

Order of Worship | Sunday, June 28, 2020 | 10 a.m online

# Worship online at gpch.org

#### Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy

Raise a Hallelujah

## **Morning Prayer**

The Rev. Chris French, Missional Living Pastor

Hallelujah for the Cross

## Expressing our Gratitude

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## Stories of Grace

Mandy Weber

## Sermon Text

The Armstrong Family: Patrick, Farah, Chloe, and Will Colossians 1:1-2

#### Sermon

Postcards of Summer: "Greetings from ..." The Rev. Dr. Trey H. Little, Senior Pastor

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

## 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.

# Grace at home

House Worship Liturgy | Sunday, June 28, 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. Read meditatively through the first chapter of Colossians. What are words or phrases that stick out to you?
- 2. What "false truths" do you see in the world around you today? What might the Gospel have to say to the current narratives of the world?
- 3. Can you identify 1-2 ways you might abide in God this week?

## Call to Prayer

From 1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

## Prayer

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

Brief time of silence

## Prayers of the People

Romans 8:26-27 tells 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 Colossians 4:1-3, 6:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

# Dig Deeper:

Read the first chapter of Colossians once a day this week. Journal each day through prayer the parts that stick out to you or that God puts on your heart. How might the Spirit of the Lord speak to you through this rich chapter of Scripture this week?