



ORDER OF WORSHIP | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | 10 A.M ONLINE

Worship online at gpch.org

Welcome

Family Time

Phil Warman, Director of Student Ministries; and Lisa Henkel, Elementary Ministries Associate

Battle Belongs

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Morning Prayer

Elder Tom Prisk

Hallelujah for the Cross

Expressing our Gratitude

Traci Baudin, Director of Children's Ministries
gpch.org/give

Your Labor is Not in Vain

Sermon Text

Jeremiah 29:4-13

Sermon

Saturated with Gospel Vision

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Kaemingk,
Associate Dean for Fuller Texas and Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Postlude

Broken Vessels/Amazing Grace

Grace *at home*

HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGY | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

Worship live at gpch.org

Application Questions

- 1) Like the Jewish exiles in Babylon, we have been distanced from our “temple” the sanctuary during the pandemic. Like the Jewish exiles we have been forced to find new ways to connect with God apart from traditional gathered worship.
 - How has this time away from the sanctuary been for you?
 - Have you felt more close to God or more distant? Be honest.
- 2) The pandemic has brought tremendous disruption to our families, our church, and our city. Can you share one particular disruption that has been in your prayers to God?
- 3) Jeremiah called the Jewish exiles to settle into their experience of disruption, to make a home in Babylon this new and disruptive place that God has carried them.
 - How is God calling to invest and settle into a place of disruption?
 - Where do you feel called to serve, plant gardens, and seek the “shalom” (peace and flourishing) of your disrupted family, church, or city?

Call to Prayer

When we see God's beautiful holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. God is light and truth, yet we live among shadows and lies.

People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and whose we are; and let's ask our powerful God to fill us with grace and truth. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another through our corporate prayer of confession. Let's pray:

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Prayer

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. See our hearts and hear our prayers, as we come before you in silent confession now.

Brief time of silence

Jesus we bring before you our prayers for the cities that you have called us into. We think of our nation, of Houston, of our individual communities and neighborhoods as we offer up our prayers before you now.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, sinners each one. Rule in our homes and in all the world, show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior, Jesus we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
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.

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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.