

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

Phil Warman, Director of Student Ministries; The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, Senior Pastor

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Before The Throne Of God Above

Morning Prayer

Senior Recognition

Expressing our Gratitude

Amber Sheffield, Student Ministries Associate
gpch.org/give

Stories of Fruitfulness

Kelly Haas

Sermon Text

Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon

One Fruit, Nine Flavors: Joy

Is He Worthy?

Benediction

Choral Response

Go Ye Now in Peace (Eilers)

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.

Feel His presence here beside you, showing you the way.

In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,

Know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage.

Know that the God, who sent his Son to die that you might live,

Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.

Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

Postlude

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HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGY | SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

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. How are you experiencing the fruit of joy in your life right now? Is it an intangible thing that's hard to find, or something that's abundantly present in your life?
2. What practice (or practices) might you commit to in your life of faith this week to help root yourself in the joy of the Lord? (increased prayer, scripture reading, meditation, silence, etc.)
3. What do you think the connection is between joy and peace? Spend some time reflecting on the nature and meaning of these two words.

Call to Prayer

From 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

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

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

Jesus, thank you that you promise to be near to the broken hearted. We pray that you will hear us now as we lift up our prayers for our world, for our city, for our church, and for our families.

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

We thank you that you hear our prayers and are always with us. Amen.

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Declaration of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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

Go now in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
Go now in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
Go now in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.
Go BE the church! Amen.

Activity:

Remembering that joy and happiness aren't the same thing, how can you share the fruit of joy with someone who needs it this week?

Dig Deeper:

Joy doesn't come naturally for most of us—we need the Spirit of the Lord to bestow it in us and equip us with it! Spend some time this week looking through these scripture passages. Pick one that is especially meaningful for you. Write it out, meditate on it, pray over it, live in it for a week and ask the Lord to use His Word to speak to you.

Zephaniah 3:17, Romans 12:12, Philippians 4:4-9, Psalm 94:19, Habakkuk 3:17-18, 1 Peter 1:8-9, John 15:11, 16:24, 2 Corinthians 12:10