

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF God

July 12, 2020

8:30 & 10:30 am

Reflection:

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.” *Psalm 127:1-2*

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 105*

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Minister: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Preparation.....*Rock of Ages (#500)*



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Prayer of Confession


Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Psalm 105*

He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."

Hymn of Response.....*Jesus! What a Friend For Sinners (#498)*



1.Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
 2.Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me
 3.Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the
 4.Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the
 5.Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than




lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
 hide my - self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some-times
 bil - lows o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
 temp-est still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er -
 all in him I find; he hath grant - ed me for -

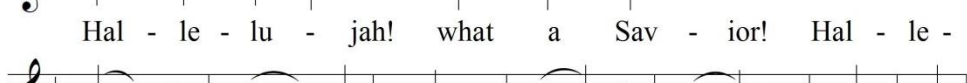


sail me, he, my Sav - ior makes me whole.
 fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 takes me, he, my pi - lot hears my cry.
 give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

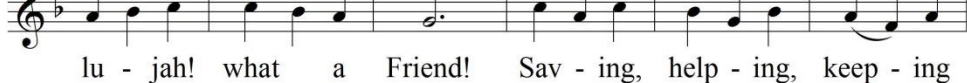
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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -



lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing



lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Ruling Elder: What is baptism?

People: **Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.**

Ruling Elder: To whom is baptism to be administered?

People: **Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.**

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....*Ephesians 4:1-16*

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....*Nehemiah 3:1-32*

Reader: This is the Word of God.
People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

Hearing from God’s Word.....*Nehemiah 3:1-32*

Pastoral Candidate, Andrew Sarnicki *Rebuilding with Living Stones*

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel. ² And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built. ³ The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁴ And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired. ⁵ And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord. ⁶ Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ⁷ And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River. ⁸ Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. ⁹ Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired. ¹⁰ Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired. ¹¹ Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens. ¹² Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters. ¹³ Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate. ¹⁴ Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. ¹⁵ And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David. ¹⁶ After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men. ¹⁷ After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district. ¹⁸ After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah. ¹⁹ Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress. ²⁰ After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. ²¹ After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib. ²² After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired. ²³ After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house. ²⁴ After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress and to the corner. ²⁵ Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh ²⁶ and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower. ²⁷ After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel. ²⁸ Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house. ²⁹ After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. ³⁰ After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber. ³¹ After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner. ³² And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired. ¹

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Ne 3:1–32). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“The gospel creates the only kind of grief over sin which is clean and which does not crush. It says: ‘Look at Jesus dying for you! He won’t leave you or abandon you—how then can you respond as you are? He suffered so you wouldn’t do this thing! You are not living as though you are loved! As his child! It is not because he will abandon you that you should be holy, but because this is the one who at inestimable cost to himself has said he won’t ever abandon you! How can you live in the very sin that he was ripped to pieces to deliver you from?’ See the GRACE of God argument? It is the only argument which cannot be answered.”

Tim Keller

“Preaching the gospel to myself each day nourishes within me a holy brazenness to believe what God says, enjoy what He offers, and do what He commands. Admittedly, I don’t deserve to be a child of God and I don’t deserve to be free of sin’s guilt and power. I don’t deserve the staggering privilege of intimacy with God, nor any other blessing that Christ has purchased for me with His blood. I don’t deserve to be useful to God. But by the grace of God I am what I am and I have what I have, and I hereby resolve not to let any portion of God’s grace prove vain in me! And to the degree that I fail to live up to this resolve, I will boldly take for myself the forgiveness that God says is mine and continue walking in His grace. This is my manifesto, my daily resolve; and may God be glorified by this confidence that I place in Him.”

Milton Vincent

“Let faith look on Christ in the gospel as he is set forth dying and crucified for us. Look on him under the weight of our sins, praying, bleeding, dying; bring him in that condition into thy heart by faith; apply his blood so shed to thy corruptions: do this daily.”

John Owen

It is a very easy thing for us to get into a desponding state of heart, and to mistrust the promises and faithfulness of God, and yet, all the while, to look upon ourselves as the subjects of a disease which we cannot help, and even to claim pity at the hands of our fellow-men, and to think that they should condole with us, and try to cheer us. It will be far wiser for each one of us to feel, ‘This unbelief of mine is a great wrong in the sight of God. He has never given me any occasion for it, and I am doing him a cruel injustice by thus doubting him. I must not idly sit down, and say, This has come upon me like a fever, or a paralysis, which I cannot help; but I must rather say, This is a great sin, in which I must no longer indulge; but I must confess my unbelief, with shame and self-abasement, to think that there should be in me this evil heart of unbelief.’”

Charles Spurgeon

Communion Hymns

He Leadeth Me (#600) – Joseph Gilmore/William Bradbury

1. He Leadeth me! O blessed thought,
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught;
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Chorus: He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest
gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers
bloom, By waters calm, o'er troubled

sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.
Chorus

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
Chorus

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

I Glory in Christ – Horatius Bonar/Sandra McCracken

1. God forbid that I should glory,
Save in the Redeemer's cross.
Counting shame for Him but honor,
Counting earthly gain but loss.
All the love of God is here,
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

2. God forbid that I should glory,
Save in Christ, my Lord alone.
Him I lean on; Him I follow,

Him, before the world, I own.
All the love of God is here,
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

3. God forbid that I should glory,
Save in Christ the Son of God.
Him who sought me Him who bought me,
Him who washed me in his blood.
All the love of God is here,
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

Wonderful Merciful Savior – Dawn Rodgers/Eric Wyse

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and friend;
Who would have thought that a lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus: You are the one that we praise,
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.
Chorus

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.
Chorus

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

Closing Hymn.....*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*



1.Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and
2.All that ded-i-ca-ted cit-y, dear-ly loved of
3.To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4.Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of
5.Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or



cor-ner-stone, cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious,
God on high, in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion
hosts, to-day: with thy won-ted lov-ing-kind-ness
thee to gain, what they gain from thee for-ev-er
to the Son, laud and hon-or to the Spir-it,



bind-ing all the church in one; ho-ly Zi-on's
pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy; God the One in
hear thy peo-ple as they pray; and thy full-est
with the bless-ed to re-tain, and here-af-ter
ev-er Three and ev-er One, One in might, and



help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

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.