

# Order of Worship for at Home Use

## January 24, 2021

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=pKu-fjmlCC8>

May God's peace fill Your heart and mind as we enter, with intention, into our time of worship this week. We continue to live in a turbulent and strange time, yet, God is with us. God is for us. God will never leave us. It is right, then, that we can rest in His presence, seek His face, and rely on His grace throughout all of life.

Again this week you are encouraged to find a place where you can center your heart and mind on Christ, you might light a candle, bring your bible and take a deep breath as you join in our time of worship.

Let us worship God together!

With God's love,

Pastor Dana

## We Gather as God's Family to Worship

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. M. Burkhardt

Dr. David Dorway, organist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7E8E7uqx9Y>

Welcome and Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02J2OOFEX4Q>

Welcome to worship with us at Grace Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas. We are thrilled you are worshipping with us. We gather remotely online and in person to give glory to God and come into His presence. God has promised to be with us even to the very end of the age. During our time of worship we celebrate that God is on His throne and God is with us. In times of celebration, in times of sorrow and in times of confusion, God is with us. So, let us worship the living God who is at our side now and always.

One: We find rest in our God

**All: He is our Rock, our fortress in times of change, in times of fear and in times of uncertainty.**

One: God is our refuge, we trust in Him.

**All: Today we find our rest in our God.**

**All: Let us worship God**

Hymn #21 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1, 2, 5 Dr. Lisa Elliott

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

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 Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w173Wg-1iA>

Holy God, this week we have witnessed a transition of power in our government. In the midst of a peaceful transition, we have seen the signs of division and fear. It is heartbreaking to see our nation divided, our people protesting, a government of the people, for the people and by the people alienating and dividing for political gain. God we pray for the healing of our nation in this time of transition. We pray for our new President, Joseph Biden. Put your hand upon him and his administration. Bring people of faith into leadership so that your will might be done in the places of power and in the decisions that affect our world. And God, we pray for all our leaders. Bless them with heavenly wisdom, vision and faith. May our country be one of character and integrity putting the needs of the people first and political strife in the past.

Holy God, today we also pray for our people. We lift up those who are sick, isolated, in fear, or lost. God, we pray for those who are struggling to work and make ends meet. We pray for those who are caring for others and for those who are exhausted and just want this pandemic to end. God give us some normalcy, give us grace and give us healing as we work our way out of the mess this past year has laid at our feet. Show yourself to us once again in miracles large and small.

Finally, God, do not let us fall into complacency. Help us to see the work that needs to be done and to lend a hand. Bless those that are doing so much to help others. Bless the store clerks, the first responders, the teachers, and the medical professionals who put themselves at risk to bless others. Give us hearts of gratitude and a willingness to help where we see need,

We pray this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## We Listen to God's Word

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| Hymn/Praise         | "Jesus Loves Me"  | **not in video** |
|                     | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C63z5hCd7bc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C63z5hCd7bc</a> |                  |
| Children's Message  |   | Pastor Dana Pope |
|                     | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f4U03NSuWA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f4U03NSuWA</a> |                  |
| Special Music       | "I Speak Jesus" Here Be Lions   | Kathy Koch       |
|                     | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAojHY5gFvo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAojHY5gFvo</a> |                  |
| Reading of the Word | Psalm 62  | Pastor Dana Pope |
|                     | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1KKXPBjINc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1KKXPBjINc</a> |                  |

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down — this leaning wall, this tottering fence? Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse. Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them. One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God, and with you, LORD, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."

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| Message | "Trust"   | Pastor Dana Pope |
|         | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXgtzWEJ3Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgXgtzWEJ3Y</a> |                  |

Please pray with me: God, my Rock, my Salvation, help us to hear Your voice calling to us to life, calling us to trust. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of all of our hearts be pleasing to You, for You are our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

I wonder, have you ever been in a life or death situation? A true crisis?

What was your response? How did you cope? How would you describe that time? Would you say that you were in a whirlwind frenzy? It was chaos?

Psalm 62 is an example of a person in crisis...and it is life or death.

King David had people, enemies, coming against him, not just to take the throne from him, but also to take his life. They were out to kill him. He was aware of the plots and schemes, yet his reaction was not typical. David was not shaken by the realities of chaos around him, by the fact that there were enemies coming against him.

I have felt put upon at times, felt on occasion that circumstances or people were being unjust or unfair, mean...maybe... we have all seen the unrest in our society. Turmoil and lines drawn. So many good people are struggling and even in danger in many ways. I know I have struggled to find my balance, understand how to pray, discern what to do to help, understand and be a witness to God's grace in the midst. In these days we mourn with so many, our hearts break as we continue to be so divided and unable to come together well. We are living in an anxious time, filled with anger, fear and even danger...

