

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 135: 1-3, 5

*Leader: Praise the name of the Lord!
give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God!*

**All: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;
sing to His name, for it is pleasant!
For I know that the Lord is great,
and that our Lord is above all gods.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*O For a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love,
be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
the honors of Thy name.
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
the honors of Thy name.

***Run and Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)**

Run and run the law demands
But gives me neither feet nor hands
Better news, the gospel brings
It bids me fly, it gives me wings

Bearing shame and all my sin
There in my place He stood condemned
Here I stand now justified
My guilt is His, His grace is mine

(chorus)

Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord
Now and forevermore my heart confess
Christ is all my righteousness
Christ is all my righteousness

My accuser, he may roar
Of countless sins that I have done
These I know and thousands more
Behold, my God, He knows not one

(repeat chorus)

When I stand before the throne
There dressed in beauty not my own
Then, Lord, shall I fully know
Not 'til that day how much I owe

Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord
Now and forevermore my heart confess
Christ is all my righteousness

Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord
For now this sinner's heart has found its' rest
Christ is all my righteousness
Christ is all my righteousness

Hebrews 11:1-3; 11:29-12:2

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Psalms 32: 1-5

All: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***Romans 5: 1-2**

*Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

***There is One Gospel**

There is one Gospel
on which I stand for all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan,
the Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace,
my highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling,
all else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet,
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring,
no more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found,
the empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down,
He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes,
my life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one,
we do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on,
to lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing,
of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
And when in glory still I will sing,
of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life,
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
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***This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas –
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—
The birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring.
God reigns—let earth be glad.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

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arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism 60

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless, without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me,
if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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: NEHEMIAH 7:5-73

George Boomer

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

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When the seas are smooth and bright,
Sparkling with the stars of night,
When the darkening heavens frown,
And the wrathful winds come down,
Still I know my need of Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
Still I know my need of Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
You can hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Your will,
When You say to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
Between me and peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."
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"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

(chorus)

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

(repeat chorus)

Lover of my soul
I want to live for You (4x)

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You

(repeat chorus)

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

(repeat chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

(repeat chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

(repeat chorus 2x)

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

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 & Jason Lichte

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 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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