

Order of Worship for at Home Use

February 14, 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=ILkjMMMy8KUQ>

As we gather online it is important to remember that we are not alone. We gather with our brothers and sisters in this church and in Christ's church wherever God has placed us. We are, after all, the body of Christ and the family of God. As His people we gather for worship and we are reminded of the promise that Christ will be with us, even to the very end of the age. We are also reminded that as God's children we are a great community and even when distanced we remain God's children in communion with God and one another.

Today as we gather, I encourage you to create a comfortable space for worship where you are reminded of God's presence in your life and that He is with you in this moment. Surround yourself with the symbols of Grace. Find a place that is peaceful so that you might hear the still quiet voice of God when it speaks to you. Maybe light a candle as a reminder of God's light in the world and in your life, have your Bible with you as it is God's revelation to us in this moment.

Pastor Dana

NOTE: Effective next Sunday, February 21, 2021 there will only be the complete worship video link at the beginning of this page. There will no longer be individual links throughout this document for each action within the service.

We Gather as God's Family to Worship

Prelude "My Faithful Heart Rejoices" J. Brahms
Dr. David Dorway, organist
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yF66IXtf10>

Welcome Pastor Dana Pope
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41EiORAQhVE>

Welcome to worship with Grace at home. As we gather together we are united in Christ, even as we continue to be separated by circumstance. We gather from north, south, east and west - at God's throne of grace. Welcome in and welcome home into the presence of God.

Call to Worship Pastor Dana Pope
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzSmbI7ZJk4>

From the rising of the sun to where it sets
Our God shines forth
In the midst of fire and tempest
Our God comes
He summons the heavens above and the earth below
Our God will not be silent, He speaks.
The world and all that is in it, is His
Let us worship our God!

Hymn "A Shield About Me" C. Williams/D. Thomas
"As the Deer" M. Nystrom
Praise Team
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7FlsbY07uo>

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!

Holy, merciful God, we gather humbly at Your throne of grace on this day, seeking Your face and longing for Your presence and the sound of Your voice. With gratitude today we lift our praises and prayers. We thank You for Your willingness to hear us as we pray, knowing that You are ever more ready - than we are to lift our hearts and words to You. As we come to offer our praises and petitions today, first, we repent, turning our hearts over to You, seeking renewal by Your Holy Spirit, and new life in Your Son.

Turning into Your gracious love, we face the ways we have gone in directions other than Yours this week. We know O God, that we have done things that hurt others, hurt ourselves, and damage the image of Christ within. We plead for forgiveness, ask for favor and for ways to make amends. We pray for second chances. Help us to forgive others as we have been forgiven and lean into Your grace and mercy. Help us to walk in Your way and follow Your will in the days ahead.

God of Glory, today we lift our voices in praise for the things You are doing in our midst. Creating, healing, loving and renewing our lives and our world. We pray for Your continued provision and guidance, Your healing and help, Divine discernment and wisdom. We ask that Your hand would be upon us and all who struggle this day. We pray for relief from pain and grief, healing mercies and miracles, as well as for Your hand of protection for all in harm's way. In places and hearts where there is violence, we pray for peace. In circumstances and situations where there are many paths, we pray that You would make Your pathway clear and Your will evident. In homes and lives where there is hunger and thirst, provide what is needed and help us all to hunger and thirst for You and Your righteousness.

God, we pray that You would make us holy, as You are Holy. Set us on paths of righteousness, and grant us vision and energy to be Your hands and feet in this world. We pray this and all that is in each of our hearts, in Jesus' name, praying the prayer that Jesus taught us, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

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=QWu-9t10EKY>

Boys and girls and you old people who act like children, I have a question for you. When someone does something nice for you, what should you do in response? That is an easy one, SAY THANK YOU! Thank you’s are important because they are the only appropriate response to a true gift. If you pay someone for a gift it is not a gift, it is a purchase. But when someone gives you a gift, the right thing to do is say thank you. That is why we have thank you cards! Today I want you to make a list of ways you can say thanks to somebody.

Today we celebrate Valentine’s day. This is the holiday of love. On Valentine's day we remember the gift of love that people give us. The love of a parent or the love of a friend or a husband or wife, these are all gifts. Love is not earned, it is a gift. And what do we do when someone gives us a gift? SAY THANK YOU!

Today’s psalm, psalm 50 tells us that what God wants from us is thanks. It reminds us that He is our God and He loves us. Since God loves us, we know that we should be thankful to God and show him our thankfulness.

Special Music

“Rescue”

L. Daigel/J. Ingram/P. Mabury

Jenn Brinkley, Pastor Dana Pope, Kathy Koch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gAfjAGgK40>

Reading of the Word

Psalm 50:1-15

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8PManyaxwQ>

A psalm of Asaph.

¹ The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

² From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.

³ Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.

⁴ He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ “Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

⁶ And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak;
I will testify against you, Israel:
I am God, your God.

⁸ I bring no charges against you concerning your sacrifices
or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

⁹ I have no need of a bull from your stall
or of goats from your pens,

¹⁰ for every animal of the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know every bird in the mountains,
and the insects in the fields are mine.

