

# Order of Worship for at Home Use

## August 9, 2020

Welcome to worship with Grace@Home!

We pray that you are healthy and well as you worship this week.

If you wish to worship via the video, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj8yyAJOOh8>

This week you should have received a survey by email or in the US Mail which the Session of Grace has designed to gauge your readiness to return to in-person worship here in Las Vegas. If you have not yet taken the survey please complete and submit it by Monday, August 10th. Your Session is working diligently and praying fervently for God's leading as we continue to navigate this unprecedented time.

This week, as we worship, we lift our hands and turn our attention, our minds and hearts over to God. We offer our whole being to our great God in worship. We remember together in worship that we rely on Christ Jesus as He again gathers us into His presence. In these moments, we ask that God's light of truth will shine on us as we pray. As the people of God we turn to the One who knows, loves, sets us on right paths, forgives, and never leaves us.

As we begin you are invited to **prepare your worship space**. This week as we seek the light of Christ, we will be lighting the Christ candle. You are invited to light a candle in your worship space, as we acknowledge that Christ is with us no matter where we are, He is the light of the world, and there is no darkness that His light cannot cast out.

With love and grace,

Pastor Dana

## We Gather as God's Family to Worship

Introit "Adagio in E Major" F. Bridge  
Dr. David Dorway, Organist  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NpoDzQ-iuo>

Welcome Pastor Dana Pope  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soWyHt8R4Ws>

Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b) Pastor Dana Pope  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hLG3QqPmN4>

Come, let us give thanks in the quiet of our souls  
for all of the glorious things our God has done.  
Let us worship Him!  
Together we sing praises, tell of His wonders,  
and rejoice in His miracles.  
Let us praise Him!  
As we gather around God's throne,  
let us rejoice and be happy, let us seek more of God's strength  
and love evermore the light of His face.  
Let us worship God! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Quarantine Quintet  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6XaVLprvKk>

Sharing the Peace of Christ \*\*not in video\*\*

**The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...  
and also with you.**

In this time of social distancing it is important for us to remember that in Christ we are connected to all who believe in Jesus in every time and place. As the world continues to be isolated, and many are feeling anxious, as Christians we share the peace of Christ as a way to offer hope and the joy of Christ. Again today we use the familiar words, "The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you... and also with you."

Now, or after your time of worship, reach out via text, email, phone or video call, to someone outside of your home extending the invitation to enter into the peace of Christ with our faith community.

Praise God, that His peace is with us, always!

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Dana Pope

With the Psalmist we give God our thanks and praise for the glorious things God has done. We draw near to Him and lift our petitions and prayers. We pray for our hurting world. Come, please pray with me.

Holy God, in these moments as we enter fully into worship we lift our hearts and remember all that You have done, and are doing, for us and in this world. Help us to seek evidence of Your handiwork even in stress, hardship and destruction. Help us to draw near to You and enter more fully into Your Kingdom, Your presence. Grant us Your grace.

Your Word declares Your promises on which we stand; Your truth on which we base our lives and our hope. Help us now to immerse ourselves in Your Word... live into Your truth for each of us, and claim our inheritance and identity as Your children. We understand, Lord God, that a part of that inheritance is a knowledge of right and wrong according to Your commandments, as well as responsibility to work toward Your good, Your peace, and Your truth.

We are a deceitful people, we hide and wear masks of false identities and bravado and we run headlong in wrong directions. Help us. Forgive us. Find us. And reveal Your love to us. We ask, Heavenly Father, that You would show us the truth of who we are. Underneath all that we put on, You say we are beautiful in Christ Jesus. God, turn our running away into running toward You and toward Your purposes and life in Your kingdom. Humble us, we pray, in Jesus name...

Today as we pray we lift up to You our world. An explosion has killed and injured many in Beirut, Lebanon. Be with those that are seeking to find the lost and care for the injured. Help the many who grieve and worry and struggle in the midst of such tragedy. Bring peace and hope, light and life. Be in the midst of the fight against illnesses both common and rare...cancer and autoimmune diseases, mental illnesses, and emotional disorders, and so many others. We pray that You would bring an end to this virus and restore our world. Give strength, wisdom, and discernment to all of those working to bring comfort and care to the sick and dying, as well as those hurting and grieving and lost.

We know O God that You are with each one. We pray for health, Your provision and protection for those that are dear to us. We ask that You would provide in mind or body or circumstance and we pray for miracles. Miracles by Your hand and miracles of cure and medicine by Your grace and inspiration.

