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*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

Today I wonder why it is God refers to Himself as 'Father' at all. This, to me, in light of the earthly representation of the role, seems a marketing mistake.

— Donald Miller,
Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality

If we try to make something finite fill the place that only God can fill, we will try to extract an unrealistic level of meaning from that idol. When it does not work, it invites us only to try harder. It should not surprise us in a deeply idolatrous society that books on codependency and addiction form a growth industry. People feel enslaved to substances, to unwanted behavior, and to each other...The idol begins as a means of power, enabling us to control, but then overpowers, controlling us.

— Dick Keyes
"The Idol Factory"

Stop for one whole day every week, and you will remember what it means to be created in the image of God, who rested on the seventh day not from weariness but from complete freedom. The clear promise is that those who rest like God find themselves free like God, no longer slaves to the thousand compulsions that send others rushing toward their graves.

— Barbara Brown Taylor
Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

June 18, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

VBS Presentation

Praise

Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People: *And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory,*

All: *are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory,
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

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

Song of Praise

Arise, My Soul Arise

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

At the Name of Jesus

Renewal

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:23,24

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Confession of Sin

*Leader
& People:*

Father in heaven, we like to think of ourselves as people who have it together. But our anger exposes who we really are.

We pout and sulk when things do not go our way, because we think we are wiser than you.

We lash out in our bitterness, because we think our rage is needed to heal the world.

We hold smoldering grudges against those who have wronged us, because we think we are more pure than them.

We hold others in contempt, because we think we are far more enlightened than they are.

This is who we really are. An arrogant, desperate, proud, bitter and lonely people. We have only one hope: that you overpower our anger with your love. That you speak tenderly to us at the very core of our being. That you heal our deep wound with the broken body and shed blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Galatians 5:1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Song of Thanksgiving

Psalm 130

The Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

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

Exodus 20:22-21:11

22 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites this: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: 23 Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

24 "'Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you. 25 If you make an altar of stones for me, do not build it with dressed stones, for you will defile it if you use a tool on it. 26 And do not go up to my altar on steps, or your private parts may be exposed.'

21 "These are the laws you are to set before them:

2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free, without paying anything. 3 If he comes alone, he is to go free alone; but if he has a wife when he comes, she is to go with him. 4 If his master gives him a wife and she bears him sons or daughters, the woman and her children shall belong to her master, and only the man shall go free.

5 "But if the servant declares, 'I love my master and my wife and children and do not want to go free,' 6 then his master must take him before the judges. He shall take him to the door or the doorpost and pierce his ear with an awl. Then he will be his servant for life.

7 "If a man sells his daughter as a servant, she is not to go free as male servants do. 8 If she does not please the master who has selected her for himself, he must let her be redeemed. He has no right to sell her to foreigners, because he has broken faith with her. 9 If he selects her for his son, he must grant her the rights of a daughter. 10 If he marries another woman, he must not deprive the first one of her food, clothing and marital rights. 11 If he does not provide her with these three things, she is to go free, without any payment of money.

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

A CONFESSING CHURCH EXODUS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

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

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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

Grace Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a cup from the outer circle of the tray. Please hold the elements until all have received so we can celebrate this meal together.

Song of Commitment

Lord for Your Glory

Benediction²

1 Peter 2:16,17

Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

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
T.J. Darst, bass
David Fox, keyboard
Damon Henrichs, guitar

David Kang, violin
Debra Moses, flute
Rae Moses, piano
Jennifer Reddick, flute

² The 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.

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————— *Sermon Notes* —————

Exodus 20:22-21:11

A CONFESSING CHURCH

EXODUS: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MOSES

Grace Presbyterian Bulletin Board

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.

Parents of Infants - Three-Yr-Olds: Our nursery and early-childhood classes provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our workers welcome the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. If you need assistance or have any questions about the Nursery, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Natalie Webster, at nursery@gracewoodlands.org.

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.

NEW Grace Church Mobile App (Elexio Community by Elexio) is available for iPhone and Android and can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. In addition to giving users access to the church directory and events, the mobile app also offers a mobile check-in option for the Nursery. If you have questions, please contact the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org.

Sunday Mornings at Grace

8:30 am Prayer	10:30 am Worship
9:30 am Christian Education Classes	11:45 am Intercession
10:15 am Coffee Break	

Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry: To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. We would like to invite you to be a part of this uprising at 8:30 each Sunday morning in the Prayer Room (114). Join us as we pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

Community Groups are on Summer break and will return in the fall.

Sunday Morning Classes: Our Summer Melange of single-session Sunday morning classes continues next week. A combination of guest speakers and familiar voices are sharing transformational topics that have been working on their souls. Please join us and support our speakers as they encourage our hearts to open to Jesus.

