

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## GATHERING

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### **\*Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious-- Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest-- to both great and small,  
In all life Thou livest-- the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish-- but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render-- O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn melody from John Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### **\*Psalm 145:1-5, 21**

*LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**ALL: Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

*LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

**ALL: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

*LEADER: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

### **\*We Give Thanks (Psalm 107)**

Once in the wilderness of our sin  
We wandered lost and without hope  
Into our desert waste God in grace  
Came to restore and bring us home  
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing

(chorus)

We give thanks, O God, for Your steadfast love  
We give thanks, O God, for You are good  
Lord, You are good, we give thanks

(repeat chorus)

Through every pain and trial, You provide  
Light in the dark of our distress  
Lifting us from on high when we cry  
Turning our grief to gratefulness  
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing

(repeat chorus 2x)

You take the darkness and make it as light  
Hearts that were dead in sin, You raise to life  
You take a barren place and make it a spring  
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing  
Let the redeemed of God rise up and sing!

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## SCRIPTURE READING

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### Hebrews 13:8-16

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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**ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against your holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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### \*Psalm 145:8-9

*LEADER: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.*

### \*Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady MUSIC: Thomas Hastings

### \*How Great is the Greatness of God

(chorus)

How faithful the Father above, how wondrous the work of the Son  
how sweet is the Spirit given to us, how great is the greatness of God

Morning by morning, with every dawn, my soul with a new song awaits  
Even in evening my praise goes on, forever my God is the same

(repeat chorus)

When my heart gazes on Calvary, at all of Your mercies arrayed  
Oh, that my Savior would die for me, I sing out with infinite thanks

(repeat chorus)

Oh what a comfort in every trial, His presence is all that I need  
Power that brought resurrection life, that power is living in me  
Oh, that power is living in me

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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### \*Heidelberg Catechism 6-8

*LEADER: Did God create people so wicked and perverse?*

**ALL: No. God created them good and in His own image,  
in true righteousness and holiness,  
so that they might truly know God their creator,  
love Him with all their heart,  
and live with Him in eternal happiness for His praise and glory.**

*LEADER: Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?*

**ALL: From the fall and disobedience of our first parents,  
Adam and Eve, in paradise.  
This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are born sinners -  
corrupt from conception onward.**

*LEADER: But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do  
any good and inclined toward all evil?*

**ALL: Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.**

## PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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*Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple." Please make checks payable to Grace PCA, with "General" or "Building" included in the check memo.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
    and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## SERMON: EZRA 3

George Boomer

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**ALL:** The grass withers and the flower falls,  
    but the word of the Lord remains forever.

## LORD'S SUPPER

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# Come to Me

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee  
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.  
Listen to His message, words of life, forever blest.  
Oh, thou heavy-laden, come to me, come and rest

(chorus)

There is freedom, taste and see.  
Hear the call, come to me.  
Run into His arms of grace.  
Your burden carried, He will take

Bring Him all thy burdens, all thy guilt and sin.  
Mercy's door is open, rise up and enter in

(repeat chorus)

Jesus, there is waiting patiently for thee.  
Hear Him gently calling, come, oh, come to me.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee  
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.

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## Keep the Feast

Joyfully we join You at Your table,  
Pleading not our righteousness  
By Your wealth of mercy, we are able,  
Now to feast in confidence

(chorus)

Take this bread and eat,  
Take this cup and drink  
Remember how He loved us,  
Rejoice and keep the feast

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?  
Who His sandals could untie?  
Who are we that He would show us favor?  
Granting us this gift of life?

(repeat chorus)

Happy sign of friendship and reunion,  
With the blessed Three-in-One  
Foretaste of that glorious communion,  
Vision of the world to come

(repeat chorus 2x)

Remember how He loved us,  
Rejoice and keep the feast

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# O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

(chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

(repeat chorus)

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

(repeat chorus 2x)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

## BENEDICTION

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## DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

## AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

Mark Lange & Mike Wuthrich

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*It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please email [prayer@gpca.church](mailto:prayer@gpca.church) or contact one of the pastors prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.*

## \*CONGREGATION WILL STAND

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