

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 2, 2020

8:30 and 10:30AM

Reflection:

"Nehemiah calls God's people to treat their brothers and sisters as those who have been redeemed."

Derek Kidner

Prelude

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.....*Psalm 27*

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?**

Minister: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

People: **To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Minister: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

People: **Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

Hymn of Praise.....*Like a River Glorious (#699)*



1.Like a riv - er glo-rious is God's per - fect peace,
2.Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand,
3.Ev - 'ry joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,



o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease;
nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand;
traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love.



per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er ev - 'ry day,
not a surge of wor - ry, not a shade of care,
We may trust him ful - ly all for us to do;



per - fect yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.
not a blast of hur - ry, touch the spir - it there.
they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

REFRAIN



Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,



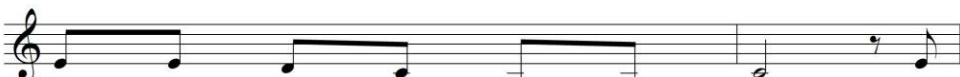
find-ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*



1. My worth is not in what I own; not
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
4. I will not boast in wealth of might, or
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess; my



in the strength of flesh and bone. But
win or lose, in pride or shame. But
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But
worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My

1, 3. 2, 4, 5.



in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. 2.My
in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross.
I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross. 4.I
val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.

CHORUS



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er. Great-est trea-sure, well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth-er; my soul is sat-is-fied in him a - lone.

WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Psalm 27*

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 92 & 96**
Pastoral Candidate, Andrew Sarnicki

Leader: 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.

Leader: What is the Lord's Supper?

People: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

The First Reading of God's Word.....*1 Corinthians 9:19-23*

The Second Reading of God's Word.....*Nehemiah 5:1-19*

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

Hearing from God's Word.....*Nehemiah 5:1-19*
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Trouble Within*

Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. ² For there were those who said, “With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive.” ³ There were also those who said, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine.” ⁴ And there were those who said, “We have borrowed money for the king’s tax on our fields and our vineyards. ⁵ Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards.”

⁶ I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. ⁷ I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, “You are exacting interest, each from his brother.” And I held a great assembly against them ⁸ and said to them, “We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!” They were silent and could not find a word to say. ⁹ So I said, “The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? ¹⁰ Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. ¹¹ Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them.” ¹² Then they said, “We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say.” And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. ¹³ I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, “So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied.” And all the assembly said “Amen” and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.

¹⁴ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor. ¹⁵ The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. ¹⁶ I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work. ¹⁷ Moreover, there were at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. ¹⁸ Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. ¹⁹ Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.¹

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Ne 5:1–19). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin

“Do you ever think that your sins are too bad, and that forgiveness for those sins requires you to get your act together first? If so, you don’t fear God. You are minimizing his forgiveness. You are acting as though his forgiveness is ordinary, just like that of any person or make-believe god. In contrast, the fear of the Lord leads us to believe that when God makes promises too good to be true, they are indeed true.”

Ed Welch

“Biblical holiness begins with the Holy. But the holy, by its very nature, can be approached only when we come as sinners. He is never accessible to us as consumers. We come in sackcloth and ashes, not as buyers. Indeed, we cannot approach the Holy at all on our own terms. We must see that the Holy has first approached us in Christ and, through him, reconciled us to himself. The revelation of the Holy would be unbearable were we to see it in any other way than from within Christ. In Christ, what we are seeing is God’s holiness in its action on our sin. Without Christ we would have to bear that judgment in ourselves. What we see instead is holiness coming down in grace and, in Christ, going forth against our sin in triumph.”

David Wells

“The cost for the recipient of God’s grace is nothing - and no price could be higher for arrogant people to pay.”

Dan Allender

“What we see at the cross is the white-hot revelation of the character of God, of his love providing the price that holiness requires. The cross was his means of redeeming lost sinners and reconciling them to himself, but it was also a profound disclosure of his mercy. It is, in Paul’s words, an ‘inexpressible gift’ that leads us to wonder and worship, to praise and adore the God who has given himself to us in this way.”

David Wells

“Mark well the great advantages you have for the attainment of holiness by seeking it in a right gospel order. You will have the advantage of the love God manifested towards you, in forgiving your sins, receiving you into favor, and giving you the spirit of adoption, and the hope of His glory freely through Christ, to persuade and constrain you by sweet allurements to love God again, who has so dearly loved you, and to love others for His sake, and to give up yourselves to the obedience of all His commands out of hearty love to Him. You will also enjoy the help of the Spirit of God to incline you powerfully to obedience, and to strengthen you for the performance of it against all your corruptions and the temptations of Satan, so that you will have both wind and tide to forward your voyage in the practice of holiness.”

Walter Marshall

Communion Hymns

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#616) –Elisha Hoffman/Anthony Showalter

1. What a fellowship,
What a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness,
What a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk
In the pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path
Grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Chorus*

Chorus:
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread,
What have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace
With my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Chorus*

My God, My Father Blissful Name – Anne Steele/Justin Smith

1. My God, my Father, blissful Name!
O may I call Thee mine?
May I, with sweet assurance, claim,
A portion so divine?
This only can my fears control,
And bid my sorrows fly:
What harm can ever reach my soul,
Beneath my Father's eye?

Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains,
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns,
And trust His tender care.

2. Whate'er Thy providence denies,
I calmly would resign;
For Thou art just, and good, and wise,
O bend my will to Thine.

3. If pain and sickness rend this frame,
And life almost depart,
Is not Thy mercy still the same,
To cheer my drooping heart?
If cares and sorrows me surround,
Their power why should I fear?
My inward peace they cannot wound
If Thou, my God, art near.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go – George Mattheson/Christopher Miner

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red.
Life that shall endless be.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

Closing Hymn.....*We Come, O Christ, To You (#181)*

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and
2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som
3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in
4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to

man, by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be -
paid; in you we face our Judge and Ma - ker un - a -
you, the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal
live the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er

gan: in you a - lone we live and move, and
fraid. Be - fore the throne ab - solved we stand, your
TRUE! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure
give: O ris - en Lord! We live in you: in

have our be - ing in your love.
love has met your law's de - mand.
an - swer to our ev - ery quest.
us each day your life re - new.

Benediction

As we move into August, your elders are discussing how and when we might begin to safely and responsibly open our building for the ministries of our church (LoG, GoG, SMoG, Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer, etc.) We hope to update all of you soon on this.

Financial Update:

1st Quarter: \$145,871.21

2nd Quarter: \$165,766.13