

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

O For A Thousand Tongues

There's No Other Name

Morning Prayer

Elder Evan Ghazi

Cornerstone

Expressing our Gratitude

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

Stella Sekyere

Sermon Text

Ryan Bell and Travis Hodges
Colossians 3:12-4:1

Sermon

Put On Christ
Mark Brown, CEO of West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)

All Glory Be To Christ

Benediction

Choral Response

Go Forth Into the World (Rutter)

Postlude

Toccata on "O for a Thousand Tongues" (A. Fedak)

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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 do you think your calling is? What does God want you to do in your life?
- 2) How might we better LOVE our people - those in our everyday lives, and those in the hemisphere around us?
- 3) How are YOU telling the story of God's provision in your life?
- 4) Are you being compassionate, kind, and gentle? Are you serving those around you well?

Call to Prayer

From Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done before the Lord.

Prayer

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our error. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.

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

Brief time of silence

Psalm 23 declares that Your loving kindness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Jesus in light of your loving kindness, please hear now our prayers for your people and your world.

(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.**

—continued—

Declaration of Faith

Our World Belongs to God, Stanzas 1, 2, and 6

As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning,
through all the crises of our times,
until the kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever:
Our world belongs to God!
God is King: Let the earth be glad!
Christ is victor: his rule has begun!
The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed!
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners,
set free for joyful obedience,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in the world.
With tempered impatience,
eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
We are confident
that the light
which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth
when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Our world belongs to you.

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

Go now in peace, in the knowledge of God's power.
Go now in confidence, in the knowledge of God's strength.
Go now in joy, in the knowledge of God's love.
Go BE the church! Amen.

Live it Out

Learn: Memorize Colossians 3:23–24 this week. Use it to remind yourself that you work for the Lord throughout the day.

Follow: Pray about your specific situation in life this week—your relationships, job, school, neighborhood, family. Ask God to teach you how to honor Him in all that you do.

Show: Pick one person to serve this week. Choose two to three intentional actions you could do to lovingly put that person above yourself.

Tell: Take the four application questions from the sermon (listed above) and think about how your responses to these questions might shape how you share your faith with others.