I confess that in all of that (and with the knowledge that no one has tried to kill me, as they did David) my mind and heart, my thoughts are not nearly as rest-filled, not nearly as quiet...as those of David. *Vs 5: yes, my soul, find rest in God. My hope comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; HE is my fortress, I will not be shaken.*

I have been shaken in the last months. Maybe some of you are the same...

So, how do we get to this place of rest?

How do we help our own souls and our friends and neighbors, our families, find rest in God?

It seems, maybe, we begin by examining in what – in Whom – we do trust.

Think for a moment about the people and things you trust the most in this world. How far do you trust them? In our case we trust many different people and things in this life. We trust that the money we have in our wallet will be of value to purchase what we need. We trust our doctors, even as we might not follow all of the advice they give. We trust our families for the most part. (Maybe not when it comes to doing the laundry...)

Maybe in our case, it's not that we put our trust in the wrong things, necessarily...in unreliable people, institutions, it's that our focus is on things of this world. People and institutions...which are of this world. Which is by its nature temporary. Our souls – the deepest part of ourselves – can only fully rest in the permanent, in the presence of God, which is our true home.

There is a little Hebrew word in this psalm... used six times in this psalm... four times referring directly to God. This word is AK. It is translated in several ways, according to context, things like “but” “surely” “certainly” “nevertheless” however, in our psalm today it is most often translated as “only” or “alone.”

So as we read this psalm today it is hammered home in the poetry and repetition, that ONLY God, or God ALONE, is our salvation, our refuge, our hope, our rock.

So while in this life we must put some trust in other things, institutions, ideas, doctors, medicines - certainly... we will only find true peace and rest if we put the full weight of our trust in God, alone. And set our eyes not on things of this world, but on the eternal.

How?

It's not that we don't trust God... it's that we do trust God, but maybe not with everything... It's hard to put our trust in God when enemies come against us, when diagnosis comes with no plan of attack, when there is trouble in the marriage, estrangement with the children or parents, when there are things we think we need to change, control, or DO. And we don't hear a clear word from God.

First, it is crucial that we draw near to God. This psalm has a great map for us in that regard. The psalmist, first pours out his heart... he lays out his anxiety and sorrow - he laments about his situation, and then he brings praise to God for the salvation that will come, for the fact that God is solid and sure. His rock, his place to be safe. He includes thanksgiving and even guidance and exhortation – directions for us – on how to do the same.

Like forgiveness, trust is something we must practice, and work on every day. The first step is to draw near to God, and the second is to put our trust in Him in each – separate – situation. Over and over again.

It takes practice. Intention and attention.

What our psalmist says today is that when each trial comes we choose, again, what or whom to trust. We choose on what to put our hearts, and on whose power we rely. We choose if we focus on things and powers of this world, all of which are fleeting, or if we focus and trust the eternal God who is our rock and our salvation. Our fortress and the place we are safe and at rest.

Our challenge in these first days of 2021 is to notice where we have put our trust, and choose the One Who is our salvation. As we do, to also notice and rejoice in the rest and peace that will follow.

Amen...

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

Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jibIwtbDL0>

We are blessed with many opportunities to give of our time talents as well as our resources...this is not about funding the church or fundraising, it is an act of worship. We respond to God's Word, His love for us, and His mercy by giving of ourselves. We give all sorts of things, including our hearts, our finances, our time and our gifts. 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 "As the Deer" arr. D. Wagner  
Dr. Lisa Elliott, Rich Kimmell, Travis Lewis, Jill Taylor,  
Katharyne & Stephen Taylor  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBQ1b\\_b3p2k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBQ1b_b3p2k)

Offertory Prayer Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFph\\_7h8ObE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFph_7h8ObE)

Holy God we thank you for all the blessings you have poured out in our lives. Thank you for our loved ones and our relationships. Thank you for our resource and the time you have given each of us. Thank you for your grace and the gifts of second chances. Out of gratitude we give these gifts and ask that you bless them and use them for the work of our kingdom.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.

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

Closing Hymn "The River Is Here" A. Park  
Kathy Koch & Savannah Scarlett  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acP08953SHI>

Benediction Pastor Dana Pope  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hscWjpWjSM>

Postlude "March Romaine" C. Gounod  
Dr. David Dorway, organist  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GU6oI3v4uYo>

Acknowledgements  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajcvvSo5Ixs>

**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

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### **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

Priscilla Taylor 7/4/2020

Louis Romero 8/8/2020

Bettye Hodgkins 8/11/2020

Gary Oiler 8/23/2020

Donna Gibson 9/14/2020

Audrey Mitchell 12/1/2020

Alice Black 12/23/2020 ?

Phyllis McGuire 12/29/2020

Carol Moore 12/30/2020

Andrew Davis 1/1/2021

Kay Stinson 1/3/2021

Robert "Bob" Lockhart 1/16/2021