

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 23, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“His inviting men to rejoice, is a proof that the reign of God is inseparably connected with the salvation and best happiness of mankind.”

John Calvin

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 97

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

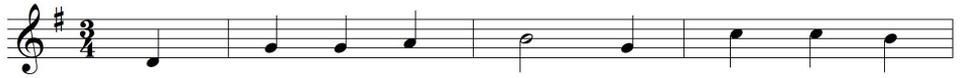
People: **Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Minister: Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.

People: **His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,**

ALL: Before the Lord of all the earth!

Hymn of Adoration.....*O Worship the King (#2)*



1.O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a -
 2.O tell of his might, O sing of his
 3.The earth with its store of won - ders un -
 -- 4.Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re -
 5.Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as
 6.O mea - sure - less Might! In - eff - a - ble



bove, O grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his
 grace, whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py
 told, Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of
 -- cite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the
 frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to
 Love! While an - gels de - light to hymn you a -



love; our shield and De - fen - der, the An - cient of
 space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds
 old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a change - less de -
 -- light; it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the
 fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the
 bove, the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their



Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 -- plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.
 end, our Ma - ker, De - fen - der, Re - deem - er, and Friend!
 lays, with true a - dor - a - tion shall lisp to your praise.

Prayer of Adoration

“A great proportion of men obstinately resist and reject the government of God. Hence the Psalmist [in Psalm 97] was forced to exhibit God in his severer aspect, to teach the wicked that their perverse opposition will not pass unpunished. When God draws near to men in mercy, and they fail to welcome him with becoming reverence and respect, this implies impiety of a very aggravated description; on which account it is that the language of denunciation suits with the kingdom of Christ. The Psalmist intimates that those who should despise God in the person of his only-begotten Son, will feel in due time and certainly the awful weight of his majesty.”

John Calvin

Hymn of Preparation.....*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*



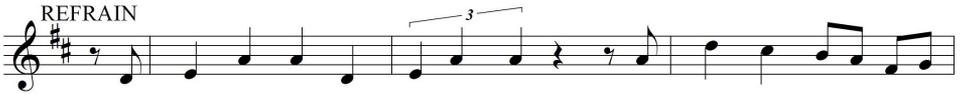
1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from
2. My Great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the
3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the
4. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this



guilt my soul is free. I trust the ev - er -
lost He came to save; for me His pre - cious
writ - ten Word of God, sal - va - tion by my
ends my fear and doubt; a sin - ful soul I



liv - ing One, His wounds shall plead for me.
blood He shed, for me His life He gave.
Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion through His blood.
come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out.



I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er



plea, it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and



that He died for me.

—————**WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON**—————

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Psalm 97*

He preserves the lives of his saints; He delivers them
from the hand of the wicked.

Hymn of Response.....*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

CHORUS

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to-gether.

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire. He
2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn, my
3. Ev-'ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed. You

is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the soul, be not a - fraid, for the prom-ised morn - ing, O how are the faith - ful One, and from the gar - den to the flood. Up - held, pro- tect - ed, ga - thered up. long. O God of Ja - cob, be my strength. grave, bind us to- geth - er, bring sha - lom.

“The kingdom of God is not our only inheritance. In His last will and testament, Jesus left His heirs something else, something very special: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid’ (John 14:27).”

R.C. Sproul

Confession of Faith.....*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
Ruling Elder Doug Flowers

Elder: *What do we pray for in the second petition?*

People: In the second petition, which is, ‘Thy kingdom come’, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Elder: *What do we pray for in the third petition?*

People: In the third petition, which is, ‘Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven’, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Elder: *What do we pray for in the fourth petition?*

People: In the fourth petition, which is, ‘Give us this day our daily bread’, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

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 Presbyterian Church in America (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.....Ephesians 1:15-23
p.976

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Psalm 97:1-12
pp.499-500

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.....*Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu -



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the



fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the
ra - di-ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -



acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can



fill in us all Your pur - pos-es for Your glo - ry.
ne - ver fail; Let their truth pre-vail o - ver un-be-lief.

Hearing from God's Word.....Psalm 97
Rev. Davis W. Morgan *Gotta Serve Somebody*

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:

“What art Thou then, my God? what, but the Lord God? For who is Lord but the Lord? or who is God save our God? Most highest, most good, most potent, most omnipotent; most merciful, yet most just; most hidden, yet most present; most beautiful, yet most strong, stable, yet incomprehensible; unchangeable, yet all-changing; never new, never old; all-renewing, and bringing age upon the proud, and they know it not; ever working, ever at rest; still gathering, yet nothing lacking; supporting, filling, and overspreading; creating, nourishing, and maturing; seeking, yet having all things. Thou lovest, without passion; art jealous, without anxiety; repentest, yet grieveest not; art angry, yet serene; changest Thy works, Thy purpose unchanged; receivest again what Thou findest, yet didst never lose; never in need, yet rejoicing in gains; never covetous, yet exacting usury. Thou receivest over and above, that Thou mayest owe; and who hath aught that is not Thine? Thou payest debts, owing nothing; remittest debts, losing nothing.”

