

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Trey Little, Senior Pastor

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

God Is Able

Morning Prayer

Elder Gindi Vincent

Psalm 23: Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy

Expressing our Gratitude

The Rev. Chris French, Pastor of Missional Living
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Stories of Fruitfulness

Michelle, Tucker, and Hamilton McGuirt

Sermon Text

Ephesians 4:29-32

Sermon

One Fruit, Nine Flavors: Kindness

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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, MAY 24

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. The word “kindness” means the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. What do you think kindness means in the context of the Gospel message?
2. Where is it easy for you to show kindness in your life? What situations in your life are in desperate need of being blanketed with kindness, but you find it's a struggle to do so?
3. What do you think is the connection between being “a new creation in Christ” and tapping into the spiritual fruit of kindness?

Call to Prayer

From Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done before the Lord

Prayer

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our error. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.

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

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

Psalm 23 declares that Your loving kindness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Jesus in light of your loving kindness, please hear now our prayers for your people and your world.

(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:

Look up different verses in scripture that speak about the Kindness of the Lord. Journal any thoughts, connections, or insights that come to mind. Spend some time praying these scriptures over your life and the lives of those around you.

Dig Deeper:

Think of a situation in your life or in the life of someone you know that needs to be infused with the spiritual fruit of kindness. Spend 5 minutes talking to the Lord about this situation and then spend 5 minutes listening to God speak to you. Journal any insights or prayers for the week ahead.