



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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--- *Reflections* ---

So God breathed life into Adam and Eve. When they opened their eyes, the first thing they ever saw was God's face. And when God saw then He was like a new dad. God loved them with all His Heart. And they were lovely because He loved them. And Adam and Eve joined in the song of the stars and the streams and the wind and the trees, the wonderful song of love to the One who made them.

— Sally Lloyd Jones
The Jesus Storybook Bible

An author should never conceive of himself as bringing into existence beauty or wisdom that did not exist before, but simply and solely as trying to embody in terms of his own art some reflection of eternal Beauty and Wisdom.

— Jerram Barrs
Echoes of Eden: Reflections of Christianity, Literature, and the Arts

Grace Presbyterian Church

July 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

*All: "Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth."*

Leader: What did God do to help us?

People: They received God's covenant and prepared the way
for Jesus to come as our Savior

All: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

¹ As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

Song of Praise

Come and Welcome

Thomas Haweis & Matthew Perryman Jones

From the cross up - lift - ed high _____ Where the Sav - ior deigns to _____ die, _____

5 What mel - od - ious sounds I _____ hear, _____ Burst - ing on _____ my rav - ished ear; _____

9 Love's re - deem - ing _____ work is _____ done, _____

13 Come and wel - come, sin - - - ner, come. _____

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a G chord, followed by a C chord. The second line starts with an A m chord, followed by a G chord. The third line starts with an A m chord, followed by a C chord, then a G chord. The fourth line starts with an A m chord, followed by a C chord, then a G chord. The lyrics are written below the staff, with blank lines for the melody to continue.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan
On my pierced body laid
Justice owns the ransom paid
Bow the knee and kiss the Son
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored
To thy Father's bosom pressed
Yet again a child confessed
Never from His house to roam
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend
Safe your spirit to convey
To the realms of endless day
Up to my eternal home.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Prayer of Adoration

_____ *Renewal* _____

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Confession of Sin

*Minister &
People:*

*Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

I John 3:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Peace of God

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you.*

The Prayers of the People *(concluded with the Lord's prayer)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen!

_____Commitment_____

The Offering

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

For the director of music. According to *gittith*.
A psalm of David.

- 1 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
- 2 Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
- 5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
- 7 all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
- 8 the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
- 9 Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

THE SONG OF CREATION
SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

COMMUNION

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion is a family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

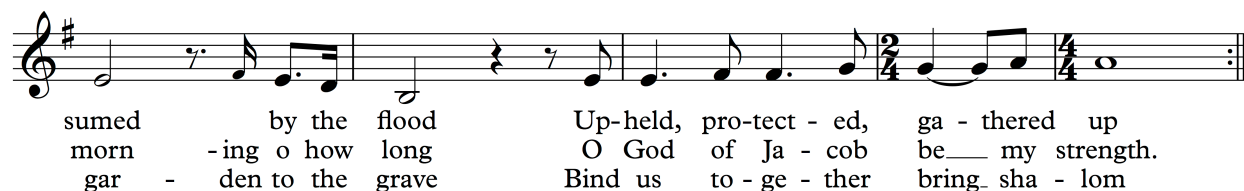
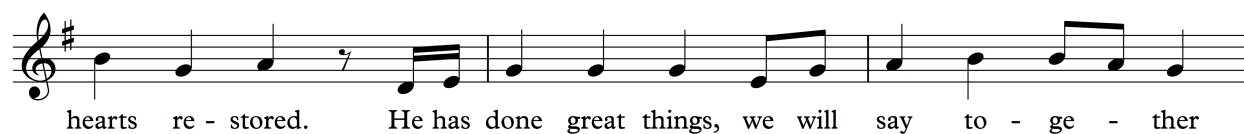
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Song of Communion

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore



Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

Prayer for those not communing:

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Your communion elements are placed on your seat to ensure contactless serving. To open, peel back the first plastic seal to expose the unleavened wafer. Then peel back the second plastic seal to expose the juice. Once opened, please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together. If you need gluten-free elements please let an usher know.

