

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### **\*Psalm 80: 14-15, 19**

*Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts!  
Look down from heaven and see.  
Have regard for this vine,  
the stock that Your right hand planted,*

**All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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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

## **\*How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

TEXT: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

## SCRIPTURE READING

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### Revelation 21: 22-27

*“And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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ALL: Almighty Father,

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Our eyes have looked for worldly pleasures,  
instead of seeking Your face.

Our mouths have given praise to created things,  
instead of honoring Your name.

Our ears have sought out other callers,  
instead of hearing Your words of life.

Forgive us for these sins and others in our memory,  
because Christ has taken their full penalty onto Himself,  
and given us His robe of righteousness.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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### \*1<sup>st</sup> John 4: 9-10

*Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us,  
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.  
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us,  
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

# \*Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls [of men]

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son  
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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# \*Heidelberg Catechism 27-28

*Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?*

**All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds,  
as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures,  
and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years,  
food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty -  
all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by His fatherly hand.**

*Leader: How does the knowledge of God's providence help us?*

**All: We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity,  
and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father  
that no creature will separate us from His love.  
For all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will,  
they can neither move nor be moved.**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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Leo Jay Vitt and Arlo Edward Vitt

## **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 6:13-22**

Mark Winton

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

## How Deep the Father's Love For Us

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.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
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.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, 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.

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## I Have a Peace

I have a peace I can't explain, that goes beyond the sorrow  
For there's a truth I can't erase, Your love is my tomorrow  
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace when fears arise, and waters roar around me  
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me  
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future  
When all I fear is all that's true, Your perfect love is truer

I have a peace with God and man, for you have reconciled me  
I was at war, you came, a friend, to serve and stand beside me  
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness  
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

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# The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Brian Moss

## 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

Darby Ritter & Clay Phillips

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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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