Can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears  
Can bear my awful load.

3. Thy grace alone, O God,  
To me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone O Son of God,  
Can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save Thine,  
No other blood will do,  
No strength save that,  
Which is divine,  
Can bear me safely through.

2. Thy work alone, O Christ,  
Can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,  
Can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me O God,  
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee  
Can rid me of this dark unrest,  
And set my spirit free!

4. I praise the God of grace,  
I trust His truth and might  
He calls me His, I call Him mine,  
My God, my joy, my light  
'Tis He Who saveth me,  
And freely pardon gives  
I love because He loveth me,  
I live because He lives.

## What Wondrous Love is This (#261) –Folk Hymn

1. What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Who is the great I Am;  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

2. To God and to the Lamb,  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb

3. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be, And through  
eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

## WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

### Offertory.....Jesus Is Lord

*'Jesus is Lord' –*

*Jesus is Lord –*

*The cry that echoes through creation:*

*Whose voice sustains the stars and planets,*

*Resplendent power,*

*Yet in His wisdom*

*Eternal Word, our Rock,*

*Laid aside His crown,*

*The Son of God, the King*

*Jesus the Man, who washed our feet,*

*Whose glory fills the heavens,*

*Who bore our suffering,*

*Yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.      Became a curse to bring salvation's plan.*

### Closing Hymn.....O God, Beyond All Praising (#660)



1.O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to day

2.Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
that we who know your fav - or may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev - ery gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

### Benediction



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 21:28-46

### Financials

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025: \$203,063

### Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: Next week, June 1 after worship**

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Laurie Hoshauer

(glhoshauer@att.net)

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: salad

K-O: side

P-Z: dessert

Missions Spotlight: Isaiah 55 Mission Trip

Please check your email, the LoG Facebook page, or look for a text from Remind to sign-up to help with set-up and/or clean-up this month. Thank you for your help with this ministry!

- **VBS 2025!** It's that time of year again for...VBS!!  
This year's theme is True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World through an Alaskan Adventure!! **June 23-27: Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:00** Sign ups are now open:



As always, if you have ANY questions, please reach out to Lezli Richie (972-965-0472, lezliarchie@gmail.com). Looking forward to another AMAZING year of VBS!!

- Our **Sunday School** program is on Summer Break. We will begin again in the late summer/early fall. Dates coming soon.

- **Membership at GCPC:** If you are interested in becoming a member of GCPC, please contact our Ministry Coordinator, Sherrie Hamby (officgcpcfw@gmail.com). She will coordinate a meeting with the elders and those interested in becoming members of our church. We will publicly receive our newest members during our worship service **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**
- **Asst Pastor Search Update:** In the Lord's providence the candidates we brought in for interviews have chosen other opportunities and so the search is continuing. Please pray that we will trust the Lord as a church while we search and wait on His perfect timing to bring us the man He's chosen for us.
- **Church Directory!** This summer, we will be updating and revamping our church directory. In preparation for this effort, we need your help! If you are a member of GCPC, please follow the link below and take just a few minutes to make sure we have the most current information for you and your family (i.e., names, phone, email, address, etc.). <https://shorturl.at/xqXtY> Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.

**Guys of Grace (GoG)** (text @guysofgr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things GoG related)

- **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 **July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm** at the church. Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study have completed their studies and are on Summer Break. They will begin again this coming fall. Please 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)** (text @loggr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things LoG related)

- **Ladies' Summer Bible Study:** Our next study will begin **the first week June**. We will watch ten video lessons from R.C. Sproul titled "Classic Collection" and discuss the accompanying outline and questions. Sign-ups available before and after church in the foyer during the month of May. Cost is \$3 for the outline and the videos are free (links will be provided). Contact Jen Smith for more information: 817-627-7655.
- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

**Missions of Grace (MoG)**

- **Missions Spotlight for May: Metanoia Ministries**  
Metanoia's purpose is to partner with the church for the discipleship, mentoring and reintegration of prisoners. There are 726,000 Texans either behind bars or in the Texas criminal justice system. They need to hear about hope in Christ!  
Paul and Laura Miller disciple prisoners with a team of volunteers in prisons all over Texas.
- Please take this survey from **Missions of Grace** following our Missions Conference:



**Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG)** (text @smogrem to 81010 for periodic reminders of all things SMoG related)

- **All Events Listed:** Please see SMoG page on our website: <https://gcpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> or scan the QR code for a full calendar of events for SMoG through July, 2025.



**SMoG will meet this Wednesday night, May 21<sup>st</sup>..**

### **Greystone at Grace: Summer Book Club**

This summer we will discuss J. Gresham Machen's Christianity and Liberalism. Although written in the early 1900s, Machen's classic defense of Reformed Orthodoxy remains relevant today. We will meet on the second Saturday each month at 7 PM at Jared and Melissa Brown's house. More details to come. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact Jared Brown. You can email Jared Brown at [j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org](mailto:j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org).

### **Schedule**

**6/14:** Ch 1. Introduction; Ch 2. Doctrine; Ch 3. God and Man

**7/12:** Ch 4. The Bible; Ch 5. Christ

**8/9:** Ch. 6: Salvation; Ch. 7 The Church

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