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Gracehill Church
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Prelude - *My Soul Finds Rest*

Oh my God hear my cry
From the depths I call out to you
You give your mercy and light
In the dark, in the wilderness

My soul finds rest in God alone
My salvation comes from him
My soul finds rest, God is my hope
I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken

You are my shield and my strength
Train my feet for this battle
Our God is mighty to save
I will wait, I will wait for him

O my strength, I sing praise to you
O my strength, I sing praise to you
In joy or pain, I sing praise to you
Night or day, I sing praise to you

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - *from Psalm 67*

LEADER: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

ALL: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

ALL: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

LEADER: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

ALL: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

LEADER: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Song of Praise - *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe,

And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at his feet may fall;

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown him Lord of all.

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 - *Psalm 130:3-4*

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

Prayer of Confession (followed by Silent Confession)

O Lord, I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of a sinful state,
of the vanity of creatures,
but also of the sufficiency of Christ.

When You would guide me, I control myself.

When You would be sovereign, I rule myself.

When You would take care of me, I suffice myself.

When I should depend of Your provision, I supply myself.

When I should submit to Your providence, I follow my will.

When I should study, love, honor and trust You, I serve myself.

I fault and correct Your law to suit myself.

Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite and lustful heart,
then take me to the cross and leave me there.

Assurance of Forgiveness - *Isaiah 53:3-5*

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Song of Thanks - *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

Corporate Prayer: *To Live In Christ (from The Valley of Vision)*

LEADER: Almighty God, creator and upholder of all things,
it is our privilege to be under the care of Your wisdom, righteousness, mercy, and grace.

ALL: It is the discovery of Your goodness and mercy alone that can banish our fears, allure us into Your presence and help us to confess sin. For in You there is mercy, kindness, and forgiveness.

LEADER: There are, indeed, exceeding riches through the finished work of Your Son Jesus. May we always feel our need of Him, the source of our joy and strength. O Blessed Spirit, enliven our hearts. Renew our mind. Work in us the image of the heavenly.

ALL: That we may know Christ and live in this good news. Amen.

Sermon title - *Rethinking Homesickness*

Central text - *1 Peter 1:1-2*

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Song of Response - *Yet not I but Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is
mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am
free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Benediction - *2 John 1:3*

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's
Son, in truth and love. Amen.

Doxology

If you'd like to meet to find out more about Gracehill, or ways to get connected, please contact Ben Seneker at:
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Announcements:

A **Women's 10-Week Bible study** using "The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms & Wisdom Books" by Nancy Guthrie is starting September 17 and all women are invited! This study includes a book, an emailed link to watch a weekly video on your own time, and a weekly discussion & prayer time at the Seneker's home (with the option to Zoom-in virtually). Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 9:30am-11am at Janae's house (138 Langdon Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503). Bring a chair to meet outdoors or on the front porch with masks on. Sign up by Today! by emailing Betsy (rbbray03@hotmail.com) or Janae (jkseneker@gmail.com).

Small groups will also be starting the week of September 13th and will run until Thanksgiving. They will be offered on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and will be studying either 1 Peter (along with the sermon series and provided discussion questions), "The Gospel-Centered Community" by Robert Thune and Will Walker, or "The Prodigal God" by Tim Keller. We will meet in-person as well as offer a Zoom option. Please email Ben (benseneker@gracehillgr.church) if you are interested or would like to learn more.