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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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Mark Hill

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Reflections

I wanna hunt like David,
I wanna kill me a giant man,
I wanna slay my demons,
But I got lots of them, I got lots of them.

— Noah Gundersen
David

The most glorious moment you will ever experience in your life is when you look back and see how God was protecting you all this time.

— Shannon L. Alder

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— St. Paul
Romans 8:38,39

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

June 25, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:8-10

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

People: *All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.*

All: *For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.*

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

Song of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

Beautiful Savior

Private Praise and Adoration

_____ *Renewal* _____

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 30:15,18

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:
In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.
Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!

Confession of Sin

*Leader
& People:*

*Merciful God,
for the things we have done that we regret,
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,
for all the times we have acted without love,
for all the times we have reacted without thought,
for all the times we have withdrawn care,
for all the times we have failed to forgive,
for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time,
forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret.*

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Isaiah 44:21,22

*“Remember these things, Jacob,
for you, Israel, are my servant.
I have made you, you are my servant;
Israel, I will not forget you.
I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.”*

Song of Thanksgiving

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The Peace of God and Announcements

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

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*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 23:20-33

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. 21 Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. 22 If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. 23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. 24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. 25 Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, 26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.

27 "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. 28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

31 "I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the desert to the Euphrates River. I will give into your hands the people who live in the land, and you will drive them out before you. 32 Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods. 33 Do not let them live in your land or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you."

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

A GUARDIAN ANGEL
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

Here in This Place

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction²

— from the *Mozarabic Psalter*

May the rich blessing of the Lord attend us. May the Lord graciously protect us from all evil and mercifully preserve and keep us in all good, and may He who created and redeemed us preserve us for Himself to the end. Amen.

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 23:20-33

A GUARDIAN ANGEL

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 Database, Mobile App and Online Giving Portal:

- **Database:** The link for the new database can be found on the Church website under the Connect tab. If you were in the old database, new login instructions were emailed to you. If you did not receive them, contact Dianna in the office.
- **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. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your database username and password for the app.
- **Please Note: Grace has a new online giving portal.** If you have been giving online, you will need to setup a new account at <https://www.elexiogiving.com/g3/>. This link can also be found on our website under the Care/Give tab.
- **If you have questions,** please contact the church office at admin@gracewoodlands.org or 281-296-0911.

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. If you would like to learn more about leading or hosting a group, please contact Todd Crusey at todd@gracewoodlands.org.

NO SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES NEXT WEEK. Please join us the following week for the last of our Summer Melange of classes.

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.
- **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
 Barbara Adams
 Brent Allmon
 Charlie Allmon
 Kate Allmon
 Shannon Allmon
 Grayson Baird
 Dylan Battard
 Rhonnie Bellin
 Alex Bills
 Ella Bobos
 Megan Bobos
 Felicity Bodden
 Jill Bogenschultz
 Amy Brink
 Haddon Brink
 Philip Brink
 Susanna Brink
 Mike Calleja
 Andrew Chandler
 Ben Chandler
 Kristen Chandler
 Bruce Craig
 Matthew Crittall
 Robyn Crittall
 Todd Crusey
 Iain Dempsey
 Wendy Dempsey
 Ayla Fortner
 Ann Green
 Dianna Haskins
 Megan Haskins
 Mark Hill
 Sarah Hicks
 Janet Hughart
 Jodie Hunter
 Cynthia Jansen
 Luke Johnston
 Scott Johnston
 Rebecca Johnston

Sophia Johnston
 Wendy Johnston
 Abby Jones
 Claire Jones
 Nicki Jones
 Matthew Jones
 Sam Jones
 Taylor Knighton
 Trinity Knighton
 Deb Kovach
 Lilly Kovach
 Tracy Mansfield
 Brittany Marrs
 Marjorie Maske
 Susan Mason
 Brooklyn Matthews
 Ely Matthews
 Kelly Matthews
 Zach Matthews
 Nancy Medlin
 Emily Moses
 Karen Nichols
 Drew Nichols
 Nick Pirkle
 Kristen Power
 Noah Power
 Molly Rafferty
 JD Rafferty
 Geri Rafferty
 Jennifer Reddick
 Rinska Roosma
 Johan Roosma
 Jessica Smith
 Shonda Snyder
 Gayle Stahl
 Amanda Stasney
 Faith Stasney
 Elizabeth Stevens
 Henry Stevens
 Laurel Stevens

Leah Tison
 Anita Vetter
 Natalie Webster
 Kate Weimar
 Vicki Wilcher
 Laura Wimberly
 Stephen Wimberly
 Amy Whitla
 Andrew Whitla
 Fred Whitla
 Lisa Whitla
 James Whitla
 Vicki Wilcher
 Nancy Wood
 Elissa Woods
 Diane Whittington
 Adel Yung
 Carl Yung
 Sunny Yung

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):** 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. **SNF is on summer vacation. But join us for some great fellowship opportunities throughout the summer.**
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **June 30: Movie Night-** Join us for a movie night at Grace. Drop-off at 6:30 pm and pickup at 8:30 pm. Popcorn and snacks will be provided!

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

- **Girls' Night Out:** Join us at the Black Walnut Cafe (9000 New Trails), **Thursday, July 6th** 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, July 18th**. Join us 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 .
- **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** in Dallas, November 10-12, 2017 - Grow your heart for missions by hearing from experts how to effectively support and encourage missions and missionaries. Learn about some of MTW's more specialized missions as well as where they work in the world. Come early for Welcoming the Refugee, a timely pre-conference that will lead you to dive deep into this critical

global need. Nov. 9-10, 2017. Contact Wendy Dempsey to register with our group no later than July 24th!! For more information or to register, contact Wendy.

- **Study Tour to Israel** February 25 - March 6, 2018. Come with Jan Johnston and Revealing Journey Ministries to Israel. 10 Day tour includes flights, lodging, tour and more. \$3695 from LAX. Visit the Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, the Jordan River, Dead Sea, Jerusalem and more. Contact Jan for more info.

- **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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Email: admin@gracewoodlands.org | Website: www.gracewoodlands.org

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 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.*