

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF God

July 5, 2020

8:30 & 10:30 am

Reflection:

“God’s work and our planning are not contradictory. J. White notes, “Prayer is where planning starts.” Nehemiah modeled good leadership; he prayed, planned, and acted in dependence on God and submission to his guidance.

Mervin Breneman

Welcome

—————WORSHIP IN PRAISE—————

Silent preparation

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

Call to Worship.....*from Psalm 5*

Minister: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

People: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple.

Minister: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

Hymn of Praise.....*Be Thou My Vision* (#642)



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art --
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Be Still My Soul* (#689)



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears,
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
then shall you bet - ter know his love, his heart,
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
who comes to soothe your sor - row and your fears.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

—————WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—————

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....from Psalm 5

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover them with favor as with a shield.

**Confession of Faith.....Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 91-93
Ruling Elder, Sean Henry**

Ruling Elder: How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

People: The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that does administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

Ruling Elder: What is a sacrament?

People: A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Ruling Elder: What are the sacraments of the New Testament?

People: The sacraments of the New Testament are, baptism, and the Lord’s Supper.

—————WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE—————

The First Reading of God’s Word.....1 Timothy 6:11-21

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Nehemiah 2:1-20

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

Hearing from God's Word.....*Nehemiah 2:1-20*

Pastoral Candidate, Andrew Sarnicki

A Heart Aflame

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Use the quotes below to help focus your heart and mind on this celebration:

“How, then, can we behold the glory of Christ? We need, firstly, a spiritual understanding of his glory as revealed in Scripture. Secondly, we need to think much about him if we wish to enjoy him fully (1 Pet. 1:8). If we are satisfied with vague ideas about him we shall find no transforming power communicated to us. But when we cling wholeheartedly to him and our minds are filled with thoughts of him and we constantly delight ourselves in him, then spiritual power will flow from him to purify our hearts, increase our holiness, strengthen our graces, and sometimes fill us ‘with joy inexpressible and full of glory.’”

John Owen

“Your Redeemer traverses the rugged path of suffering, along which He went with heaving heart and heavy footsteps, that He might pave a royal road of mercy for His enemies.”

Charles Spurgeon

“I am His by purchase and I am His by conquest; I am His by donation and I am His by election; I am His by covenant and I am His by marriage; I am wholly His; I am peculiarly His; I am universally His; I am eternally His. Once I was a slave but now I am a son; once I was dead but now I am alive; once I was darkness but now I am light in the Lord; once I was a child of wrath, an heir of hell, but now I am an heir of heaven; once I was Satan's bond-servant but now I am God's freeman; once I was under the spirit of bondage but now I am under the Spirit of adoption that seals up to me the remission of my sins, the justification of my person and the salvation of my soul.”

Thomas Brooks

“The Holy Spirit is no mere mechanical agent in the great work of a sinner's deliverance, and of the Church's up building, obediently doing the work appointed to Him. ‘I delight to do Your will’ is as true of the Spirit as the Son. He loves the sinner; therefore He lays hold of him. He pities his misery; therefore He stretches out the hand of help. He has no pleasure in his death; therefore He puts forth His saving power. He is longsuffering and patient; therefore He strives with him day by day; and though ‘vexed,’ ‘resisted,’ ‘grieved,’ and ‘quenched,’ He refuses to retire from, or give up, any sinner on this side of eternity. The extent to which we resist Him, and the amount of His forbearing love, we cannot know. This only we may say, that our stubbornness is something infinitely fearful and malignant, while His patient grace passes all understanding.”

Horatius Bonar

Communion Hymns

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (#251) – *Elizabeth Clephane/Frederick Maker*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The Shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me;

And from my stricken hear with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting – *Jean S. Pigott/David Hampton*

1. Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole.

*Refrain: Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy Loving Heart.*

2. Oh how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me!
Yes I rest in Thee, beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine

Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine. *Refrain*

3. Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longing,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings;
Thine is love indeed! *Refrain*

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace. *Refrain*

Blessed Assurance (#693) – *Fanny Crosby/Phoebe Knapp*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture
Now burst on my sight;
Angels descending,
Bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness,
Lost in his love: *Refrain*

— WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE —

Closing Hymn..... *O Church, Arise*



1. O Church, a-rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv -
wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
win the prize of a ser - vant, good and faith -



en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - ils lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
mer - ges from the grave, this vic - 'try march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

Benediction

Announcement:

The session has approved financial support for Paul Miller, regional director of Metanoia prison ministries. We are excited that Metanoia ministries offers safe and well-organized opportunities for many members of GCPC to be corresponding disciplers with prisoners all over the USA. For more information, please go to <https://pcamna.org/metanoia-ministries/> or contact Scott Geer: sgeerii@yahoo.com.

Financial Update:

1st Quarter: \$145,871.21

2nd Quarter: \$165,766.13

July Worship Services:

We will continue to follow recommended social distancing protocols. The 8:30am services will continue to be mask-only services. Signup Genius will be made available every week so that you can reserve your seat.