

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### **\*Psalm 96: 8-10**

*Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!*

**All: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## GATHERING

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# \*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps His courts below  
Praise the holy God of love and all His greatness show.  
Praise Him for His noble deeds praise Him for His matchless pow'r  
Him from whom all good proceeds, let heav'n and earth adore  
Let heav'n and earth adore.

(chorus)

Praise the name of Christ  
Celebrate and lift Him up high  
Praise the Lord of life  
We'll sing the story of honor and glory and praise the name of Christ

God in whom they move and live let every creature sing  
Glory to their Maker give and homage to their King.  
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heav'n and earth adored  
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
We'll sing the story of honor and glory  
And praise the name

(repeat chorus 2x)

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# \*How Great Thou Art

(chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power thro-out the universe displayed.

(repeat chorus)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

(repeat chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

(repeat chorus)

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

## SCRIPTURE READING

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### Luke 14:25-33

*“Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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All: Gracious God,

You created us for good works,  
and yet we have often preferred our sins and selfishness.  
Forgive us through the work of Jesus Christ,  
who has given us His own righteousness.

Accept His worthiness for our unworthiness,  
His holiness for our impurity,  
His meekness for our pride,  
His constancy for our backslidings,  
His love for our indifference,  
His sincerity for our deceit,  
His righteousness for our dead works,  
and His death for our life.

Amen.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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### **\*Titus 3: 4-7**

*Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,  
but according to His own mercy,  
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,  
whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs  
according to the hope of eternal life.*

### **\*Your Labor is Not in Vain**

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown.

(refrain)  
For I am with you, I am with you.  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain.

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,  
For all that is old will at last be made new:  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit.

(repeat refrain)

The houses you labored to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled.  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed.

(repeat refrain 2x)

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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### \*Heidelberg Catechism 49

*Leader: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?*

**All: First, He is our advocate in heaven in the presence of His Father.**

*Leader: Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, His members, up to Himself.*

**All: Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

## 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.**

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**SERMON: NEHEMIAH 2:9-20**

George Boomer

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

## Hallelujah! What A Savior

Man of sorrows, what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah! What a Savior

Stand unclean, no one else could  
In my place condemned He stood  
Now His nearness is my good  
Hallelujah! What a Savior

Guilty, helpless, lost were we  
Blameless Lamb of God was he,  
Sacrificed to set us free,  
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die  
"It is finished!" was His cry  
Now in Heaven lifted high  
Hallelujah! What a Savior  
Hallelujah! What a Savior

When He comes, our Glorious King  
All His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing  
Hallelujah! What a Savior  
Hallelujah! What a Savior  
Hallelujah! What a Savior

# Abide

For my waking breath for my daily bread,  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For the sun to rise for my sleep at night  
I depend on You, I depend on You

You're the way the truth and the life,  
you're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine,  
draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads as I'm following,  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For the victories still in front of me,  
I depend on You, I depend on You

(chorus)

You're the way the truth and the life,  
you're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine,  
draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength my song in the night,  
be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours forever You're mine,  
draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death, as I enter rest,  
I depend on You, I depend on You  
For eternal life to be raised with Christ,  
I depend on You, I depend on You

(repeat chorus)

# All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

(chorus)

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

(repeat chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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Marcus and Brooklyn Schroeder; Ashton Bartlett; Ronnie Hoover; Tyler Kirkhart  
Arica Pycha; Ben and Leslie Nuss; Liam Bockwinkel  
Stone and Jennifer, Elias, Ethan, Gabriel, Jonathon and Elisabeth Junod  
Paige Pearson; Ruby Robke; Amina Yaluk; Caleb Bredehoft; Wyatt Messer  
Norah Riordan; Geneva Oberzan; Brent Whitten; Ryan, Kayla and Reagan Felix  
Cooper Roman; Henry Knutzen; Annie Banz; Ruth Ney; Asa Sweat; Ben Fitzgerald  
Genevieve Lill; Jeff and Josie, Jonas, Ruthie, Wade and Rory Elliott; Braysen Kidd  
Seton Snyder; Cynthia Breitenbach; Justin and Aleah Holt; Eli Roman; Jessica and Molly Hall

## 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

Scott Rask & Phil Oberzan

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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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