You are with Your people O God, but we ask that You would bring to mind those that need a human touch...an extra measure of grace in these days... Show us how to be Your hands and feet a voice of hope and a people of light to one who is struggling. As Your people we want to work for Your kingdom. As we pray, we ask for revelation and inspiration for the work You would have each of us do.

We humbly pray for Your grace to break through, and Your truth to become our truth. Give us strength and hope for the journey. Set us right and make us holy in Jesus name, for our sake and the sake of the world and the Kingdom to come. We pray in Jesus name, Who taught us to pray, saying: 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 forever. Amen.

## We Listen to God's Word

Hymn/Praise "Jesus Loves Me" \*\*not in video\*\*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C63z5hCd7bc>

Children's Message Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrCy0GmXP4k>

This morning the children are challenged to think about the church and that we are the church whenever and wherever we meet. Both Jesus and the Apostle Paul promise that God is always with us.

Take a moment with your children and discuss what it means to be a family. Help them remember you are a family no matter where you are and that they will always be part of your family even when they are alone. Remind the children that the church is God's family and they are always God's children no matter where they are.

Special Music "In This Very Room"  
Rosa Gonzales and Kathy Koch  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Na30YdL7c6A>

Reading of the Word Genesis 37:1-4 Noah Pope  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3VzR2d-5TI>

**37** Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

**2** This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

**3** Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. **4** When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Continued Reading of the Word Genesis 37:12-28 Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_IheHJKBaWE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IheHJKBaWE)

**12** Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, **13** and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. **14** So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, **15** a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

**16** He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

**17** "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So, Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. **18** But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

**19** "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. **20** "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." **21** When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. **22** "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

**23** So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— **24** and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

**25** As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

**26** Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? **27** Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

**28** So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Message

“Who Will You Be When You Get There?”

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0oBEffiuZnM>

I want to start today by asking you to think back. Think back to when you were 16 years old. For some of you that may be thinking waaaaay back. Where did you live? Who were your friends? Think back. Now I want to ask you, what dreams did you have for yourself? Did you accomplish those dreams? Now one final question, did you think in your wildest dreams that you would be here, where you are in your life today? Did you even dream of this? Of course not! Who could have dreamed of 2020? Global pandemic, revolutionary type protests and unrest, racial injustice, murder hornets, and the election of two candidates during a lock down that keeps them and everyone else inside. That is not to mention the ancillary issues like record unemployment, depression threatening economics and government handouts the likes of which our nation has never seen. Did you ever think you would be here? Did you envision this or prepare? If you did you are probably the only person on earth with this kind of vision and you should be called something like, Nostradamus!

Today we are looking at Joseph, the last character we will study in our walk-through Genesis this summer. Joseph was a dreamer. He dreamed of his future and told everyone. He actually fulfilled his dream but misinterpreted its meaning. He believed his brothers would one day bow down to him. But, like us, Joseph never could have dreamed that he would be where he was when he reached adulthood.

Joseph was born the 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 sons. Jacob was his father, and Jacob was the brother of Esau! I know that! He was his father’s, Jacob’s, favorite. Yet, Joseph was young, arrogant, rude and a whiner in today’s story. He wore fancy clothes and told his older brothers that one day he would rule over them. He was, understandingly, hated by his jealous brothers. They worked hard and Joseph got it easy from mom and dad.

But Joseph knew from his dream he was the one chosen to save his family only he thought that meant they would bow down and worship him. After all, he had dreams that told him so. He had a vision, although nobody else saw it the same way. Joseph needed to learn his lessons and God would have to teach those lessons in hard ways.

His brothers, on the other hand, they just wanted Joseph to pull his weight in the world so that the family might survive in the violent and hostile land. They also wanted a little payback on the arrogant youngster.

So as Joseph thought that his family would realize that he was the chosen one, the brothers were plotting to put him in his place. It would be that simple for the angry brothers. They had had enough and something had to be done! They were so fed up that they beat Joseph and threw him in a well. They really wanted to kill him, but later they sold him as a slave, and they told their dad that Joe had died. That was it. He was gone and the awful vision was gone along with the arrogant, lazy brother. Now, they thought, the family could live in peace. But God does not let it end there. God's plans will not be thwarted by either an arrogant self-centered upstart, or the brothers who would try to play God and change the plan because they thought they knew better.

For Joseph, his vision must have changed to a nightmare. He was supposed to be blessed. He was supposed to be the next patriarch. But this was not how things were working out. So, what does He do now?