Church-Wide Pool Party: Join us **TONIGHT** for the annual Church-Wide Pool Party! Cookout and swimming for the whole church family at Ridgewood Pool, 4192 Interfaith Way, The Woodlands. 6:00-8:00 pm **Sunday, June 18, 2017**. GraceLife will provide hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring finger desserts (cookies, cupcakes, etc.)

Children's Christian Education classes are offered for Preschoolers (2-3yrs old), Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st-2nd Grade, 3rd-4th Grade, and 5th-6th Grade. Classes meet in the Education Building at 9:30 am 2nd Grade and under are on the 1st floor, 3rd Grade and above meet on the 2nd floor.

- **Children's Church** is offered for children ages 4 years old through 2nd grade. During passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader in the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the church body. We gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon. We also collect a children's offering during the service. This format is designed to model worship for our children and teach them the importance of meeting together as the body of Christ.
- **SNiCK and 56ers:** We are on break for the summer! We will resume in September!
- **PlayGroup** is an active gathering of moms and dads making space for fun, friendship, and adventure for our young children. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. To get involved, contact

Deborah Kovach or Natalie Webster. Since locations and times can change, please join the PlayGroup in E-Connect for updates.

• **June 23-** at 10 am; Chick-fil-A 2920/Kuykendahl

- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Mighty Fortress VBS was a great success! We had over 150 children come through our doors this past week, which gave us wonderful opportunities to share the love and welcome of Jesus with our friends and neighbors around The Woodlands. Thank you for your prayers and support. We want to extend special thanks to everyone who volunteered with VBS this year! Everyone did an amazing job!

Al Adams	Janet Hughart	Geri Rafferty
Barbara Adams	Jodie Hunter	Jennifer Reddick
Brent Allmon	Cynthia Jansen	Rinska Roosma
Charlie Allmon	Luke Johnston	Johan Roosma
Kate Allmon	Scott Johnston	Jessica Smith
Shannon Allmon	Rebecca Johnston	Shonda Snyder
Grayson Baird	Sophia Johnston	Gayle Stahl
Dylan Battard	Wendy Johnston	Amanda Stasney
Rhonnie Bellin	Abby Jones	Faith Stasney
Alex Bills	Claire Jones	Elizabeth Stevens
Ella Bobos	Nicki Jones	Henry Stevens
Megan Bobos	Matthew Jones	Laurel Stevens
Felicity Bodden	Sam Jones	Leah Tison
Jill Bogenschultz	Taylor Knighton	Anita Vetter
Amy Brink	Deb Kovach	Natalie Webster
Haddon Brink	Lilly Kovach	Kate Weimar
Philip Brink	Tracy Mansfield	Vicki Wilcher
Susanna Brink	Brittany Marrs	Laura Wimberly
Mike Calleja	Marjorie Maske	Stephen Wimberly
Andrew Chandler	Susan Mason	Amy Whitla
Ben Chandler	Brooklyn Matthews	Andrew Whitla
Kristen Chandler	Ely Matthews	Fred Whitla
Matthew Crittall	Kelly Matthews	Lisa Whitla
Robyn Crittall	Zach Matthews	James Whitla
Todd Crusey	Nancy Medlin	Vicki Wilcher
Iain Dempsey	Emily Moses	Nancy Wood
Wendy Dempsey	Karen Nichols	Elissa Woods
Ayla Fortner	Drew Nichols	Diane Whittington
Ann Green	Nick Pirkle	Adel Yung
Dianna Haskins	Kristen Power	Carl Yung
Megan Haskins	Noah Power	Sunny Yung
Sarah Hicks	Molly Rafferty	
	JD Rafferty	

Student Ministry:

- **Christian Education:** On Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15, we gather to know more deeply about our Lord and Savior and who are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings! Jr. High in room 206 and Sr. High in room 205.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship):** SNF is on summer vacation. But join us for some great fellowship opportunities throughout the summer. On Sunday evenings we gather to eat together, laugh together, and to see the person and work of Jesus more clearly in our lives together. Jr. High meets from 5-7 pm and Sr. High meets 7-8:30 pm.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **June 20: Mafia Night-** Join us for game night at Grace, friends are welcome. drop-off 7pm/pickup 8:30.

- **June 30: Movie Night-** Join us for a movie night at Grace. Drop-off 6:30 pm/ pickup 9 pm. Snacks will be provided.

Women's Ministry Events and More! Please join the Women's Ministry on E-Connect to get involved.

- **Rain Walks** is a grief support group for women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, either recently or in the past. Please come to listen (and share if you like) as we discuss our journeys and ways to “walk” through our loss. We meet once a month, year round. Dates, times and locations vary each meeting. Our upcoming meeting will be at Black Walnut Café on Thursday, **June 22** starting at 8:30am. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Cafe (9000 New Trails), Thursday, **July 6** we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Kristen Power.

Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, **June 20**. Join us at Wings N More on 242 for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like.

GraceCares:

- **Autumn Grove:** Just a few minutes drive from Grace, Autumn Grove Cottage, a sixteen resident assisted living home, provides care to men and women with Alzheimer's. A small group from Grace visits roughly once a month for about 30 minutes or so to sing, pray and visit with the residents. Children are always welcome.
- **Meals Ministry:** There are many seasons and events in life when we all need the help and encouragement of our community. The Meals Ministry seeks to enter into these times by providing meals and other means of support. If you are in need of meals, or would like to help provide meals for others, please contact our Meals Coordinator, Rhonnie Bellin at rhonniebellin@aol.com.
- **Serve and Care for Grace Church members and congregation.** If you would like to know the best way to support and help those who might have financial or physical 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:
 - In writing: Fill out the back page of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
 - By phone: 281-296-0911 (Church Office)

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.

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.

- **June Partner Prayer:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of June.
 - Rev. David & Mrs. Kelly Richter, Somerville Church Planting Project, Boston, MA
 - Francis A. Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- **The PCA Global Missions Conference** is coming to Dallas, November 10th-12th, 2017. God has equipped you with unique gifts for serving the Church. Join us at the PCA Global Missions Conference to discover how you can help expand the reach of the Great Commission. Enlarge your understanding through over 80 seminars led by missions experts from all over the globe. Come early for Welcoming the Refugee, a timely pre-conference (Nov. 9-10) that will lead you to dive deep into this critical global need. For more information or to register with our group, contact Wendy Dempsey.
- **Local Mission Partners**
 - Tamina Community Center | Conroe, TX
 - Montgomery County Women's Center | Montgomery County, TX
 - Cornerstone Recovery | The Woodlands, TX

Interfaith Family Services | The Woodlands, TX
 Pregnancy Assistance Center North | The Woodlands, TX
 Redeemed Ministries | The Woodlands, TX
 Three Local Refugee Pastors: Pastor Thong Lun & Pastor Mang Tiak -Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship, Pastor Bhadra Rai & wife, Ruth -Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston, Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang -International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | Houston, TX
 Blake & Ryan Arnoult | RUF | University of Houston
 Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
 Ben & Beth Hailey | RUF | Texas A&M University
 Dennis & Jane Hermerding | King's Cross Church | Cypress, TX
 Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX
 Curtis & Marian Castleberry | Oaklawn Presbyterian Church | Houston, TX
 Grace Presbyterian Diaconate

• **National Mission Partners**

Way & Amy Rutherford | RUF | Baylor University
 John & Chrissy Trapp | RUF | University of Texas
 Ryan & Laura Anderson | RUF | Texas Christian University
 Michael & Rachel Novak | RUF | Trinity University
 Nathan & Falon Moretto | New City Presbyterian Church | Royal Oak, MI
 David & Kelly Richter | Christ the King Presbyterian Church | Somerville, MA
 Francis A. Schaeffer Institute | Covenant Theological Seminary | Saint Louis, MO
 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) | Atlanta, GA

• **International Mission Partners**

Jason & Sarah Pickard | RUF International | Texas A&M University
 Bojan & Julia Dragičević | RUF International | University of Texas
 Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Toyosu, Tokyo, Japan
 Charlie & Bonita Davidson | MTW | Monterrey, Mexico
 Andy & Missy Shadburne | MTW | Fremantle, Perth, Australia
 David & Eowyn Stoddard | MTW | Berlin, Germany
 Arab Baptist Theological Seminary | Beirut, Lebanon
 Mission to The World (MTW) | Atlanta, GA

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for May 2017.

	May	YTD
Projected Budget	61,500	307,500
Actual General Fund	47,258	298,849
Variance	(14,242)	(8,651)

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 right symbolizes the Trinity, the belief that God is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and yet, one God. No part of the Trinity is ever out of alignment (moving independently) from the other parts of the Trinity. The circle represents eternity. The circle is frequently seen with the Trinitarian symbol, representing the eternal qualities of each part of the Godhead.

On the left, the circle of the Celtic Cross is a symbol of eternity as well but emphasizing the endlessness of God's love as shown through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The IHS in the center is the abbreviated name of Jesus in the greek and is a very old symbol, dating back to the first century. Each panels focuses on a central aspect of His work. The cross is framed with grapes, a symbol of our Lord's blood shed on the cross for us.

Missed a Recent Sunday Worship? MP3s of Sunday morning messages are available on the website at www.gracewoodlands.org under Media. You can listen online, download them or subscribe to the Podcast. If you need help or are having trouble, please contact the church office @ 281-296-0911.

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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: _____

Spouse & Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Children & 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

Prayer Request:

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

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

Prayer of Belief...

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful that 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.