¹² If I were hungry I would not tell you,
for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

¹³ Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ “Sacrifice thank offerings to God,
fulfill your vows to the Most High,

¹⁵ and call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

Message “Honor and Deliverance” Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0sl-HX0Y_8

A psalm of Asaph. This guy was appointed by King David to be the official musician in the temple. He was to write songs that would teach the world about God. That is a pretty lofty job description. Work in the temple, next to the Ark of the Covenant, write music that is good to listen to and give his music meaning and purpose that will last for eternity. Also, Asaph was to listen for God’s words so he could put them in his songs. How would you like all that on your job description? Maybe just a few bullets point next to “pick up trash”.

Well Asaph lives up to his job description when he writes this Psalm. Psalm 50 begins with a regal scene, almost a military style description of our God that reminds readers of the Bible that God is God. There are no others like Him, He is king and ruler.

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He is the Mighty one. He summons the earth and the heavens. This means when God calls heaven and earth come running. He will not be silent. Fire devours before Him. When God comes He has something He wants to say and when He says it things happen! Heaven proclaims He is righteous. This is a banner describing what He does with His power is good..so you had better be on His side...the side of good.

Can you see this scene? It is like a moment when a conquering general rides into a town in a parade or a king is heralded before his arrival. It is a scene of power and fanfare. This is what Asaph wants you to see when you hear this psalm. Fanfare, glory and majesty. This is what you experience when you go to a parade. You honor the one for whom the parade was created.

Do you feel this way for God, or do you march and honor and parade for other things? I think the people of God often march for other things. At least they honor other things. The second part of this musical psalm tells us this when it switches to the first person present tense, meaning God is now speaking. When God speaks in the Bible you should listen.

In this majestic parade setting God says, Listen and I will speak, I bring no charges against your faithfulness. Your offerings are sacrifices.

But understand this, you are giving me the wrong things. I don't need your wealth, your goats or cattle, I am God! *Stop giving me the things you think are important and give me what I think is important.*

This is the heart of the text. Wealth and success were measured in possessions in ancient Israel. Surprising that human values have not changed in 3000 years. But God says no, and He continues to say no to the things of this world. He does not need cattle and wealth. You keep those things. What God wants is relationship.

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God says he wants thank offerings and for His people to fulfill their vows and rely on Him. This is all God has ever wanted from the time He created you...really from the time He created Adam and Eve. We say it all the time here. God is a relational God. Offering is merely a thankful response for what God has already done

Today is a day where we focus on relationships. It is Valentine's day. You know that right. Guys? It is important you remember this. Think of your relationships with the people you really love. Now I want to ask you a question. Have you ever made the mistake of giving a loved one, at a special occasion, something you wanted rather than what they wanted? How did that go for you?

My dad was good at this. One Christmas he gave my mom a vacuum cleaner. It was a quiet Christmas. Not what she wanted. To know what a person wants you really need to listen, pay attention then put in the work.

What God wants is to be in a relationship with you. You should know that He is God almighty, He has acted on your behalf to show you His goodness and grace. What He wants is for you to show a little gratitude, live up to your commitment to be a child of God, acting Christlike and relying on Him when you need help. That is another way of saying, show a little faith.

That is it. That is what is required for the most important relationship in your life. For if you are right with your creator, you will have the power and strength to be right with the others God has brought to your life.

Folks, God does not need you to worship your car, your house, your spouse or your children. God needs you to be a child of God, then your relationships with your house, your spouse, your child and your car will find their rightful place in your life.

We Respond to the Voice of God

Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings

Pastor Dana Pope

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZKSZ2oPxhrc>

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 "People Need the Lord" arr. R. Colvard
Chancel Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DC1AvxUXzk>

Offertory Prayer Pastor Dana Pope
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8QH6OMOXYU>

Holy God, today our psalm reminds us that, Yours are all of the animals of the forest and all of the cattle on a thousand hills. You accept what we offer...and for that are ever grateful. Fill us to the brim with thanksgiving and praise. Help us to live with open hands and hearts, sharing our time, talents, resources, energy, wisdom, encouragement... and we ask that You would bless and multiply all that we offer that it would bless Your kingdom. Amen.

We Go with God to Love and Serve

Closing Hymn #375 "Jesus Shall Reign" vs. 1 & 4 Dr. Lisa Elliott
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4vRE6F4SIc>

Benediction Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP8OM6GH9AI>

May God's goodness be yours,
Well, and seven times well may you spend your days
May you be an isle in the sea
May you be a star in the darkness
May you be a staff to the weak
May you be rest for the weary,
May the love that Jesus Christ has for you fill everyone's heart for you
And, may the love that Jesus Christ has for you fill your heart for everyone
Now and forevermore
Amen

Postlude "The Trumpet of Faith" E. Wetherill
Dr. David Dorway
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSwlFt-4Kxs>

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

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

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Ruthy Stull 3/19/2020
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Violet Cross 4/4/2020
Bill Franklin 5/4/2020
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Phyllis McGuire 12/29/2020
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