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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\_\_\_\_\_

Once you invite Jesus to help, he will do so more thoroughly than you imagined, more deeply than perhaps you wanted... The story of Jesus' grand, though surprising, entry into Jerusalem, then, is an object lesson in the mismatch between our expectations and God's answer.

- NT Wright

Suffering doesn't ask if you're ready. It may come slowly or with a vengeance, but it doesn't ask permission, and it doesn't care about convenience. There's never a good time for your life to be wrecked. But the saying "God will never give you more than you can handle" tells me I have what it takes. It tells me I can bear whatever comes my way. It tells me God permits trials according to my ability to endure. Think about what this conventional wisdom does: it points people inward.

Yet the Bible points us Godward.

– Mitch Case

Our weakness is always an opportunity for God to show his strength. — Raymond B. Dillard

# **Grace Presbyterian Church**

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship<sup>1</sup>

**Presentation of Palms** 

\_Praise\_\_\_\_\_

# Call to Worship

- based on John 12:13

Leader:	King Jesus comes, King Jesus, son of God, Son of Man, Messiah!
People:	Hail! King Jesus, King of all!
Leader:	Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!""
People:	In praise we adore you, King Jesus, Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

Song of Praise

**Prayer of Adoration** 

Song of Adoration

**Private Praise and Adoration** 

Come Thou Almighty King

Jesus Everlasting King

Renewal

### **Scripture Reading**

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**Confession of Sin** 

Minister & People:

> O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

**Private Confession and Reflection** 

Psalm 2:10-12

#### Words of Encouragement

- based on Matthew 21:8-9; John 3:17; Ephesians 5:1-2

Leader:	Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
People:	For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through him should be saved.
Leader:	Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
People:	And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hosanna! Amen!

# Song of Thanksgiving

God of Grace

# 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**

### 2 Kings 4:1-7

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves."

2 Elisha replied to her, "How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

3 Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. 4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side."

5 She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. 6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another one."

But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing.

7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

#### Sermon

Mr. Todd Crusey

# More Than We Can Handle **The Gospel According to the Prophets**

\_\_\_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!

# 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 nonalcoholic 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.

### Benediction<sup>2</sup>

# Revelation 1:5,6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! 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 Music<sup>3</sup>

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

Brent Allmon, saxophone David Fox, keyboard Damon Henrichs, guitar David Kang, violin Debra Moses, flute Rae Moses, piano Jennifer Reddick, flute

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  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	

# 2 Kings 4:1-7 More Than We Can Handle The Gospel According to the Prophets

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- 1. Who did the prophet's widow turn to for help? When you face a crisis, who do you turn to?
- 2. What do you do when you feel overwhelmed? Do you reach out, or do you withdraw?
- 3. Do you see God's strength in your own weakness? In what ways?
- 4. Through the miracle of the oil, God multiplied what he had already given. Have you experienced this in your life? How has God provided for you beyond what you would may have expected or imagined?
- 5. What do people owe you? How does God's mercy make you more generous or forgiving? In what ways?
- 6. Elisha told the widow to ask for jars from all of her neighbors, not just a few. What does this say about the importance of community? What does it say about faith? What does it say about prayer? How might this story change the way we pray?

\_ 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, Kate Weimar, 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.

#### 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.

#### Holy Week:

• Good Friday Service -March 30th at 6:30 pm

- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31st from 10 am 12 pm at Cranebrook Park. We will gather at the park for brunch, fellowship, and egg hunting. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring food and/or drinks. We also need eggs...lots of eggs. Please bring plastic eggs filled with candy or small toys and drop them in the collection baskets between now and Sunday, March 25th. Please do not fill eggs with products containing peanuts, chocolate, or loose, unpackaged candy.
- Easter Worship Services Sunday, April 1st 9 am and 10:30 am. The nursery will be provided during both Worship services.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes: There will be no classes next week on Easter morning.

**Community Groups**: To be part of the church is to be part of a community. Community is where we connect, build relationships, study, and serve together. Groups consist of 8-15 people meeting regularly in homes, restaurants, coffee shops, etc. Most groups meet on Sunday nights, but other times are also available. If you'd like to learn more community life at Grace, please contact Todd Crusey at todd@gracewoodlands.org.

**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** All children, 8 weeks through 6th Grade, are invited to join us on Sunday nights from 5-7 pm. We eat and laugh and play during our time together. The goal is to have fun at SNiCK through friendship and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors! We will not be meeting on Easter Sunday.

- **56er Lock-In** will be on April 6th. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and families are invited back to Grace for breakfast at 8:00 am the next day.
- Vacation Bible School: Our Splash Canyon VBS is scheduled for the week of June 4-8. VBS is offered free of charge to children ages 4 years through entering 4th grade. Space is limited and registration is required, so register today through the church website, gracewoodlands.org.
- VBS Volunteers! Vacation Bible School is one of our biggest outreach events and we can't do it without your help. We need volunteers to help with Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Games, Snacks, Registration, Decorations, and Preschool VBS. Preschool VBS is for children 3 and under and is only offered to the children of VBS volunteers. We will have work days on Saturday, April 14th and May 19th from 9 am 12 pm. VBS Set-Up Week will be May 29th June 1st. If you're interested in helping in any area, please contact Kyle Bobos (kyle@gracewoodlands.org).
- 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. \*April 13th- Cranebrook Park \*April 27th- Sawmill Park

**GraceKids** is a Mother's Day Out program for children ages 8 weeks to 4 years old. Classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Registration is currently open for the 2018-2019 school year. For more information you can email Kate Weimar at mothersdayout@gracewoodlands.org.

