



Gracehill
CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song of Gathering *Our Great God*

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne.
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God.

Let every creature in the sea, and every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word.

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 *Psalm 47:1-4*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

All: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

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.**

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: 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 Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer of Confession (followed by Silent Confession)

Almighty God, we have gathered together to worship you today. As we do, we confess that our hearts are often divided in devotion, our minds consumed with worldly concerns, our affections bent toward personal glory and our time spent in selfish pursuits. If left in our sinfulness, we would trample your courts bringing vain offerings and practicing worthless religion. Wash us. Cleanse us with the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. Change us. Holy Spirit abiding in us, make us like our Savior who is obedient, just, merciful, and compassionate. In his name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness from Isaiah 1:18; 1 Corinthians 6:11

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Through faith in God's Son, you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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: 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

Be Still My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

Gracehill, what do you mean when you say, “We believe in the Holy Spirit”?

That the Holy Spirit is the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We know that the God of patience and encouragement gives us hope and courage to continue in our faith so that our lives may sing in harmony to the God and Father of our Master Jesus Christ.

(adapted from the Nicene Creed and Romans 15.4-6)

Central text Judges 5

¹Then sang Deborah and Barak
the son of Abinoam on that day:

²“That the leaders took the lead
in Israel,
that the people offered them-
selves willingly,
bless the Lord!

³“Hear, O kings; give ear, O prin-
ces;
to the Lord I will sing;
I will make melody to the Lord,
the God of Israel.

⁴“Lord, when you went out from
Seir,
when you marched from the
region of Edom,
the earth trembled
and the heavens dropped,
yes, the clouds dropped water.

⁵The mountains quaked before
the Lord,
even Sinai before the Lord, the
God of Israel.

⁶“In the days of Shamgar, son of
Anath,
in the days of Jael, the high-
ways were abandoned,
and travelers kept to the by-
ways.

⁷The villagers ceased in Israel;
they ceased to be until I arose;
I, Deborah, arose as a mother
in Israel.

⁸When new gods were chosen,
then war was in the gates.
Was shield or spear to be seen
among forty thousand in
Israel?

⁹My heart goes out to the com-
manders of Israel
who offered themselves will-
ingly among the people.
Bless the Lord.

¹⁰“Tell of it, you who ride on
white donkeys,
you who sit on rich carpets
and you who walk by the way.

¹¹To the sound of musicians at
the watering places,
there they repeat the righ-
teous triumphs of the Lord,
the righteous triumphs of his
villagers in Israel.
“Then down to the gates
marched the people of the Lord.

¹²“Awake, awake, Deborah!
Awake, awake, break out in a
song!
Arise, Barak, lead away your
captives,
O son of Abinoam.

¹³Then down marched the rem-
nant of the noble;
the people of the Lord
marched down for me against
the mighty.

¹⁴From Ephraim their root they
marched down into the valley,
following you, Benjamin, with
your kinsmen;
from Machir marched down the
commanders,

and from Zebulun those who
bear the lieutenant's staff;
¹⁵the princes of Issachar came
with Deborah,
and Issachar faithful to Barak;
into the valley they rushed at
his heels.

Among the clans of Reuben
there were great searchings of
heart.

¹⁶Why did you sit still among the
sheepfolds,
to hear the whistling for the
flocks?

Among the clans of Reuben
there were great searchings of
heart.

¹⁷ Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan;

and Dan, why did he stay with
the ships?

Asher sat still at the coast of the
sea,

staying by his landings.

¹⁸ Zebulun is a people who risked
their lives to the death;

Naphtali, too, on the heights of
the field.

¹⁹ "The kings came, they fought;
then fought the kings of Canaan,

at Taanach, by the waters of
Megiddo;

they got no spoils of silver.

²⁰ From heaven the stars fought,
from their courses they fought
against Sisera.

²¹ The torrent Kishon swept them
away,

the ancient torrent, the torrent
Kishon.

March on, my soul, with might!

²² "Then loud beat the horses'
hoofs

with the galloping, galloping of
his steeds.

²³ "Curse Meroz, says the angel of
the Lord,

curse its inhabitants thoroughly,

because they did not come to
the help of the Lord,

to the help of the Lord against
the mighty.

²⁴ "Most blessed of women be
Jael,

the wife of Heber the Kenite,
of tent-dwelling women most

blessed.

²⁵ He asked for water and she
gave him milk;

she brought him curds in a
noble's bowl.

²⁶ She sent her hand to the tent
peg

and her right hand to the
workmen's mallet;

she struck Sisera;

she crushed his head;

she shattered and pierced his
temple.

²⁷ Between her feet

he sank, he fell, he lay still;

between her feet

he sank, he fell;

where he sank,

there he fell—dead.

²⁸ "Out of the window she
peered,

the mother of Sisera wailed
through the lattice:

'Why is his chariot so long in
coming?

Why tarry the hoofbeats of his
chariots?'

²⁹ Her wisest princesses answer,
indeed, she answers herself,

³⁰ 'Have they not found and divided
the spoil?—

A womb or two for every man;
spoil of dyed materials for Sisera,

spoil of dyed materials embroidered,

two pieces of dyed work embroidered
for the neck as spoil?'

³¹ "So may all your enemies perish,
O Lord!

But your friends be like the sun
as he rises in his might."

And the land had rest for forty
years.

Sermon Title Living with Two Perspectives

Judges 5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer

Communion

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.

Song of Response *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 hast 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.

Benediction Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in
such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that
together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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: 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.

If you'd like to meet to find out more about Gracehill, or ways to get connected, or if you have specific prayer requests, please contact Ben Seneker at: 616-227-8813, or email benseneker@gracehill-gr.church; or contact elder Ken Morse at gkmorse60@gmail.com

Announcements

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

I'd love to hear from you! What was something from today's service that struck you? Was there something said, sung, or prayed that encouraged you - or challenged you - in a particular way that you'd like to share? Feel free to email me at: benseneker@gracehillgr.church