

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 20, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“What the psalm declares was destined to form the basis of the apostles' teaching on the exaltation, heavenly session and royal priesthood of Christ. It is one of the most quoted of all psalms.” *Derek Kidner*

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.....Acts 2

Minister: The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

People: **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain
that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this
Jesus whom you crucified.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Invocation & Preparation.....*Cling to the Crucified*

1. Cling to the Might - y One. Cling in thy
2. Cling to the Liv - ing One, Cling in thy
3. Cling to the Bleed - ing One, Cling to His

grief, Cling to the Ho - ly One, He gives re - lief.
woe, Cling to the Lov - ing One, Thru all be - low.
side, Cling to the Ris - ing One, In Him a - bide.

Cling to the Gra - cious One, Cling in thy
Cling to the Pard'n - ing One, He speak - eth
Cling to the Com - ing One, Hope shall a -

pain, Cling to the Faith - ful One, He will sus - tain.
peace, Cling to the Heal - ing One, An - guish will cease.
rise, Cling to the Reign - ing One, Joy lights thine eyes.

REFRAIN

Cling to the Cru - ci - fied, Je - sus the Lamb who died,
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—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Hebrews 10*

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Presentation of New Members.....*Scott and Ann Geer*
Adeline, Darton, Matthias, and Macklin**

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism.....*Macklin Jedediah Scott Geer*
Ruling Elder Dan Bent

Membership Vows: Book of Church Order 57-5

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Baptism Vows: BCO 56-5

- 1. Do you acknowledge Macklin’s need for the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Macklin to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- 4. *Do you, members of Grace Community Presbyterian Church, undertake the responsibility of assisting Scott and Ann in the Christian nurture of Macklin? Do you?*

* = non-communing member

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.

The First Reading of God's Word.....Acts 2:22-41
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The Second Reading of God's Word.....Psalm 110:1-7
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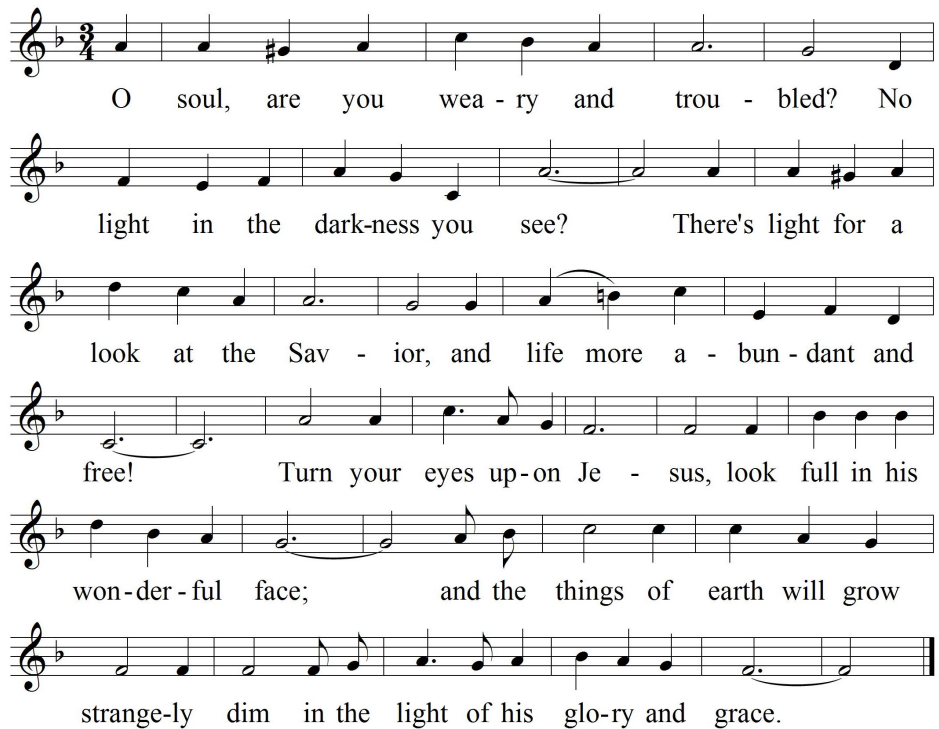
Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

We offer an optional **Children's Church** for children 4 years old through 1st grade. If you choose to have your children participate, you may dismiss them for CC as we sing the hymn printed below. Please know we welcome and encourage your children to remain with you during the sermon. However, in CC 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 Preparation.....*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*



O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No
light in the dark-ness you see? There's light for a
look at the Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and
free! Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his
won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow
strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.