#### **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 we are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 206.
- SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship) On Sunday evenings we gather to eat, fellowship, 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. Relationships are at the heart of what it means to be made in the image of God. Join us this semester as we discuss all the different relationships we have in our lives and what it means to usher the love of Christ into all of these places. There will not be SNF on Easter Sunday.
- Serve Our Seniors Service Project: On April 14th, join us for a great opportunity to care well for seniors in our area through simple tasks like mulching, lawn mowing, gardening, and house painting. We will be joining a team coming from Grace.
- **Tutoring at Tamina**: Come and serve at the Tamina Community Center from 3:45-5 pm on Tuesdays to tutor, play with, and love on a great group of kids.
- Save The Date:
  - **RYM Texas:** Calling all 7th & 8th graders (if you will be in Junior High in the fall this is for you too!) Join us for camp the first week of June. RYM Texas will be June 4-8, 2018 in Hawkins, TX. Our camp speaker will be Richie Sessions, he is fabulous! Great teaching and fun activities (high ropes course, horseback riding, waterslide, lazy river, giant rope swing and much more!) This event is a neat opportunity to invite friends to join! Cost of camp is \$425 for lodging, camp cost, food and t-shirt. Don't let money keep you coming coming! For more information, please reach out to Grayson for any questions you may have. **Deadline to sign up is April 15th.**

#### 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 a significant loss in their life, 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 and times vary each meeting. Our next meeting will be at Black Walnut Café on Research Forest in The Woodlands on Wednesday, **March 28th** starting at 8:30 am. Contact Sabrina Amell for more information.
- Women's Bible Study: The Thursday morning group meets from 9:30-11am in the youth room and will be going through Tim Keller's study on The Gospel of Mark. The fee for material is \$5. Childcare will be provided. The Wednesday evening group meets from 7-8:30 pm also upstairs, and they will be going through Elyse Fitzpatrick's book entitled *Found in Him*. You will need to purchase the book on your own for the evening study. Questions, contact Kristen Chandler.
- Girls' Night Out: Join us at the Black Walnut Cafe (9000 New Trails), Thursday, April 5th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott.

#### Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, April 17th. Join us at Stadia Sports Grill (89595 Six Pines Dr #1110, The Woodlands) for dinner and fellowship starting at 6:30 pm.
- Men's Discipleship Breakfast: Our twice monthly men's breakfast meets next at 6:30 am on Tuesday, March 27th at the Egg & I on Research Forest. A breakfast buffet is available at \$10 per person. Steve Wilmoth is teaching a study on the Person and Work of Jesus.

#### 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. We would love to have you join us. Contact Laurel Stevens or Dan Brink for more information.
- Meals Ministry: There are 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. 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.

- **Reception Today!** Meet Elizabeth Milligan and Sofia Moretti from Cornerstone of Houston Team Counseling in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. Learn more about Cornerstone's ministry to adolescents and young adults struggling with substance abuse and other self-destructive behaviors.
- Serving Our Seniors: On April 14th, Interfaith of The Woodlands will need volunteers to do simple tasks like mulching, lawn mowing, gardening, and house painting for Senior Citizens in the community. Lunch will be provided. Contact James Whitla for more information and to sign up. Registration is needed by April 1st.
- March Partner Prayer: Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of March.
  - Rev. Juan Carlos & Mrs. Samara Martínez, RUF at Rice University
  - Rev. Charles & Dr. Bonita Davidson, MTW (Monterrey, Mexico)
- 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

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**Stewardship Update**: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for February 2018.

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	141,716	
Actual General Fund	57,842	101,391	
Variance	(13,016)	(40,325)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850.300

#### Find & Interact with Members and Online Giving:

- **Grace Online Directory:** The link can be found on the church website under the Connect tab. In addition to accessing the church directory, you can join groups and print your giving statements. If you did not receive login instructions or would like to be added to the church directory, contact Dianna in the office at admin@gracewoodlands.org or 281-296-0911.
- 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 and use your directory username and password for the app.
- Grace Online Giving Portal. If you would like to give online, you will need to setup an account. The link can be found on our website under the Care/Give tab.

**Banners Explained:** The change of colors for Lent and the following Sundays helps communicate the movement of sacred time as well as our journeys. The color purple is a visual reminder of our need for repentance and self-examination.

On the banner to the right is an acanthus. It is the leaf that you see all over classic Greek and Roman architecture. It is a thorny plant, and a few have speculated that it may have been the source of the crown of thorns. Within Christianity, the thorns are a symbol of pain, and of sin and its punishment. It was regarded in ancient times by pagans as a symbol of death and rebirth. On the other is a thistle. The thistle is a symbol of temporal sorrow and the curse of sin from the story of the Fall. Because the thistle is a thorny bush, it also is often portrayed as the source of Christ's crown of thorns. Because thistles flourish to crowd out useful crops, they have also been used to represent the "tares" or weeds written of in Matthew 13.

**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<sup>4</sup>.

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.

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Spouse & Email:			
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Cell Phone #:			
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Children & Grade:			
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□ Children's Ministry	Women's Ministry	Student Ministry	🗆 Men's Ministry
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□ 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.