



*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

God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.

– CS Lewis:
Mere Christianity

It is essential to begin our journey together with this truth in our minds and hearts – that the first step in becoming like Jesus is acknowledging how unlike Jesus we are and knowing that he loves us just the same. This means that we should not suppress or cover over the doubts we have about ourselves, pretending as if they didn't exist. Rather, we must start listening to those doubts and applying the truth about Jesus to them. We must not try to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. Rather, we must realize that we don't even have boots.

– Scott Sauls
Irresistible Faith

When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows."

– Martin Luther King, Jr:
Address to the Southern Christian Conference, 1967

Grace Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-29

Leader: Our Savior says to us this morning:

People: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Leader: Our Lord says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;

All: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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

Song of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the



praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
night; Come those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
faith; Come those with full or emp - ty hands find the rich - es of His



grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
grace. O - ver all the world, His peo - ple sing shore to shore we hear them



Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to gath - er chil - dren
cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the cer - tain hope of
call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our God is all in



in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
peace.
all."



joice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re - joice!

Prayer of Adoration

*Minister &
People:*

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this, we join all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you LORD! Amen.

Renewal

Scripture Reading

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Confession of Sin

*Minister &
People:*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are by your grace, and direct what we shall become through your Spirit, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

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 32

Of David. A *maskil*.

- 1 Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.

7 You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

9 Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

10 Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Sermon

Mr. Brooks Harwood

Hiding From a Forgiving God
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

Narrow Little Road

Mo Leverett

C F G

I be - lieve in the love of God
It is por - trayed in the bread and wine
It is the path where the hum - ble go
The love of God is the hymn of hope

3 C F G

It is an or - phan's wild - est dream
Let it for - ti - fy my bones
It is the nar - row not the broad
Let the need - y join the throng

5 C F G

It is a nar - row lit - tle road
It is more than just a sign
It is the path - way down the hill
Let the wi - dow hear and cope

7 C F G C

It is an ev - er wide - ning de - sert stream
It is the foun - tain from that de - sert stone
To the grave - yard of the liv - ing God
Let the crip - pled rise to sing this song

9 C G Am F C G C

Oh I, and I, I will leave this road For the nar - row

13 C G Am F C G C

Oh I, and I, I will leave this road For the nar - row

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

Doxology
Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be -
low al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

Benediction²

based on **Psalm 77:14,15** and **Luke 1:14**

May the God who works wonders,
Who has made His strength known among His people,
And by His power redeemed them,
May He be your joy and delight always.

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.

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!

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

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Sermon Notes

Psalm 32

HIDING FROM A FORGIVING GOD

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

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:

- **Monday 07/20**, 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 07/22**, we will continue to have 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, 07/24**, we will have 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.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.