

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 21, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“[Psalm 42-43] provide a realistic picture of a significant consequence of the perpetual struggle with the enemy of God's people that every believer must face. The struggle will go on, not only without but within.”

O. Palmer Robertson

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.....Psalm 42

Minister: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

People: [Put your] hope in God, for I will again praise Him, my Savior and my God.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Adoration.....Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#32)



1.Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2.Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest,
3.Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit-ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor-row,



as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

REFRAIN



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see:



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Hymn of Preparation.....*Be Still, My Soul (#689)*



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears,
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
then shall you bet - ter know his love, his heart,
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
who comes to soothe your sor - row and your fears.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Hebrews 2*

Christ had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hymn of Response.....*Arise, My Soul, Arise!*



1. A - rise my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
2. He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter-cede,
3. Five bleed-ing wounds he bears, re-ceived on Cal - va - ry.
4. My God is re - con-ciled, his pard'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap-pears.
 his all - re-deem - ing love his pre-cious blood to plead.
 They pour ef - fec - tual prayers. They strong-ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child. I can no lon - ger fear



Be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne
 His blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned
 "For-give him, O for-give," they cry. "For-give him, O
 With con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence



my sure - ty stands my name is writ - ten on his hands
 for ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 for-give," they cry. "Don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 I now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

CHORUS



A-rise, a-rise, a-rise, a-rise, my soul, a-rise.



A-rise, a-rise, a-rise, a-rise, my soul, a-rise,



shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

Confession of Faith.....*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
Ruling Elder Phil Bassett

Elder: *What offices does Christ execute as our redeemer?*

People: **Christ, as our redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

Elder: *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

People: **Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

Elder: *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?*

People: **Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.**

Elder: *How does Christ execute the office of a king?*

People: **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

When the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was formed in 1788, it adopted (with minor revisions) the Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechisms (1647), as its secondary standards (the Bible itself being the only infallible rule of faith and practice). Officers in the PCA take a vow to "sincerely receive and adopt" these confessional documents "as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures."

The First Reading of God's Word.....Matthew 26:36-46
p. 832

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Psalms 42-43
pp. 469-470

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.....*Father of Mercies, in Your Word* (#144)



1. Fa-ther of mer-cies, in your Word what end-less glo-ry shines;

2. Di-vine In-struc-tor, gra-cious Lord, O be for-ev-er near;



for-ev-er be your name a-dored for these ce-les-tial lines.

teach me to love your sa-cred Word, and view my Sav-ior there.

Hearing from God's Word.....Psalm 42-43
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *When You Are Not Where You Want to Be*

The Westminster Larger Catechism:

Q. 155. *How is the word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Q. 160. *What is required of those that hear the word preached?*

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

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:

“Christ is our best friend, and ere long will be our only friend. I pray God with all my heart that I may be weary of everything else but converse and communion with him.”

John Owen

“Every time we look at the cross Christ seems to say to us, ‘I am here because of you. It is your sin I am bearing, your curse I am suffering, your debt I am paying, your death I am dying.’ Nothing in history or in the universe cuts us down to size like the cross. All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size.”

John R. W. Stott

"When you retire your souls from all secular confidences, and repose all your trust in him, you will be instant in prayer, and earnestly beg his relief; you see all things subsist by him, and it is in vain to expect any real assistance from the creature, but what God will communicate to us by it."

Thomas Manton

“Christ’s death is the Christian’s life. Christ’s cross is the Christian’s title to heaven. Christ ‘lifted up’ and put to shame on Calvary is the ladder by which Christians ‘enter into the holiest,’ and are at length landed in glory. It is true that we are sinners—but Christ has suffered for us. It is true that we deserve death—but Christ has died for us. It is true that we are guilty debtors—but Christ has paid our debts with His own blood. This is the real Gospel! This is the good news! On this let us lean while we live. To this let us cling when we die. Christ has been ‘lifted up’ on the cross, and has thrown open the gates of heaven to all believers.”

