

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God — 10:30 a.m. on May 30th 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:10,11

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord (TH# 465)

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was
spilt.

2 Sin and despair like the sea waves
cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.
[Refrain]

Refrain:
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse
within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

3 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.
[Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647) *Questions 36-38*

Leader: Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

People: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

People: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

People: At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 37:1-11

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 56:3

SERMON

When I am Afraid, Part 4

Rev. Jake Susek

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

Praise to the Lord (TH# 53)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so
gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here
daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with
marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with
loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
hath not he brought thee relief,

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in
me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before him!

Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

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SERMON NOTES

“When I am Afraid.”

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

PART IV: *Divine Disciplines - Operationalizing Faith*

Reflections:

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

“Happily there is something we can do. God has given us the Disciplines of the spiritual life as a means of receiving His grace. The Disciplines allow us to place ourselves before God so that He can transform us. The grace of God is unearned and unearnable, but if we ever expect to grow in grace, we must pay the price of a consciously chosen course of action which involves both individual and group life. We must always remember that the path does not produce the change; it only places us where the change can occur. This is the path of disciplined grace.”
Richard Foster in Celebration of Discipline

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone. O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come. See what your God has done
O come, bitter and broken. Come with fears unspoken.
Come, taste of His perfect love.
Christ is born, Christ is born. Christ is born for you
He's the Lamb who was given. Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

Oh Come All You Unfaithful, by Sovereign Grace

“Why do some persons 'find' God in a way that others do not? Why does God manifest His Presence to some and let multitudes of others struggle along in the half-light of imperfect Christian experience? Of course the will of God is the same for all. He has no favorites within His household. All He has ever done for any of His children He will do for all of His children. The difference lies not with God but with us.”

A.W. Tozer

in The Pursuit of God

Introduction:

-Review....

-Tim Keller's interview...He needed to “operationalize” his faith...

-Tom Taylor – out of step....

-Tripp: Confessional Theology / Functional Theology...

-One of our deepest needs: to be close to the Lord...to experience His peace...

Isa 26:3 / Ps 46:10 / John 16:33 / Phil 4:6,7

Operationalizing our Faith – *When I am afraid, I put my TRUST in You...*

What does it mean to trust in the LORD?

#1. It requires a RELATIONSHIP

#2. It entails ENDURANCE

#3. It involves doing the DISCIPLINES

#4. Its focus is on FOLLOWING and FORGIVING

#1. It requires a RELATIONSHIP

Vs. 3 - He is trusting in a person...

Psalm 23 – the personal pronoun...

Ill: Trusting in Jeff Bezos / Elon Musk?

John 1:12 vs. Santa Claus is coming to Town (Are we all God's people?)

Amos 3:2 - “You only have I known of all the families of the earth.”

#2. It entails ENDURANCE

Vs. 1,2,5 - *All day long...*

*A common reframe in the Psalms, “How Long, O LORD, How Long?”

- Romans 12:12 - "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, "
- Psalm 27:14 - "**Wait for the Lord**; be strong and take heart and **wait for the Lord.**"

#3. It involves doing the DISCIPLINES

-Not an end in themselves -Pursuing / developing -What I told my friend

[a] Bible meditation

Dt. 32:47 – These are no empty words, they are your life!

Josh 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth...meditate

Psalm 1:2 – His delight is in the law of the LORD, and ...meditates...day & night

II Ti 3:16

What's right – when you're not right – how to get right and stay right

[b] Prayer

*The whole of Psalm 56 / Phil 4:6,7 / Ps 27:8

*It's seeking His “face”, not looking at His “hand”...

[c] Confession / Examination

Psalm 32 – When I kept silent...

#4. Its focus is on FOLLOWING and FORGIVING

Hymn: *Trust and Obey...*

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not the things I say?” Luke 6:46

Comment on Psalm 101 – a young David?

Trusting always involves obedience.

*An unhappy marriage?

*Struggling with finances?

*Relational problems?

“So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.” Matt 18:35

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Eph 4:32