

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, Senior Pastor

You Cannot Be Stopped

Forever

Morning Prayer

The Rev. Chris French, Pastor of Missional Living

In Christ Alone

Time for Young Disciples

Lisa Ann Henkel, Children's Ministries Associate

Expressing our Gratitude

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Doxology

Sermon Text

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

Sermon

One Fruit, Nine Flavors: Free Samples

Amazing Grace

Benediction

Choral Benediction

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth, from Messiah (Handel)

Olivia Spencer, Soprano

Mi Ou Lee, Accompanist

Postlude

Toccata (Widor)

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Invitation and Gathering

Consider lighting a candle to signal that worship has begun and that God is present wherever and whenever two or more gather in God's name. When we gather for worship we acknowledge that God is the one who gathers us together.

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Application Questions

1. If you reflect on the Bob Goff quote, "Something happens when you feel ownership. You no longer act like a spectator or consumer, because you're an owner. Faith is at its best when it's that way too. It's best lived when it's owned." How well do you feel like you own and live out your faith?
2. If you're deeply honest, in what ways has Christianity simply been an "add on" to your normal life? In what ways has knowing Jesus dramatically shifted your daily reality?
3. Galatians 5:1 says: "It is for FREEDOM that Christ has set you free". What does this mean to you?

Call to Prayer

From Romans 5:8

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer

**Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded;
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit
where we are prisoners of ourselves.**

Hear us now as we bring our own confessions before you...

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and brought us into this day of resurrection. We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son and that he has conquered death, and risen to rule over all power of this earth.

We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit lift us from doubt and despair and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and that all we have may show forth his love.

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(take a few minutes to lift up the needs of the world before God now)

We lift all of these prayers for the world up to our Heavenly Father who knows our hearts, who sees our pain and the pain of others, and is with us in joys and in sufferings. Together we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

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.**

Declaration of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #45

Question: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Answer: **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.**

Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Sending

We do not worship for ourselves alone, but for the sake of the world. God gathers us, speaks to us, and feeds us so that we might be formed into people who look and act like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Benediction

As we go, we declare with joy and trust: Christ is risen!

As we go, we declare with joy and trust: Christ has conquered sin and death!

As we go, we declare with joy and trust: Christ is Lord of all creation!

As we go, we declare with joy and trust: Christ, our risen Lord, is coming.

As we go, we declare with joy and trust: The ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Amen!

Activity:

Read through Galatians 5:22-23 at least once each day this week. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Spend time journaling and meditating on each of these fruits and how they are reflected in your life of faith, and/or spend time in prayer asking God to raise 1-2 of these fruits up for you and challenging you with how to grow in them.

Dig Deeper:

Write out each fruit. Stick it around your house. Pray that each would be manifest in your life. Draw picture around each word. Write prayers around them. On each fruit, add a few additional scripture references to help you engage and ponder each fruit in the weeks ahead.