

# Grace *at home*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

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## Welcome

Elder Mike Mantel

## Call to Worship

Leader: God of the past, who has created and nurtured us,

**People: We are here to worship you**

Leader: God of the future, who is always ahead of us,

**People: We are here to worship you**

Leader: God of the present, who is here in the midst of us,

**People: We are here to worship you**

Leader: God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

**People: We are here to worship you**

Leader: We come to worship God in our need,

**People: bringing with us the needs of the world.**

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

**People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.**

Leader: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,

**People: and God has promised never to turn us away.**

Leader: Let's worship our faithful God together!

*God I Look to You*

Hymn: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

## Morning Prayer

Denise Phelps, Director of Caring Ministries

*Way Maker*

## Expressing our Gratitude

Nancy Bailey, Mobilization Specialist  
[gpch.org/give](http://gpch.org/give)

*Doxology*

## Stories of Grace

Paige Percoski

**Sermon Text**

*Colossians 1:24-2:3*

Stella Sekyere

**Sermon**

*Postcards of Summer: "You're Not Gonna Believe This"*

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

*Goodness of God*

**Benediction****Choral Postlude**

*Go Forth into the World (Rutter)*

**Postlude**

*Toccata on Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Michael Burkhardt)*

Mi Ou Lee, Organ

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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. In what sense are Paul's sufferings a continuation of Jesus' sufferings?
2. Why would this lead Paul to rejoice (see 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10)?
3. Is Paul's stated purpose (1: 28; 2:2) a reality in your life? How so? If not, how will you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance?

## Call to Prayer

*From Psalm 62:1-3*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Let's come before God our refuge and strength in prayer.

## Prayer

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs,  
carrying us with your all-embracing love.  
Yet, like sheep, we wander from you:  
following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions.  
Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust.  
Refresh us once again by your waters of mercy  
and restore our souls by your redeeming love.  
Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely,  
through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, we pray...

*Brief time of silence*

## Prayers of the People

Jesus, you tell us to come to you when we are weary of carrying heavy burdens and you will give us rest. Hear us as we come to you this morning for our own needs, the needs of our community, and the needs of the world  
(*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,  
**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.