

Grace *at home*

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

Family Time

Traci Baudin, Director of Children's Ministries; and Daniel Baudin, Student Ministries Associate

You Cannot Be Stopped

Hymn: *This is My Father's World*

Morning Prayer

Elder Natalie McElroy

Way Maker

Invitation to Invest

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Expressing our Gratitude

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The Blessing

Sermon Text

Luke 2:41-47

Sermon

The Ratio That Can Change Your Church

Dr. Kara Powell, Chief of Leadership Formation and Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute

Hymn: *Take My Life and Let it Be*

Benediction

Choral Response

Go Ye Now in Peace (Eilers)

Postlude

Gigue Fugue (D. Buxtehude)

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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) Can you think of a time in your life that your faith was shaped by the time investment of those around you? What sort of impact did that have, and might that continue to have, on your faith journey?
- 2) In what ways are you currently investing in the lives of the generation(s) under you?
- 3) What might be ways that God is calling you to invest in the discipleship of those around you?

Call to Prayer

From 66:16-20

Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God in prayer.

Prayer

Jesus, friend of sinners, your words to your disciples were plain: whatever we did for the least of our brothers and sisters, we did for you. But have we fed the hungry, invited in the stranger, clothed those whose garments were thread-bare, looked after the sick, visited the incarcerated? In your mercy Lord, hear us now as we bring our own confessions before you...

Brief time of silence

The Psalmist tell us that you hear our prayers O Lord; that you give ear to our supplications in your faithfulness and answer us in your righteousness. Jesus in light of your covenant faithfulness, 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.**

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Declaration of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #26

*Question: What do you believe when you say,
“I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?*

Answer: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son.

I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.

God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is faithful Father.

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.

Dig Deeper:

Learn: Read through the text from today, Luke 2:41-47, several times. Ask the Lord to give you fresh eyes to engage this familiar story. What do you see or hear that perhaps you haven’t noticed before?

Follow: Take time this week to pray and ask the Lord how he might use you to disciple those around you who need the love, investment, and discipling Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for the Lord to put one name on your heart.

Show: Reach out! If there’s a name on your heart, extend an invitation for ongoing investment.

Tell: Tell Jesus all the reasons you don’t want to ... but then do it anyway because we’re called to love and care for those around us. Pray that He will equip you with what you need.