

Order of Worship for at Home Use

March 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=Lv9pwMwejRA>

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 Jim

We Gather as God's Family to Worship

Introit "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" M. Burkhardt Dr. David Dorway

Welcome

Pastor Dana Pope

Welcome to worship with Grace@Home. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this weekend. In Jesus' name, we gather from north and south and east and west. We come, just as we are. We gather in person, online, on Sunday and all throughout the week - to worship our Holy God. We pray that you would be refreshed and renewed by our time together at God's throne this weekend. Let us go to our God in worship!

Call to Worship (from Psalm 23 and John 10)

Pastor Dana Pope

One: The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

All: The LORD is our Shepherd.

One: The good shepherd knows His sheep, and the sheep follow Him.

All: He leads us by paths of righteousness and by still water.

One: We worship our God, the Good Shepherd, Who is with us and Who restores our souls.

All: Let us worship God, and let us follow Him!

Hymn "You are My King (Amazing Love)"

B.J. Foote
Praise Team

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!

Come, Lord Jesus, as we pray, draw near to us that we might know Your voice and follow You. We, like sheep, have wandered off, gone unknowingly into dangerous or barren places. We pray that You would continue to call us back. Help us to hear Your voice, and we ask that You would put Your hand upon us and lead us back into Your fold. Forgive us for all we have done, or left undone, that we might be energized and equipped to do Your will and by Your mercy, be formed and made into new creations in Jesus name.

As we draw near to Your throne today we lift up our hurting world. Where earthquakes rumble in the heart of the sea, where violence threatens life, where hunger and thirst go unanswered for so many, where so many struggle with illness or financial hardships...Holy One, we pray Your hand would be upon us and Your Spirit would move in mighty ways.

We pray today for our nation and its leaders, we pray for those who make decisions and policy that their minds would be filled with Your wisdom and plans. We lift up the systems designed to help and serve the people here and around the world. We ask for Your provision and protection, we ask for Godly wisdom and just action.

As children begin to return to school, we ask for Your hand to be upon the teachers and administrators, the students and parents. We pray for protection from illness and willing hands, hearts and minds to learn and grow - adapt - to changing ways of learning and teaching. God in Your mercy, we ask for hearts and minds that are centered on You and open to those that are hurting. As restrictions are lifted, and we come back together, we ask for Your Spirit to guide us that we might be hands and voices of healing; light and hope bearers in Jesus name.

Good Shepherd, we thank you for Your ever present voice, for Your guidance and Your leadership. We are grateful that You are always more ready to hear that we are to pray, and we honor Your Name, as You move and respond and bless all that ask in Jesus name. We do pray all these things, all that we have spoken and all that we have left in our hearts 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.

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

Special Music "Everybody Ought To Know" Traditional
Jen Brinkley, BJ Jamison, Scott Plummer, Dana Pope

Reading of the Word John 10:11-21 Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13** The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. **17** The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. **18** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

19 The Jews who heard these words were again divided. **20** Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"

21 But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

Message "I AM...the Good Shepherd" Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

We Respond to the Voice of God

Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings

Pastor Dana Pope

As we continue to worship, we respond to God's love for us, and the needs of the world, by blessing God's kingdom with our time, talents, energy and resources. Today as an act of offering, take this time to turn your heart to God and reflect on how you might be light and life to our hurting world. Ask God for wisdom and inspiration as we navigate this time of heartbreak, separation, grief, injustice and violence. Today and this week turn to God and let us dedicate ourselves to lean into Christ's peace and offer that to our world. Let us return 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

“My Shepherd”

R. Artsman

Chancel Choir, Becky Aldridge, flute

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Dana Pope

Holy God, Good Shepherd, you care for us, lead us, provide for us. We pray that You would help us to be truly grateful. Help us to care for the resources that You have showered on us, grow in us generous hearts to return what You have shared with us, that Your world and Your kingdom would be blessed by all we offer. We thank you for every opportunity that You give us to serve You and love others with all we have and all we are. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Go with God to Love and Serve

Closing Hymn

#690 “He Leadeth Me” vs 1 & 3

Dr. Lisa Elliott

Benediction

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

Postlude

“Glory Be to Jesus”

R. Hobby

Dr. David Dorway, organist

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)

Judy Aitken, Fred & Mickie Bratschie, Bernard Busswell, Bill Carlston, Bob & Joan Clark, Carol Daniel, Ann Donithan, Rosamaria Duenas, Pennie Everhart, Joice Franklin, Mary Gafford, Charlene Harper, Greta Hougnon, Pam Kodey,

Lara Kolberg, Dorell Koon, Richard Lyle, Carole McKinnis, Sherrie Miles, Don Moore, Maggie O'Donnell, Alice Oiler, Dodi Palmer, Mary Phillips, Aminta & Jorge Santanilla, Bruce Simon, Marty & Barbara Swartout, 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
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
Laverne Willman 1/11/2021
Jennifer Moore 2/12/2021
Joe Fontana 2/22/2021