

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Trey H. Little, Senior Pastor

Psalm 34: Taste and See

What a Beautiful Name

Morning Prayer

Elder Jim Tomforde

Hymn 57: *Be Still My Soul*

Expressing our Gratitude

Nancy Bailey, Mobilization Specialist
gpch.org/give

Stories of Fruitfulness

Thomas Horton

Sermon Text

Jonathan & Christina Cohen
2 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon

One Fruit, Nine Flavors: Self-Control

Hymn 235: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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.*

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HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGY | SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 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. From verses 3-4, what is “everything we need for life”?
With everything given to us, why must we “add to our faith”?
2. In what way are verses 5-10 a prescription for one who is feeling disappointed or unfulfilled?
3. Of the seven qualities in verses 5-7, which two do you possess in the greatest measure? How can you grow in one of the other qualities?

Call to Prayer

From 1 John 1:8-9

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

Romans 8:26-27 tell us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Let's lift up our prayers for our world up to the Lord now.

(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

Hear now this charge from Titus 2:11-14:

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Go empowered by the Holy Spirit to live by the grace of God!

Activity:

What does self-control mean to you? Where do you often succeed in exercising self-control? Write down a few areas that are more difficult, where you continually need to tap into the fruit of self-control and spend some time saturating these situations in prayer.

Dig Deeper:

The little book of Titus references self-control more than any other book of the Bible. Read through this book prayerfully, several times if you're able. What is the role of the fruit of self-control in your life? Where to you need this fruit to grow and take root more deeply?