Song of Commitment

O Worship the King
Robert Grant & Johann Michael Hayden

O wor - ship the King, all glor - ious a - bove; and
grate - ful - ly sing His Pow'r and His love; Our
Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In you do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Your mercies how tender how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall lisp sing your praise.

Benediction²

May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all.

Dismissal

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

²The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church.

Worship Music³

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Grace Presbyterian Church.

Brent Allmon, saxophone
David Fox, keyboard
Damon Henrichs, guitar

Debra Moses, flute
Rae Moses, piano
Jennifer Reddick, flute

Sermon Notes

Psalm 8

THE SONG OF CREATION

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

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Welcome, Guests! We are excited you're here with us today. We hope that you were warmly welcomed and would love for you to be a part of Grace. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information on the back of the bulletin, tear it off and drop it in the offering plate or give it on to an usher. Also, Children's Bulletins/Activity bags are on the coffee table in the Narthex. Please feel free to help yourself.

Cry Room: A cry room is available for the comfort of our new parents in order to ensure that everyone enjoys our services. It is located in the back of the sanctuary and it is well equipped (comfortable rockers, changing table, etc.) but if you are in need of anything, one of our ushers will be glad to assist.

Children's Ministries: Emily's last day will be July 31st. We want to express our thankfulness and gratitude to Emily Zell for ministering to children and families again this summer. Emily has been a tremendous gift to us all and can not express how grateful we are for her presence, faithfulness, joy, and friendship. If you get a chance, tell Emily thank you for her service to us this summer.

- **Monday July 27th**, Emily will send out the next video in our summer video series called "Fruit Salad of the Spirit" which will be geared toward younger kids. We will make fruit salad together, adding a new ingredient every Monday, and discussing how God makes a fruit salad of sweet things in our hearts as well.
- **Wednesday July 29th**, we will have our final set of zoom meetups where Emily will do a little science experiment and a Bible lesson. We'll do it three times: One geared toward K-2nd grade (1pm), one geared toward 3rd-4th grade (2pm), and one geared toward 5th-6th grade (3pm). You will receive an email with the zoom links later in the week!
- **Friday, July 31st**, we will have our last 56er summer bible study/zoom hangout at 1:30pm. You will also receive an email with zoom links later in the week!

Student Ministries is designed for students 7th grade through 12th grade. Please have your student connect with us on Instagram (called GPCyouth) or ask to be put in our Youth group GroupMe, our primary medium for communication to hear about upcoming youth group events! Additionally, feel free to contact Caleb at caleb@gracewoodlands.org to request information about youth activities.

- **Poolside Youth Group** will be every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm (people can stay and swim until 9pm if they wish). Swimming, fellowship, and a Bible study each week! Contact Caleb for more details on when, what, and where!
 - **Safety** is one of our top priorities for youth events. We want to assure families that we are working to ensure as safe an environment as possible, and will take precautions to avoid the spreading of germs between students.
- **GraceCares:** Caring for the church and the community. If you are interested in helping with GraceCares and the needs of the church and the community, please contact Joe Tison.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are events in life when we all need the help and encouragement from our community. The Meals Ministry seeks to enter into these times by providing meals. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals, please contact Rhonnie Bellin.
- **Giving:** If you would like to know the best way to support those who might have needs in our church and community, we would encourage you to consider giving to the Deacon's Fund. It is through the deacons and their ministry that Grace church provides for, supports and comes alongside those who are in need. If you have questions, please contact Matt Bradshaw.
- **Prayer Ministry:** Our desire at Grace is that we take seriously the privilege of prayer and there are several ways you can participate. If you become aware of a prayer need, please communicate this to us in one of the following ways:
 - **By email:** Contact our Prayer Ministry leader Barbara Adams, her email can be found in the church directory. Your requests will be communicated to our Church Staff, Officers, and our Prayer Team. If you would like to be on our Prayer Team, please let us know.
 - **In writing:** Fill out the back page of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

- **By phone:** 281-296-0911 (Church Office)

Missions Service Opportunities & Events: Contact John Zeigler for more information or to be added to our GraceMissions email list or to connect with a missions team advocate.