Well the story goes on. Joseph is sold into slavery. Not too good for a man born with a silver spoon and a technicolor dream coat. He is sold to the house of Potiphar. Joseph is humbled, but never loses his faith or integrity.

Potiphar guy is powerful. He rules large in Egypt. He is an administrator. Joseph is now a slave, not a family leader or a tribal chief like his dad. So, what should Joe do? He doesn't run away. Should he rebel? He doesn't seek revenge.

Joseph acts with integrity. He seems to not give up on his vision, or who he is, even if his life seems headed in the wrong direction. Then another challenge. One day Potiphar's wife tries to seduce him. She is wealthy, she is powerful, and she is feeling sexy. What is Joe to do? He is true to himself and his calling even if life is not turning out like he expected.

This is faith.

What would you do if your life was not going as planned? Would you give up? Would you simply become a victim, or would you be true to yourself and your God?

Well Joseph acts with integrity. It is as if he is faithful to God and God's vision for him even though he does not know how God will bring about His plan.

What is God's plan for you? Did you ever think you would be in this situation? Well I can tell you that we learn from Joseph that we cannot predict the future. What we can do is be the person God wants us to be so that when the time comes, we are ready, we are the person God wants in the situation to which God calls us. So, the better question is, who does God want you to be in this moment as we face, murder hornets, pandemic viruses, civil unrest, economic uncertainty, giant sharks and, possibly, the craziest election in American History?

What does God want of you in this moment in history? He wants you to act justly, love mercy, turn the other cheek, love your neighbor as yourself regardless of skin color or uniform. God wants you to be a person of faith in a faithless world. It is, after all, what the world needs.

Joseph is faithful and next week we look at the rest of the story. The story is about how God uses a humbled Joseph to save his family, fulfill his dream and ultimately change the world.

## **We Respond to the Voice of God**

Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings

Pastor Dana Pope

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UVFoC\\_HNS0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UVFoC_HNS0)

We are blessed with many opportunities to give of our time talents and our resources... Let us now participate in God's kingdom by returning God's tithes and our offerings to the church via mail or online giving, using text to give or the following link: <https://onrealm.org/gracepclv/-/give/now>

Offertory

“In the Shadow of Your Wings”

arr. R Harris

Quarantine Quintet

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGgyEQoR\\_3g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGgyEQoR_3g)

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Dana Pope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wssR-sfJtA>

Most Holy God, help us this week to remember that because of Your love we have all that we need, and enough to share with the world. Give us a generosity of spirit and willing hands and feet. We ask that You would bless all that we offer, multiply it for the glory of Your kingdom... we pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **We Go with God to Love and Serve**

Closing Hymn

“Your Name”

Paul Baloche

Kathy Koch

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_PQ76LjvLw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_PQ76LjvLw)

Benediction

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rU8jh8JA-zg>

Go in peace, and know that you go nowhere by accident,  
It is God who is sending you.  
So, go with the power of God Almighty,  
go with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ; and,  
with the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.



Go, and for heaven's sake, make a difference!

Postlude  
Handel

“Allegro”

G.F.

Dr. David Dorway, Organist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEixOIHoVKY>

**As you continue to worship this week, please keep the following people in prayer, and reach out to one another in word or deed.**

### **In Need of Prayer**

Dolores Harris (Merrill Gardens )

Louis Romero (Home Hospice)

Alice Black (Skilled Nursing at Las Ventanas)

Judy Aitken, Becky Aldridge, Bill Carlston, Bernard Busswell, Bob & Joan Clark,  
Carol Daniel, Ann Donithan, Rosamaria Duenas, Pennie Everhart, Joice Franklin,  
Mary Gafford, Terry Glaser, Mary Phillips, Pam Kodey, Lara Kolberg, Dorell Koon,  
Carole McKinnis, Sherrie Miles, Pennie Everhart, Maggie O'Donnell,  
Alice & Gary Oiler, Dodi Palmer, Russ & Pat Reid, Aminta & Jorge Santanilla,  
Marty Swartout, Mike Walsh, Sharon Wilson, and Dick Wohletz

### **In Memoriam:**

Jack Crockett 3/18/2020

Randy Innis 3/18/2020

Clark Trapp 3/18/2020

Ruthy Stull 3/19/2020

Ted Phillips 4/1/2020

Violet Cross 4/4/2020

Bill Franklin 5/4/2020

Greg Holt 5/7/2020

Carol Mohr 5/25/2020