



ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

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Welcome

You Cannot Be Stopped

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Morning Prayer

Elder Tanner Spears

Hymn: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Expressing our Gratitude

The Rev. Dr. Michael L. Fry, Parish Associate
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Stories of Grace

Tom Gottschalk

Sermon Text

Tom, Judy, and Hanna Prisk
Colossians 1:3-14

Sermon

Postcards of Summer: "We arrived safely..."
The Rev. Dr. Trey H. Little, Senior Pastor

O Praise the Name

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, JULY 5, 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. [Verses 3 – 8] Paul gives thanks for the reputation of the Colossian Christians. *How are we to be known and remembered (what is your individual reputation as a follower of Christ? What is Grace's reputation as a church across the street and around the world?)*
2. [Verses 9-12] Paul prays specifically for the Colossian Christians. *How are we to pray for fellow disciples and the Church?*
3. [Verses 13-14] Paul's prayer reminds the Colossian Christians that God is the source of their power and strength. *How will you lean on God, this week, to experience God as your source of power and strength?*

Call to Prayer

From Isaiah 30:15 and 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Prayer

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love, in failing to love those around us as you would have us love them. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

Here is a way to pray for your own faith and over a fellow follower of Christ using the words of Scripture. Below you will find the words Paul used to describe how he prayed for the Colossian Christians. Where there is a blank fill in yourself or the name of an individual that you would like to pray for.

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

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I commit to praying continually, earnestly, and without ceasing for

God, I ask you to fill _____ with the knowledge (intimate acquaintance) of Your will (God's plans and purposes) through all the wisdom (a divine comprehension) and understanding (divine focus and amazement) that comes from the Holy Spirit ¹⁰so that _____ may live a life worthy of the Lord and please to the Lord in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge (intimate acquaintance) of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to God's glorious (all consuming) might so that _____ may have great endurance (perseverance) and patience (persistence), ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified (deemed worthy, made fit) _____ to share (partake) in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light (on earth as it is in heaven). ¹³God, You have rescued _____ (and me and all believers) from the dominion of darkness and brought _____ (and me and all believers) into the kingdom of the Son who You love, ¹⁴in whom _____ (and me and all believers) have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. AMEN.

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 2 Corinthians 13:13:
May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dig Deeper:

Read the 1st 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? Are there any shifts from what you heard as you read through this chapter last week?