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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

Spirituality without a prayer life is no spirituality at all, and it will not last beyond the first defeats. Prayer is an opening of the self so that the Word of God can break in and make us new. Prayer unmask. Prayer converts. Prayer impels. Prayer sustains us on the way. Pray for the grace it will take to continue what you would like to quit.

— Joan Chittister
In a High Spiritual Season

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.

— Karl Barth

Dear God,

Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joyce

— from *Children's Letters to God*
compiled by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall, Workman Publishing, 1991

Pray, and let God worry.

— Martin Luther

Grace Presbyterian Church

June 10, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

VBS Presentation

Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1,2,6

Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
 praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord.

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

Song of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Adoration

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Private Praise and Adoration

_____ *Renewal* _____

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:7,8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Confession of Sin

*Minister &
People:*

Father, we cry out to you as people who are sitting in the depths. On the surface, we profess to who have it all together. Some of us claim to have mastered our lives through our competence. Others of us distance ourselves from pain and disappointment through our deep cynicism. Most of us do both in a desperate attempt to maintain control.

But you know every nook and cranny of our hearts. You know the games we play. You know our insecurity and our fear. You know that we would rather die than give control of our lives to you. Our fear, anxiety and misery flow from our distrust of you.

So Father, the only reason we come to you now is because you have promised to embrace us. Your love for us is even stronger than our distrust. We believe that since you drove your own Son away from your embrace, you will now run to us. Forgive us and heal us we pray, for Jesus' sake.

Private Confession and Reflection

Words of Encouragement

Psalm 145:17-19

The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

Song of Thanksgiving

Give to the Wind

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

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

5 Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' 7 And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon

Mr. David Wilcher

GETTING NEEDS MET THE STORIES OF JESUS

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

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful

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

Surely Goodness and Mercy

Benediction²

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory 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 Music³

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

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

Luke 11:1-13
GETTING NEEDS MET
THE STORIES OF JESUS

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.

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 consisting of 8-15 people meet regularly from September to May. Community Groups take a break for the summer but will resume in the fall.

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

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

- **Website:** Grace Online directory link, gracewoodlands.org under the Connect tab.
- **Mobile App (Elexio Community):** can be found by clicking the Apple App Store and Google Play icons on the church website. To log on, replace "Domain" with [gracewoodlands](http://gracewoodlands.org) and use your directory username and password for the app.
- **Online Giving:** If you would like to give online, you will need to set up an account, the link is under the Care tab.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: Our Summer Melange of single-session Sunday morning classes continues next week. Come and be encouraged by familiar voices 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.

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. We are on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.
- **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.

*July 27th- Felicity Bodden's House * August 24th- Jessica Smith's House

- **Vacation Bible School:** Our Splash Canyon VBS was a great success! We had over 140 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 and we are so thankful for all the ways you served our faithful God!

Brent Allmon	John Ewing	Buster Schroeder
Charlie Allmon	Terri Ewing	Cheryl Schroeder
Shannon Allmon	Dianna Haskins	Cindy Sloan
Kate Alton	Janet Hughart	Dawn Smith
Lucas Amell	Jodie Hunter	Hilary Smith
Sabrina Amell	Rebecca Johnston	Jessica Smith
Dylan Battard	Scott Johnston	Shonda Snyder
Rhonnie Bellin	Abby Jones	Gayle Stahl
Avery Bennett	Andy Jones	Elisabeth Stevens
Jeremy Bennett	Claire Jones	Henry Stevens
Mary Bennett	Matthew Jones	Laurel Stevens
Megan Bobos	Nikki Jones	Courtney Tatum
Felicity Bodden	Sam Jones	Mark Tatum
Kyle Bodden	Deb Kovach	Leah Tison
Roxy Bodine	Tracy Mansfield	Mechele Tison
Austin Bodine	Deb Matovich	Judy Volper
Amy Brink	Kelly Miller	Natalie Webster
Haddon Brink	Emily Moses	Kate Weimar
Philip Brink	Ashley Nance	Fred Whitla
Susanna Brink	Nick Pirkle	Lisa Whitla
Lee Butchbaker	Geri Raferty	Diane Whittington
Becky Carlisle	JD Rafferty	David Wilcher
Linda Conley	Molly Rafferty	Vicki Wilcher
Nanci Cranford	Jack Reddick	Elissa Woods
Robyn Crittell	Jennifer Reddick	Adele Yung
Todd Crusey	Johan Roosma	Carl Yung
Iain Dempsey	Rinske Roosma	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 we are in Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings in Room 206.
- **SNF (Sunday Night Fellowship)** On Sunday evenings during the school year 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. We are on hiatus until August.

- **Summer Camps:** Please be in prayer for those of us going to RYM camp this week. The Sr. High travels to Colorado, we ask for prayer for traveling mercies, fellowship for our groups, and that God may become more real and dear to us through what happens at camp.

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 5th we'll meet at 6:30 pm. Come and go as you like! Questions, contact Courtney Lott at 832-465-2437.

Men's Fraternal:

- **Brew Night:** Our next monthly men's gathering is set for Tuesday, June 19th. 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 takes a break during the summer months. We will resume in September.

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.

- **May Prayer Partners:** Please join the Missions Leadership Team in praying for these two mission partners throughout the month of June.
 - Rev. William & Mrs. Katherine Bondurant, RUF @ Texas A&M
 - Rev. Robbie & Mrs. Kelly Mills, New City Fellowship Dallas

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

Pastors Thong Lun & Mang Tiak | Greater Houston Burmese Christian Fellowship | Houston, TX

Pastor Bhadra Rai | Canaan Bhutanese Church of Houston | Houston, TX

Pastor "Andre" Onokoko Shang | International Ministries for the Propagation of the Gospel | Houston

Blake & Ryan Arnoult | RUF | University of Houston

Juan Carlos & Samara Martínez | RUF | Rice University
 William & Katherin Bondurant | RUF | Texas A&M University
 Leo & Ellen Schuster | City Church | Houston, TX
 Bill Thomas | PCA Southwest Church Planting Network | Dallas, TX
 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
 Wil & Mary Nettleton | 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
 Curtis & Marian Castleberry | RUF | University of Texas at San Antonio
 Robbie & Kelly Mills | New City Fellowship Dallas | Dallas, TX

• **International Mission Partners**

Jason & Sarah Pickard | RUF International | Texas A&M University
 Terry & Mary Rose Dykstra | RUF International | University of Texas
 Joe & Felicity Congdon | MTW | Yokkaichi, 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
 Kay Burklin | MTW | Refugee Liaison, Europe
 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 2018.

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Projected Budget	70,858	354,290	
Actual General Fund	67,847	318,144	
Variance	(3,011)	(36,146)	*Based on a 2018 budget of \$850.300

Banners Explained: 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.

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.

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 office⁴.

⁴ Office Hours 8:30 am-3pm M - F Phone: 281.296.0911
 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 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.