

G R A C E C O M M U N I T Y

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 25, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“The people were brought to desolation, on account of their own incurable obstinacy; but God did not fail to save a small number of shoots, by means of which he afterwards restored his vine.”

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 80*

Minister: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up Your might and come to save us!

People: **Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Invocation.....*Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)*



1.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass-y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

“When we understand the character of God, when we grasp something of His holiness, then we begin to understand the radical character of our sin and hopelessness. Helpless sinners can survive only by grace. Our strength is futile in itself; we are spiritually impotent without the assistance of a merciful God. We may dislike giving our attention to God's wrath and justice, but until we incline ourselves to these aspects of God's nature, we will never appreciate what has been wrought for us by grace. Even Edwards's sermon on sinners in God's hands was not designed to stress the flames of hell. The resounding accent falls not on the fiery pit but on the hands of the God who holds us and rescues us from it. The hands of God are gracious hands. They alone have the power to rescue us from certain destruction.”

R.C. Sproul

Hymn of Preparation.....*Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted**

1.Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with
2.Take his ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
3.Bless - ed are the eyes that see him, blest the
4.Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, light to

fruit - less sor - row down; by the bro - ken law con-
make your o - be - dience sweet Christ will give you strength to
ears that hear his voice; bless - ed are the souls that
new - ly o - pened eyes, like full springs in des - erts

vict - ed, through the cross, be - hold the crown; look to
bear it, while his grace shall guide your feet safe to
trust him, and in him a - lone re - joice; his com-
drea - ry, is the rest the cross sup - plies; all who

Je - sus, look to Je - sus, look to
glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, safe to
mand - ments, his com - mand - ments, his com -
taste it, all who taste it, all who

Je - sus; mer - cy flows through him a - lone.
glo - ry, where his ran - somed cap - tives meet.
mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.
taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

*This is the first time we are singing this Indelible Grace hymn. Our middle and high school students sang it at their RYM camps earlier this summer.

WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from John 15*

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you...for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.

Hymn of Response.....*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (#498)*

1.Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
2.Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me
3.Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the
4.Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the
5.Je - sus! I do now re - ceive you, more than

lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
hide my - self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some-times
bil - lows o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
temp-est still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er -
all in you I find; you have grant - ed me for -

sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
give - ness, I am yours, and you are mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -
lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing,
lov - - ing, he is with me to the end.
(5. you are)

Minister: Christian, what do you believe about God?

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into 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.**

*Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

** holy catholic church = the whole Christian church

The First Reading of God's Word.....John 15:1-17
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The Second Reading of God's Word.....Psalm 80:1-19
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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.....*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (#303)*

1.Bless-ed Je-sus, at your word we are gath-ered
2.All our knowl-edge, sense, and sight lie in deep-est
all to hear you; let our hearts and
dark-ness shroud - ed, till your Spir-it
souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear
breaks our night with the beams of truth un-cloud -
you, by your teach-ings sweet and ho-ly,
ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
you must work all good with - in us.

Hearing from God's Word.....Psalm 80
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *In the Middle of It*

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:

“To be conformed to Jesus, we must first begin to think as Jesus did. We need the ‘mind of Christ.’ We need to value the things He values and despise the things He despises. We need to have the same priorities He has. We need to consider weighty the things He considers weighty.” *R.C. Sproul*

“When you know that the kingdom is God’s alone (though he gives it to us), that is the only thing that can lead to peace and rest. Owners are the ones who do all the worrying; stewards simply listen to the owner’s desires and work to implement them. Owners are responsible for the outcome; stewards strive to be faithful.” *Ed Welch*

“Because of Jesus – there is always hope, even in the darkest moments of your life. The whole world is going to be redeemed. Jesus is going to redeem spirit and body, reason and emotion, people and nature. There is no part of reality for which there is no hope.” *Tim Keller*

“‘Wait on the Lord’ is a constant refrain in the Psalms, and it is a necessary word, for God often keeps us waiting. He is not in such a hurry as we are, and it is not his way to give more light on the future than we need for action in the present, or to guide us more than one step at a time. When in doubt, do nothing, but continue to wait on God. When action is needed, light will come.” *J.I. Packer*

“The love of Christ for me will get last say. He is merciful to me for his name’s sake, for the sake of his own goodness, for the sake of his steadfast love and compassion (Psalm 25). When he thinks about me, he remembers what he is like, and that is my exceeding joy. My indestructible hope is that he has turned his face towards me, and he will never turn away.” *David Powlison*

“The mold in which a key is made would be a strange thing, if you had never seen a key: and the key itself a strange thing if you had never seen a lock. Your soul has a curious shape because it is a hollow made to fit a particular swelling in the infinite contours of the divine substance, or a key to unlock one of the doors in the house with many mansions. Your place in heaven will seem to be made for you and you alone, because you were made for it -- made for it stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand.” *C.S. Lewis*

Communion Hymns

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (#247) – *Bernard of Clairvaux/Hans Hassler*

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| 1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown:
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine. | Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me thy grace. |
| 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain. | 3. What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love for thee. |