- **July Prayer Partners**

- Pregnancy Assistance Center North, The Woodlands, TX
- Joe & Felicity Congdon, MTW, Tokyo, Japan
- Pastors and congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico

- **Local Missions Partners**

- Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling | The Woodlands, TX
- Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
- Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
- Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
- Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
- Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
- Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX
- Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
- Brooks & Meredith Harwood | RUF | University of Houston
- Grace Presbyterian ESL Ministry
- Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

- **National Missions Partners**

- Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship Dallas | Dallas, TX
- Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
- William & Katherine Bondurant | RUF | Texas A & M University
- Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
- Wil & Mary Nettleton | RUF | Trinity University
- John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
- Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
- Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, Covenant Theological Seminary | St. Louis, MO
- Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX

- **International Missions Partners**

- Arab Baptist Theological Seminary / Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development | Beirut, Lebanon
- Titus & Crystal Bagby | RUF International | Texas A & M University
- Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
- Charles & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
- Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, Japan
- Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
- David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
- Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
- Mission to The World | Atlanta, GA
- Krystal Watson | Pioneers | Eastern Europe
- Teodoro Contreras & Jorge Rivera, Vida Nueva Church Plant, Valle Lincoln, Monterrey, Mexico

Grace Online gives users access to the church directory and event calendar. Users can also join groups, print giving statements and give online. If you need any online instructions contact Dianna in the office at 281-296-0911 or admin@gracewoodlands.org.

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, gracewoodlands.org under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community)** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** To give online, go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/grac8989200>. This link can also be found on the Grace Website at gracewoodlands.org under the Care/Give tab. Please contact Dianna in the church office with questions or concerns.

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for June 2020.

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Projected Budget	70,999	425,994
Actual General Fund	121,892	412,776
Variance	50,893	(13,218)

Banners Explained: In Christian tradition, green came to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost, as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection. This color indicates ordinary time, which is the time between the major Christian Seasons.

The banner on the left is inscribed with the Latin phrase “In cruce salus” meaning “In the cross is salvation”. Passion flowers symbolize the suffering and death of Christ, and forming a circle in the center is a crown of thorns which Jesus wore on the cross. In the center are the Greek letters alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the alphabet. In Revelation 21:6, Jesus describes himself as the Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End.

The banner on the right is inscribed with the Latin phrase “Ego sum vitis vera” meaning “I am the true vine”, an expression Jesus used to describe himself in John 15:1. The grapevines that make up the cross symbolize abundance and fruitfulness; Jesus is the only way to a truly fruitful life. The “IHS” in the center of the cross is an ancient monogram for Jesus.

We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please use this page to let us know of your visit and to make us aware of any ideas, suggestions or concerns you may have. You may deposit this page in the offering plate as it comes by, or give it to an usher or greeter. Have confidence that no one will call or drop by your home; this is for us to have a record of your visit or your prayer requests.

Name, Email & Cell Number: _____

Spouse, Email & Cell Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Children, Age & Grade: _____

Please let us know if you are:

☐ Visitor

☐ Regular Attendee

☐ One time visit from out of town

I am interested in learning about:

☐ Community Groups

☐ Music

☐ Usher, Greeter

☐ Sunday Volunteer

☐ Children's Ministry

☐ Women's Ministry

☐ Student Ministry

☐ Men's Ministry

☐ Membership

Prayer Request:

☐ I would like to speak with someone about this prayer request or other spiritual concern; please have someone contact me at: _____.

☐ I would like the prayer team to pray for the following needs or concerns:

Prayer of Belief...

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more
sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am
more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope.*

*I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, bearing my
punishment and offering forgiveness.*

*Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn
from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*