Hearing from God's Word.....Psalm 110
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *King, Priest and Judge*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin

Use the quotes below to help focus your heart and mind on this celebration:

“Whatever controls us is our lord. The person who seeks power is controlled by power. The person who seeks acceptance is controlled by acceptance. We do not control ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our lives.”
Rebecca Pippert

“I have come to know a God who has a soft spot for rebels, who recruits people like the adulterer David, the whiner Jeremiah, the traitor Peter, and the human-rights abuser Saul of Tarsus. I have come to know a God whose Son made prodigals the heroes of his stories and the trophies of his ministry.”
Philip Yancey

“The key to Jesus is now, as it has always been, his crucifixion and resurrection. Nothing whatever is known from first-century extra biblical sources about Jesus as a historical figure...Any modern reconstruction of the historical Jesus,” therefore, is certain to be a product of the cultural environment that produced it, whereas the Jesus proclaimed as Lord in the New Testament comes closer than any other figure known to human history to being universal, transcending time and historical location, belonging to all cultures and all people everywhere and forever. That is a big claim, but Christians need not be ashamed to stand by it. This proclamation of Jesus as Lord...arose not out of Jesus’ *ministry*, which after all can be compared to the ministry of other holy men, but out of the unique apostolic proclamation of the crucified and risen One.”
Fleming Rutledge

“What a support to our faith is this, that God the Father, the party offended by our sins, is so well pleased with the work of redemption! And what a comfort is this, that, seeing God’s love rests on Christ, as well pleased in him, we may gather that he is as well pleased with us, if we be in Christ!”
Richard Sibbes

“What is the point of being forgiven and justified? Not simply that we might stand forgiven and righteous in heaven. We are forgiven *in order to know and enjoy Christ*. Knowing him is the only true life.”

Michael Reeves

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.”

C.S. Lewis

“”Tell the young, tell the poor, tell the aged, tell the ignorant, tell the sick, tell the dying — tell them all about Christ. Tell them of His power, and tell them of His love; tell them of His doings, and tell them of His feelings; tell them what He has done for the chief of sinners; tell them what He is willing to do until the last day of time; tell it to them over and over again. Never be tired of speaking of Christ. Say to them broadly and fully, freely and unconditionally, unreservedly and undoubtingly, ‘Come unto Christ, as the penitent thief did; come unto Christ, and you shall be saved.’”

J.C. Ryle

“Ah! sinner, remember this, there is no way on earth effectually to be rid of the guilt, filth, and power of sin, but by believing in a Saviour. It is not resolving, it is not complaining, it is not mourning, but believing, that will make thee divinely victorious over that body of sin that to this day is too strong for thee, and that will certainly be thy ruin, if it be not ruined by a hand of faith.”

Thomas Watson

“Underline this thought: assurance, peace, access to God, knowledge that He is our Father, and strength to overcome temptation all depend on this—the Son of God took our flesh and bore our sins in such a way that further sacrifice for sin is both unnecessary and unintelligible. Christ died our death, and now in His resurrection He continues to wear our nature forever, and in it He lives for us before the face of God. He could not do more for us than He has done; we need no other resources to enable us to walk through this world into the next. You and I need a Savior who is near us, is one with us, understands us. All of this the Lord Jesus is, (Scripture) affirms. Fix your gaze on this Christ and your whole Christian life will be transformed.”

Sinclair Ferguson

Communion Hymns

There is a Redeemer –Melody Green

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

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

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

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

Satisfied – Karl Digerness

1. All my life long, I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the
burning
Of the thirst I found within.

Only still to hunger on.
Chorus

*Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me,
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings;
Through his blood I now am saved.*

3. Poor I was and sought for riches,
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.
Chorus

2. Feeding on the filth around me
'Til my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better,

4. Well of water, ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.
Chorus

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.

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.
Chorus

*Chorus: Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, through his infinite mercy
His child, and forever, I am.*

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.
Chorus

Offertory.....*Wondrous King, All Glorious*

Wondrous King, all glorious,
Sovereign Lord victorious,
O, receive our praise with favor!
From thee welled God's kindness
Though we in our blindness

Strayed from thee, our blessed Saviour.
Strengthen thou,
Help us now;
Let our tongues be singing,
Thee our praises bringing.

Closing Hymn.....*Psalm 110*



1. Je - ho - vah to my Lord has said, "Sit
2. A will - ing peo - ple in thy day of
3. The Lord at thy right hand shall smite Earth's



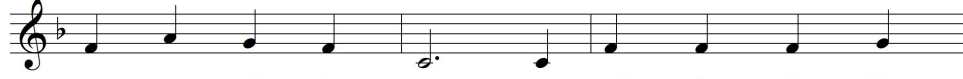
thou at my right hand un - til I make thy
pow'r shall come to thee. Thy youth ar - rayed in
ru - lers in his wrath. A - mong the na - tions



foes a stool where - on thy feet may stand." Je -
ho - li - ness like morn - ing dew shall be. Je -
he shall judge; the slain shall fill his path. In



ho - vah shall from Zi - on send the
ho - vah swore, and and from his oath he
man - y lands he'll o - ver - throw their



scep - ter of thy pow'r. In bat - tle with thine
nev - er will de - part: "Of th'or - der of Mel -
kings with ru - in dread; and march - ing, he'll drink



en - e - mies be thou the con - quer - or.
chiz - ed - ek a priest thou ev - er art."
from the brook and so lift up his head.