J. C. Ryle

“The final bodily resurrection of the saints vindicates them before the on-looking world in that it is an ‘incarnation’ of their prior spiritual identification with Christ’s vindicating resurrection, which was not seen or recognized by the ungodly powers. That is, spiritual resurrection that was invisible but to the eyes of faith (2 Cor. 4:6-11, 16-18) will become visible to all eyes in the consummated form of physical resurrection (2 Cor. 4:14; 5:1-5), which is foundational to a person’s being judged favorably by Christ at the end.”

G. K. Beale

Communion Hymns

I Stand Amazed – Charles Gabriel

1. I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me,
A sinner condemned, unclean.

Chorus:

*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

2. He took my sins and my sorrows,
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary,
And suffered, and died alone.

Chorus

3. When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

Chorus

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Wonderful, Merciful Savior – Dawn Rodgers/Eric Wyse

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus: You are the one that we praise,
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

—WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE—

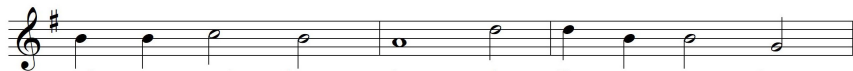
Offertory.....*As the Deer*

*As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.*

Closing Hymn.....*Psalm 43*



1. De - fend me, God, and plead my case a -
2. O God in whom I ref - uge take, why
3. O send your light forth and your truth; O
4. Then I will to God's al - tar go, to
5. O why, my soul, are you bowed down? Why



giant a god - less clan; de - liv - er me from
have you cast me off? Why must I griev - ing
let them lead me well and bring me to your
God, my bound - less joy. To ren - der thanks to
so dis - cour - aged be? Hope now in God! I'll



fraud - u - lent, un - just and wick - ed man.
walk a - bout while foes op - press and scoff?
ho - ly hill, the place you choose to dwell.
God, my God, the harp I will em - ploy.
praise him still! My Help, my God is He!

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, 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. If you have any questions, please speak with our Treasurer or any of our Church Officers.

January giving: \$35,892

March giving: \$42,263

February giving: \$41,141

April giving: \$58,334

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$513,154

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 43*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q18** "Of what were our first parents made? / **Answer:** "God made Adam's body out of the ground, and Eve's body out of a rib from Adam."

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q18** "Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?" / **Answer:** "The sinfulness of that state whereinto man fell consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of the original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin, together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it."

Bible Reading:

- Mon – 5/22 – Numbers 31 & Psalm 75-76
- Tue – 5/23 – Numbers 32 & Psalm 77
- Wed – 5/24 – Numbers 33 & Psalm 78:1-39
- Thurs – 5/25 – Numbers 34 & Psalm 78:40-72
- Fri – 5/26 – Numbers 35 & Psalm 79
- Sat – 5/27 – Numbers 36 & Psalm 80
- Sun – 5/28 – Deuteronomy 1 & Psalm 81-82

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Preaching: **Psalm 51**

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: Emily Taton and Kathy Curts

- Next week: Jon and Melinda Timpf
- 6/4: Gary and Diane Armitage
- 6/11: Sam and Megan Armitage
- 6/18: Helen Ashuntantang and help

Upcoming events:

Officer Voting:

- We will have a Congregational Meeting TODAY immediately following our worship service, to vote on officer nominees who have passed their examinations. All GCPC members are encouraged to attend and vote.

The Harrison Nursing Home Ministry: The 4th Sunday at 2:30.

- May: Dan Bent
- June: Brion Ferratt

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Senior Sunday:** we will honor all of our graduating seniors with a breakfast on June 4 at 9:30 in Westminster Hall. All students and parents are invited to attend.
- **Prayer please!** Our middle and high schoolers will be leaving on June 5 and June 11 for our summer camps. Please be praying for safe travels, camper and sponsor safety, and for growth in grace for all involved!

Ladies of Grace:

- Check the LOG Facebook page for upcoming groups.

Guys of Grace:

- Our bi-monthly Bible study is adjourned for the summer. Check our GOG Facebook group for summer events.

Things to Know:

- Interested in membership? **officegcpcfw@gmail.com**
- Would like to meet with one of our pastors?
 - Pastor Kyle: **koliphint@gmail.com**
 - Pastor Davis: **daviswmorgan@gmail.com**