

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
November 14, 2021



Exalting God
Psalm 57; 2 Corinthians 12:6-10
11/14/21

Thought for Meditation:

You'll never know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. Wilderness survivors find refuge in God's presence. They also discover community among God's people.
Max Lucado

Prelude

Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Doug Marshall

Call To Worship

Ephesians 5:18-20

Linda Johnson

L: Let us be filled with the Spirit of God!

P: Let us sing songs of praise to the Lord!

L: Let us give thanks to God the Father, for all our blessings!

P: In thanksgiving, let us praise God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

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Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we admit to you that we need help. Our lives are broken and we are powerless. We confess that rather than turning to You we look for help in all the wrong places – in our jobs, our families and friends, our accomplishments, our good deeds, our distractions, and even in our own strength.

Forgive us again, O Lord, and turn our hearts back to you. Transform our lives and enable us to see your glory, to know your gracious presence, and to live in your abiding love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:24

L: Jesus carried our sins to the cross.

P: By his death we are free from sins and can live for righteousness.

L: By his wounds we have been healed.

P: Let us celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ:

ALL: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*** 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**

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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

Embrace the Cross

Chancel Choir

Scripture

Psalm 57;

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2 Corinthians 12:6-10

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Sermon

Exalting God

*** Hymn of Response**

Be Exalted, O God

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***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

Moment for Mission

Thank Offering

Glenn Nordmark

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Adagio

Stanley

*** Doxology**

#166

Praise God from Whom All blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication**

We Gather Together

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*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Thy glory be over all the earth.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

*** Postlude**

Voluntary on "Kremser"

Young

***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 Dan and Teresa Howard.

Operation Christmas Child: Grace Church will serve as a drop-off location for the community during National Collection Week, November 15-22. If you are interested in helping to welcome shoeboxes on their journey around the world, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. In addition, if you are available on Sunday, November 21st at 2 PM to help load the trailers, please sign up. Thank you!

Amy's Angels: The Alle-Kiski Hope Center is sponsoring their annual Adopt-A-Child for Christmas campaign and Grace Church is participating in this tradition. The angels on the tree are ready for adoption. Please be sure to sign your name and provide your phone number next to the number of the angel you are adopting. Please attach the angel tag to the outside of your wrapped gift and return to the Christmas tree area in the narthex no later than **Sunday, December 5th**. We will be delivering the presents to the center after Coffee Fellowship that day. Thank you for your participation and for bringing some joy to a child who is in crisis this Christmas season.

TODAY'S PRELUDE comes from 20th century composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. Vaughan Williams wrote very little organ music. This prelude is based on the Welsh tune *Rhosymedre*. *Rhosymedre* means "the moor of the Medre" and is also the name of the North Wales parish where the composer of the melody, served as rector. It is often used for the hymn "My Song Is Love Unknown." Interestingly, within Wales this tune is thought of as a jubilant hymn tune. Outside of Wales, however, it often receives a more devotional treatment.

Samuel Crossman (1623–1683) was a minister of the Church of England, ministering to both an Anglican congregation at All Saints, Sudbury, and to a Puritan congregation simultaneously. Crossman sympathized with the Puritan cause, and attended the 1661 Savoy Conference, which attempted to update the Book of Common Prayer so that both Puritans and Anglicans could use it. The conference failed, and the 1662 Act of Uniformity expelled Crossman along with some 2,000 other Puritan-leaning ministers from the Church of England.

During his exile from the Church of England, in 1664, he wrote "***My Song Is Love Unknown***." It was first published in *The Young Man's Meditation* and then became published as an Anglican hymn in 1684, after Crossman had rejoined the Church of England. The last verse of the hymn was written in imitation of George Herbert's poem *The Temple*, as a tribute to Herbert.

*My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
O who am I, That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?*

*He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend, My Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.*

*Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend.*

This Week's Calendar

Nov. 15	Finance Committee	6:30pm
Nov. 15	Mission Committee	6:30pm
Nov. 16	Bible Study	
	10:00am	
NOTE: Bible Study will be @ 10:00am this week only.		
Nov. 17	Worship Committee	6:30pm
	Choir	
	7:00pm	
Nov. 18	Christian Ed	3:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm
	Property Committee	6:30pm
Nov. 20	Redstone PBY Meeting	9:00am – 1:00pm
Nov. 15 – 22	Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Center Open	

Drop-Off Center Hours

Monday	Nov. 15	5:30 pm - 8 pm
Tuesday	Nov. 16	11 am - 1 pm; 5:30 pm - 8 pm
Wednesday	Nov. 17	11 am - 1 pm; 5:30 pm - 8 pm
Thursday	Nov. 18	11 am - 1 pm; 5:30 pm - 8 pm
Friday	Nov. 19	5:30 pm - 8 pm
Saturday	Nov. 20	12 pm - 3 pm
Sunday	Nov. 21	12 pm - 3 pm
Monday	Nov. 22	10 am - 12 pm

Looking Ahead

Nov. 21	Deacons Meeting	9:00am
Nov. 22	Session Meeting	7:00pm
Nov. 23	Bible Study	
	1:00pm	
Nov. 24	Choir	
	7:00pm	
Nov. 25	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	

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