Benediction

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Even though the financial condition of the church is sound, the officers of GCPC are concerned about the years-long downward trend in giving (2012-2016), especially when coupled with the growth in our membership. We believe that our generosity should be informed by our understanding of the gospel. Please watch this space. We are very encouraged and grateful for your generosity through the first 7 months of 2017. If you have any questions, please speak with our treasurer or any of our church officers.

First quarter: \$119,296

Second quarter: \$134,256

July: \$46,374

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$503,102

2017 Budget: \$475,118 annual / \$39,593 monthly

For 2017, we are providing a basic Family Worship plan to help our families to more regularly worship together during the week. In each weekly bulletin, we will provide a Daily Bible Reading plan, questions from the Catechisms, a hymn for you to learn together, and prayers for you to use as a family.

Weekly Hymn: *Psalm 110*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q31** "What is meant by transgression?" / **Answer:** "Doing what God forbids."

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q31** "What is effectual calling?" / **Answer:** "Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel."

Bible Reading:

- Mon – 8/21 – 1 Samuel 13 & Romans 11
- Tue – 8/22 – 1 Samuel 14 & Romans 12
- Wed – 8/23 – 1 Samuel 15 & Romans 13
- Thur – 8/24 – 1 Samuel 16 & Romans 14
- Fri – 8/25 – 1 Samuel 17 & Romans 15
- Sat – 8/26 – 1 Samuel 18 & Romans 16
- Sun – 8/27 – 1 Samuel 19 & Romans 17

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Psalm 121
- Adult CE: Exodus 15:22-16:36

Morning Prayer:

- *Our gracious heavenly Father: we thank You for how You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. You are the Giver of every blessing we enjoy. Teach us to see every moment of this day as an opportunity to live for You and not ourselves. Help us to see trials and afflictions as opportunities for growth and deliverance from our greatest enemy – our sinful flesh. Grow us in our delight and obedience of You as we seek to glorify You in all that we do. Purge from us selfishness, the fear of man, and the pride that seeks to keep us from trusting in You. May the cross of Jesus be our joy and boast as we begin this day, amen.*

Midday Prayer:

- *Our wonderful and merciful Lord: as we stop to enjoy Your gracious provision of our daily bread, we commend our hearts and minds to You, asking that You would set them on what is truly honorable, virtuous, pure, lovely, and excellent. Let whatever anxieties and fears that may have surfaced this morning be answered by Your Spirit of comfort and truth who assures us that though the mountains sway and the valleys tremble, the rivers of sorrow will not overwhelm, for You are with us. Teach us the comfort of Your rod and staff as we are guided by Your loving Son, our Good Shepherd. In His name, we pray, amen.*

Evening Prayer:

- *Our holy Father: we are thankful for everything You have provided this day. We are overwhelmed at the thought of Your goodness and kindness toward us. We humbly ask that whatever sinful thoughts, ungracious words or deeds, we have committed, You would grant us forgiveness for the sake of Your Son. Let our hearts be filled with the joy that comes from knowing You, the true God. You are our treasure and delight. Keep us as we close our eyes to rest, in Your holy name we pray, amen.*

Nursery Volunteers (please arrive by 10:15)

Today: Tim and Tracy Carter

- Next week: Andrew and Rebecca Caudal
- 9/3: Broc and Kelly Chambers
- 9/10: Dave and Meagan Dennison
- 9/17: Alan and Katie Eaves

Upcoming events:

Harrison Nursing Home: 4th Sunday of the Month

- August: Andrew Caudal
- September: Jason Patterson

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Cabinet and Student Leadership:** we will meet immediately following the worship service in the Calvin classroom.
- **Roots:** Our fall kickoff will be on Sunday, August 27 from 5-7 pm in Westminster Hall.

Guys of Grace:

- **Prayer Group:** Tuesday mornings at 6:15 in the conference room. Coffee and fellowship provided!
- **Men's Bible Study:** Our next meeting is on August 16 at 7 pm in the conference room.

Ladies Fall Retreat:

- Registration starts NOW for our annual ladies' retreat (9/22-9/23) at MDResorts in Rhome, TX. Our special guest is Katie Polski who will be speaking on "Joy in the Journey." See Anne Nelson, Katie Eaves, or Virginia Neely for registration details.
- **Praying the Psalms Study:** Join us on either this Tuesday morning (8/22) at 10 or Wednesday night (8/23) at 7 on Ps. 130.

Things to Know:

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