

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

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Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Morning Prayer

Traci Baudin, Director of Children's Ministries

Skin and Soul

All Things Together

Expressing our Gratitude

Denise Phelps, Director of Caring Ministries
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Stories of Grace

Amber Mees

Sermon Text

Colossians 1:21-23
Alyssa Davis

Sermon

Postcards of Summer: "One more thing..."
The Rev. Chris French, Pastor of Missional Living

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

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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. What does it mean to be “alienated from God”? What causes this alienation? What does it mean to have been “reconciled”?
2. What are some of the common things which move people away from the hope of the gospel? How can we make sure this doesn't happen to us?
3. What practical steps can you take to encourage one another to continue in our faith, established and firm, not moving from the hope found in the Gospel?

Call to Prayer

From Romans 8:26-27

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.

Prayer

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your spirit in us,
as we come before you in silence now...

Brief time of silence

Prayers of the People

Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and never-ending love, hear our prayers for the church and the world as we come before you now
(*Speak aloud your prayers to God, who is with you and hears you*)

And now let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray saying,

—continued—

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.

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

God go before you to lead you,
God go behind you to protect you,
God go beneath you to support you,
God go beside you to befriend you.
Do not be afraid.
May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you.
Do not be afraid.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

Dig Deeper:

One of the ways to approach the read of Scripture is to ask these three questions:

1. What does the reading say (explicitly or implicitly) about God—His character, what He is doing and will ultimately accomplish in the world?
2. What does the reading say about who we are as humans?
3. What does the reading say about how individuals and the church live out a life of faith?

In light of these questions, please read the following passages:

- Colossians 1:15-20
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 -21
- Revelation 21:1-4