Who is This? – *William Walsham How/Christopher Miner*

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| 1. Who is this, so weak and helpless,
Child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered,
Coldly in a manger laid?
Tis the Lord of all creation,
Who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting,
And to everlasting God. | 3. Who is this? Behold him shedding
Drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected,
Mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
Tis our God, Who gifts and graces
On His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance
All His foes beneath His throne. |
| 2. Who is this, a Man of Sorrows,
Walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping
Over sin and Satan's sway?
Tis our God, our glorious Savior,
Who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing,
Where no tear can dim the eye. | 4. Who is this that hangs there dying
While the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors,
Torn with nails, and crowned with
thorns? Tis our God Who lives forever
Mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city,
Reigning everlastingly. |

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place – *E.E. Hewitt/Greg Thompson*

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| 1. My faith has found a resting place,
From guilt my soul is free.
I trust the Ever-living One,
His wounds shall plead for me. | For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave. <i>Chorus</i> |
| <i>Chorus: I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.</i> | 3. My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation through His blood. <i>Chorus</i> |
| 2. My Great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save; | 4. Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out. <i>Chorus</i> |

Offertory.....*Speak, I Pray Thee, Gentle Jesus*

*Speak, I pray Thee, gentle Jesus.
O, how passing sweet Thy words
Breathing o'er my troubled spirit,
Peace which never earth affords.*

*All the world's distracting voices,
All the tempting tones of ill
At Thy voice, so mild, melodious
Are subdued and all is still.*

Closing Hymn.....*Psalm 80*

1. O Shep-herd of all Is - ra - el, give ear,
2. Lord God of hosts, how long dis-dain our prayer?
3. A vine you brought up out of E - gypt's land;
4. Why have you brok - en down its cir - cling wall,
5. O vis - it and pro - tect this vine of yours,
6. Your hand be on the man of your right hand,

who like a flock of sheep leads Jo - seph on.
Your peo - ple you have fed with bread of tears.
you drove the na - tions out to give it room.
that all may pluck who pass a - long the way?
the root you plant - ed with your own right hand,
the son of man you've strength-enend for your own.

En - throned be - tween the cher - u - bim ap - pear.
A - bun - dant tears for drink you them pre - pare.
It took deep root; it spread on ev - 'ry hand;
The boar from out the woods rootsround it all;
this son whom you have strength-enend for your-self.
Then we shall nev - er turn a - way from you.

To E - phra - im, Ma - nas - seh, Ben - ja - min
You've made us strife of foes and neigh - bors' jeers.
it cov - ered moun - tains with its shade and bloom.
the un - tamed beasts de - vor it as they stray.
Burned up with fire, your peo - ple can - not stand.
Re - vive us! We will call your name a - lone.

show strength and save. O God, us now re - store!
O God of hosts, us once a - gain re - store!
Its branch - es hid God's ce - dars, spread - ing wide;
O God of hosts, re - turn to us, we pray!
They are cut down; they per - ish when you look,
Lord God of hosts, us once a - gain re - store!

We shall be saved when shines your face once more.
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boughs reached the sea; shoots reached the riv - er's side.
Look down from hea - ven and be - hold this day!
be - cause with your ap - pear - ance comes re - buke.
We shall be saved when shines your face once more.

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 5 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

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$510,812

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 80

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q23** "What covenant did God make with Adam?" / **Answer:**
"The covenant of Life."

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q23** "What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?" /
Answer: "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."

Bible Reading:

- Mon – 6/26 – Deuteronomy 31 & Psalm 119:97-120
- Tue – 6/27 – Deuteronomy 32 & Psalm 119:121-144
- Wed – 6/28 – Deuteronomy 33-34 & Psalm 119:145-176
- Thurs – 6/29 – Joshua 1 & Psalm 120-122
- Fri – 6/30 – Joshua 2 & Psalm 123-125
- Sat – 7/1 – Joshua 3 & Psalm 126-128
- Sun – 7/2 – Joshua 4 & Psalm 129-131

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Psalm 86

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: Phil and Christine Bassett

- Next week: Dan and Stef Bent
- 7/9: Rhett and Brit Bentson
- 7/16: Duane and Bethany Brooks
- 7/23: Elijah and Camilla Brown

Upcoming events:

Vacation Bible School:

- VBS is July 24-28 for ages 4 through 5th grade. Students entering 6th grade and above will be helpers. The theme is *Paul and the Underground Church*. We need all the volunteers we can get!
- Please see Meagan Dennison or Tiffany Morgan for more details or to sign up. Registration will start early-mid July.

Reynosa Mission Trip:

- The 2017 mission trip will be from July 15-21. GCPC will be sending a team down to Reynosa, MX to do construction on the I55 school and assist with community projects. For information please contact Justin Campbell.

Guys of Grace:

- **Men's Movie Night:** our next MMN will be Thursday, June 29th. Time and place TBD.

Ladies of Grace:

- **Summer Prayer Groups:** using the book of Psalms as our guide, we will be meeting twice a month at GCPC on Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30, and Wednesday evenings 7-8:30. Everyone is welcome to join as often as you can. All you will need is a Bible and a small notebook. Talk to Tracy Carter, Joanna McMahan, or Anne Nelson for more details.
 - Tuesday: July 11 (babysitting available)
 - Wednesday: July 12 (no childcare)

Things to Know:

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