

*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*January 16, 2022*



## Thought for Meditation:

Love of the stranger is the corollary of circumcision of the heart. Little is said about that here, but hearer and reader are reminded by two things: (1) the life lived in relationship with God is characterized by a heart not only purified and bound to the Lord but also open to the other; and (2) the experience of being slaves and strangers marks forever the way those who have been released and given a home treat others whom they encounter as slaves and strangers. Love the Lord and love the stranger—that is indeed the greatest of the commandments. *Patrick D. Miller*

**Prelude**

Organ Hymn

Haan

**Welcome and Announcements**

Doug Marshall

**Call To Worship**

1 Timothy 1:16-17

Cathy Vitari

L: We have all received the mercy of Christ,

**P: So that through us, Jesus can show his unlimited patience.**

L: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible,

**P: The only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.**

L: Let us worship Almighty God, who alone deserves our praise.

**P: We worship God, whose light fills our darkness.**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#33

**Prayer of Confession**

God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated us from you and from other people are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ...

*Silent Prayer of Confession.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Ephesians 2:12-14**

L: At one time we were all separated from Christ.

**P: We were outsiders, without hope and without God.**

L: But now in Christ Jesus you who were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

**P: Jesus is our peace, who made us one with God and with each other.**

L: Friends, believe the good news of Jesus Christ;

**P: We are forgiven and free!**

**ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.*

**\* Glory Be To The Father**

#813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**Special Music**

Amazing Grace (Althouse)

Chancel Choir

**Scripture**

Deuteronomy 10:12-19 (page 161)  
Ephesians 2:11-14 (page 1018)

**Sermon**

There Is No They

**\* Hymn of Response**

Soon and Very Soon

#757

**\*Affirmation 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, born of the Virgin Mary, 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 on 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.

**Prayers of the People**

**Call for Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

St. Columba

Laskey

**\* Doxology**

#815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\* Hymn of Dedication**

Trust and Obey (v1,3,5)

#571

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Congregational Response**

Trust and Obey (Refrain)

#571

Trust and obey, For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

**\* Postlude**

Allegro Vivace

Mendelssohn

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**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.** Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service. Your hosts will be John and Cindy Irvin.

**C.S. Lewis – Adult Sunday School Class**

**When: Sundays @ 9:00 AM 1/9, 16, 23, 30**

**Doug Marshall will be leading this four-week class**

**Where: Library**

He was one of the most published authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a professor of medieval literature at Oxford and Cambridge. He was a man who loved drinking beer at the local pub and smoking his pipe, yet was (and still is) an icon of the Evangelical church. He was raised a Presbyterian, became an atheist, and then accepted Christ as an adult. Learn more of his story and how his writing encourages and challenges us to grow in our faith.

**Hot off the Press:** Copies of the new Grace Church directory is in the Narthex; please take one per household. If needed, more copies of the directories will be printed for next week.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** Imagine you are a young boy, diligently studying your piano lessons, wanting to become a musician, and your piano teacher tells you, "Raymond, you will never be a musician." Now fast-forward some 60 years, and that same "little boy" is being honored as Michigan Composer of the Year, with more than 500 published organ, choral and handbell pieces.

Raymond Haan never gave up his dream. This graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan never took a college music course. "I realized there was no way to support myself as a musician in a Christian Reformed Church, and at that time leaving my church was not an option." Instead he became a middle school, then a high school English teacher and wrote music in his spare time – while also playing the organ, directing several choirs (more than 50 years for Cutlerville East CRC in Grand Rapids) and being a father to four children.

This humble servant of Christ will tell you, "It's all the Lord's work. The Lord gave me this small talent, and he's multiplied it by some inscrutable power of his own. I'll take responsibility for the flaws, but the successes are the Lord's, no question." **Organ Hymn** (today's prelude) is his reflection on the text "For God alone my soul in silence waits" (Psalm 62:1), a meditation on our reliance in God for our salvation.

**St. Columba** is a hymn tune based on an ancient Irish air. The tune is named for the Irish saint who "carried the torch of Irish Christianity to Scotland" (and who has the dubious distinction of being among the first to report a sighting of the Loch Ness monster, in 546, as recorded in The Life of St. Columba by Adomnán of Iona).

The tune is the setting for several hymns, the most common being "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," a paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Sir Henry William Baker. The hymn first appeared in the 1868 Appendix prepared for *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, where it was set to the tune *Dominus Regit Me* by John Dykes. In 1906, the compilers of the *English Hymnal* included Baker's hymn text but were denied permission to use Dykes's original tune. Musical editor Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) turned to the Irish folk tune that we hear today during the offering.

### This Week's Calendar

Jan. 16	C.S. Lewis Adult SS Class	9:00am
	Deacons Mtg.	9:00am
Jan. 17	Finance Comte. Mtg.	6:00pm
	Mission Comte. Mtg.	6:30pm
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Jan. 18	Bible Study	1:00pm
Jan. 19	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Jan. 20	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

### Looking Ahead

Jan. 23	C.S. Lewis Adult SS Class	9:00am
Jan. 24	Session Meeting	7:00pm
Jan. 25	Bible Study	1:00pm
Jan. 25	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Jan. 27	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm

CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, January 24.  
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