Saint Augustine

“Not only does the Lord through forgiveness of sins receive and adopt us once for all into the church, but through the same means he preserves and protects us there. For what would be the point of providing a pardon for us that was destined to be of no use? Every godly man is his own witness that the Lord's mercy, if it were granted only once, would be void and illusory, since each is quite aware throughout his life of the many infirmities that need God's mercy. And clearly not in vain does God promise this grace especially to those of his own household; not in vain does he order the same message of reconciliation daily to be brought to them. So, carrying, as we do, the traces of sin around with us throughout life, unless we are sustained by the Lord's constant Grace and forgiving our sins, we shall scarcely abide one moment in the church. But the Lord has called his children to eternal salvation. Therefore, they ought to ponder that there is pardon ever ready for their sins. Consequently, we must firmly believe that by God's generosity, mediated by Christ's merit, through the sanctification of the Spirit, sins have been and are daily pardoned to us who have been received and engrafted into the body of the church.”

John Calvin

“No kind of life is fulfilling if your soul hasn't been redeemed (by the King).”

Bob Dylan

Communion Hymns

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (#251) – *Elizabeth Clephane/Frederick Maker*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The Shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day.

And from my stricken hear with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me;

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

He Will Hold Me Fast – *Ada Habershon/Matthew Merker*

1. When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

*Refrain: He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

2. Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;

3. For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! *Refrain*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us – *Stuart Townend*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

— WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE —

Offertory.....*Thy God Reigneth!*

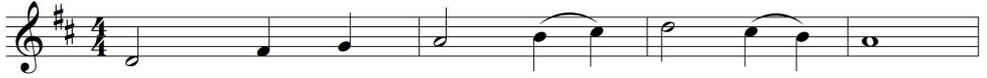
Trembling soul, beset by fears, "Thy God reigneth!"

Look above and dry thy tears: "Thy God reigneth!"

Though thy foes with power assail, naught against thee shall prevail;

Trust in him, he'll never fail: "Thy God reigneth!"

Closing Hymn.....*Psalm 97*



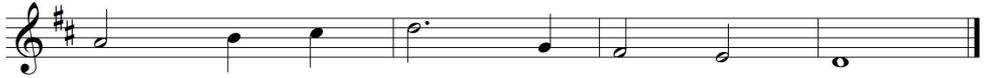
1. Je - ho - vah reigns; let earth be glad,
 2. Con - sum - ing fire de - stroys his foes,
 3. The heav'ns his righ - teous - ness pro - claim,
 -- 4. Your church re - joic - es to be - hold
 5. All you that tru - ly love the Lord,
 6. For good men light and joy are sown



and all the isles their joy make known;
 a - round the world his light - nings blaze;
 through earth his glo - ry shines a - broad;
 -- your judg - ments in the earth, O Lord;
 hate sin, for he is just and pure;
 to bless them in the har - vest - time;



with clouds and dark - ness he is clad,
 the trem - bling earth his pres - ence knows,
 from i - dol wor - ship turn with shame,
 -- your glo - ry to the world un - fold,
 to saints his help he will ac - cord
 O saints, your joy in God make known



on truth and jus - tice rests his throne.
 the moun - tains melt be - fore his gaze.
 and bow be - fore the liv - ing God.
 -- su - preme o'er all you are a - dored.
 and keep them in his love se - cure.
 and ev - er praise his name sub - lime.

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 6 months of 2017. If you have any questions, please speak with our Treasurer or any of our Church Officers.

January giving: \$35,892

April giving: \$58,334

February giving: \$41,141

May giving: \$38,482

March giving: \$42,263

June giving: \$37,440

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$507, 106

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 97*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q27** "What did God threaten in the covenant of life?" / **Answer:** "To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed God."

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q27** "Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?" / **Answer:** "Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time."

Bible Reading:

- Mon – 7/24 – Judges 7 & Acts 11
- Tue – 7/25 – Judges 8 & Acts 12
- Wed – 7/26 – Judges 9 & Acts 13
- Thurs – 7/27 – Judges 10 & Acts 14
- Fri – 7/28 – Judges 11 & Acts 15
- Sat – 7/29 – Judges 12 & Acts 16
- Sun – 7/30 – Judges 13 & Acts 17

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Psalm 101

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.*

***Please note that Christian Education will resume on August 20th.**

Nursery Volunteers (please arrive by 10:15)

Today: Elijah and Camilla Brown

- Next week: Roy and Lana Bunch
- 8/6: Robert and Rose Cardona
- 8/13: Tina and Alyssa Cardona
- 8/20: Tim and Tracy Carter

Upcoming events:

Vacation Bible School:

- VBS is THIS week (M-F) from 9 – 11:45 AM for ages 4 through 5th grade. Students entering 6th grade and above will be helpers. The theme is *Paul and the Underground Church*. Please see Meagan Dennison or Tiffany Morgan for more details or to sign up. Register today!

Guys of Grace:

- **Prayer Group:** Tuesday mornings at 6:15 in the conference room. Coffee and fellowship provided!
- **Men's Bible Study:** we will resume our study on August 2nd at 7 pm. We will be looking at Romans 13.
- **Men's Movie Night:** our next MMN will be seeing the highly anticipated Christopher Nolan film *Dunkirk*. Stay tuned for details!

Ladies Fall Retreat:

- Registration will begin this week for our annual ladies' retreat. Plan now to spend Friday evening (9/22) - Saturday afternoon (9/23) with us at MDResorts, Rhome, TX. Our special guest is Katie Polski, from St. Louis, speaking on "Joy in the Journey." Watch for more details, and get registration from Anne Nelson or Joanna McMahan or Virginia Neely.

Things to Know:

- Interested in membership? **officegcpcfw@gmail.com**
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 - Sean Henry: **seanph10@yahoo.com**
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