



May 22, 2022

Gracehill Church Order of Worship

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Song of Gathering *Trinity Song*

(Chorus and Verse can be sung at the same time.)

Chorus:

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three in One
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Verse:

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Zephaniah 3:17, 14-15

Leader: The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

All: **Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.**

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 worshiping God.

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

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad.

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 John 3:19-21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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.

Prayer of Confession (followed by Silent Confession)

Give us a heart to believe, that we may obey you, for you have commanded it. Give us a heart to believe, that we may please you, for you have said that is what you desire. Give us a heart to believe, that we may honor you, for you have declared that this gives glory to you. It is enough to be yours. Just give us a heart to believe, since without faith we can have no part in you. O Lord, you have let some light into our minds and conscience. Do not let it end in darkness. Let it be like that light which shines more and more into a perfect day. The spirit of conviction has awakened our souls. Do not let it end in a spirit of slumber. Do not let your sparks be extinguished. All your works are perfect. Carry this work to perfection. Amen.

—David Clarkson (1622-1686)

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaiah 9:2; John 8:12

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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

Leader: Gracehill, what did our Lord Jesus Christ achieve for us and for all creation by his resurrection?

**All: By his resurrection Christ broke apart the gates of death
And opened to us the way of life,
Announced victory to the women and apostles
And brought salvation to the whole world,
Annihilated the power of death
And renewed the entire creation,
Gave us the promise of resurrection
So that we might rise with him in new life.**

Sermon Title From “In the Way” to In the Way

Central Text Mark 10:32-45

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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 *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound –
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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

Adapted from Isaiah 60:19-20

The LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

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.

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@gracehillgr.church; or contact elder Ken Morse at gkmorse60@gmail.com

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.

Announcements

Let's all be in touch! Check out the link to the Gracehill church directory in the Friday email. If you'd like to be added, please fill out the brief form included in the email. (and if you're not yet on the Friday email list, please send an email to office@gracehillgr.church to be added).



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