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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### **Song of Gathering**     *Come Holy Ghost*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid  
to fill our hearts which thou hast made,  
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry,  
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;  
Thou fount of life, and fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above,  
And sweet anointing from above.

#### *Chorus:*

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you. (2x)

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone,  
Know we the Father and the Son;  
Be this our firm unchanging creed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed,  
That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son,  
And Holy Spirit with them one;  
And may the Son on us bestow  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow,  
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

**Song of Gathering:** This first song of the service is meant to prepare our minds and hearts for worship. Feel free to sing along or simply meditate as we begin our time worshipping God.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship *from Isaiah 60:1-3, 19*

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**All: The Lord is our everlasting light, and our God is our glory!**

**Call to Worship:** We worship because we are called to do so. This call, usually taken from a psalm, is an invitation into the presence of God; to worship and praise him.

## **Song of Praise**

### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**Song of Praise:** We enter into God's presence praising him for who he is, and delighting in his desire to be in relationship with us.

## Prayer of Adoration

*(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)*

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.

## Call to Confession *from Psalm 139:23-24*

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!

**All: See if there be any evil ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting!**

## Prayer of Confession *from Philippians 4:4-7*

Leader: Lord, we come confessing. Although we know the joy and the life that may be found in you, we turn our hearts away from you seeking after other pleasures.

**All: Our hearts are anxious and filled with strife because we have turned from you.**

Leader: We do not pray to you as we ought, nor do give you the thanks and praise you deserve.

**All: We have forsaken you, O God of All Peace. We have set up the desires of this world and its goods as our peace. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the mind of Christ, and guard our hearts. Amen.**

**Prayer of Adoration:** Praying is essential to worship. As we pray, we begin by adoring God for who he is and what he has done through his son Jesus. We conclude this prayer by reciting together the Lord's Prayer.

**Call to Confession:** As we praise God, and through the Spirit showing us, we become aware of our own imperfections in light of our perfect God. In love, God calls us to freely and openly confess our sins before him.

**Confession of Sin:** Sin is not only something that we've done wrong. Rather, it's a state of being that we're born into, and that we need saving from. It is impossible to conquer sin on our own, or make amends for it by our own actions. Our only hope is to turn to Christ, asking that he forgive and conquer sin for us, and - by grace alone and through faith alone - save us.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**    *Colossians 2:13-15*

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**Song of Thanks**            *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

**Assurance of Forgiveness:** As we confess our sin, God offers us the assurance that, in Jesus, we are forgiven and loved regardless of what we've done in the past. Because of Jesus, we are no longer condemned by our sin, but are brought into new life by the Spirit.

**Song of Thanks:** Knowing that we are forgiven, and knowing that Jesus has reconciled us with God the Father, we sing with thankful hearts.

**Statement of Faith**     *selections from the Heidelberg Catechism*

Leader:     Christians, what do you believe?

**All:**        I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

**Sermon**      A Lamp and a Broom

**Central text**    *Luke 15:8-10*

<sup>8</sup> Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'<sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**Sermon:** Though spoken by a person, we are to hear the sermon as God speaking to us. A sermon is a study in God's Word, the announcement of the good news in Christ, and an invitation to apply the truth of God's Word to our daily lives. At Gracehill, our sermons are not generally based on certain themes; rather, we study through individual books of the Bible.



## Communion

### **Song of Response**     *Abide with Me*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

**Song of Response:** We sing in response to the hearing of God's faithfulness and love for his people, as revealed in his son Jesus.

## **Benediction** *Jude, verses 24-25*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## **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.

**Benediction:** As we conclude the service, the benediction is a blessing by God, as found in Scripture, for us individually and as a united church. We take this blessing with us as we - carrying the light of the gospel - go out into a dark world, that others may see the Light.

**Doxology:** In the Greek - doxologia, a word (logos) of glory (doxa). The doxology is an ancient hymn of praise, and has been part of the worship service in many churches for centuries. It is sung in response to the Lord's abundant grace for us and his church.**Song of Response:** We sing in response to the hearing of God's faithfulness and love for his people, as revealed in his son Jesus.

## Announcements:

**Membership Class and Small Groups:** Our membership class has launched! For anyone interested in making Gracehill their church home, this class is a 5-week overview of what we believe at Gracehill, as well as the organizational structure of the church and denomination (Presbyterian Church in America). Everyone is invited to take the class, and please note that you are not required to become a member if you take the class! It will be from 6:30-8pm. There are some in-person spots available, but will mostly be held on zoom. Please email Ben at [office@gracehillgr.church](mailto:office@gracehillgr.church) for the zoom link, or if you have any additional questions.

**Get Connected:** If you would like to be added to the weekly email list, learn of ways to serve, schedule a time to meet with Ben, or would like to submit prayer requests, please send an email to: [office@gracehillgr.church](mailto:office@gracehillgr.church)

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If you'd like to meet to find out more about Gracehill, or ways to get connected, please contact Ben Seneker at: 828.656.3453, or email [benseneker@gracehillgr.church](mailto:benseneker@gracehillgr.church); or contact elder Ken Morse at [gkmorse60@gmail.com](mailto:gkmorse60@gmail.com)

## Sermon Discussion Questions Luke 15:8-10

1. If you were to give this parable another title, what would it be? Why?
2. What was the context of this parable? (i.e. who was Jesus speaking to, and what had made his critics so upset?)
3. How is this parable similar to the parable of the lost sheep? How are they different? How do these similarities and differences help us better understand the gospel? (specifically: grace, the work of Christ, repentance, etc.)
4. Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 (the Valley of Dry Bones). What does that prophecy and this parable have in common? What do they each show us about the heart of God? Our spiritual condition? Our initiative concerning salvation, versus God's initiative?
5. What does the one coin represent? The other nine coins? Why was the woman so eager to find the coin? Do you tend to see God in that way? (i.e. eager to bring us from darkness into light?) Why, or why not?
6. Just as the woman had to go into the darkness to bring the coin into the light, so Jesus had to do the same with us. What was the "darkness" he entered into? And what was the "light" that he brought with him?
7. Through the gospel, Jesus has brought us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light (see 1 Peter 2:9). What areas of your life might still bear the effects of that former darkness? (how we view work, food, entertainment, relationships, money, etc). What would it look like for those things to be redeemed by the gospel? (brought from darkness to light?)