

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
May 7, 2023



Heidelberg Catechism

Thought for Meditation:

The **Eucharist** is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. This is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing! *Henri Nouwen*

Prelude Let Us Break Bread Together Haan

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Moment for Mission Pastor Nominating Committee LaVonne Pelisari

*** Call To Worship** Titus 2:11-14 Jackie Chickerella

L: The grace of God appeared, bringing salvation to all.

P: Jesus came to show us how to live a God-filled, God-honoring life,

L: While we wait for the blessed hope of our salvation.

P: We long for the appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

L: Let us worship God, celebrating our great Savior.

*** Hymn of Praise** Our Great Savior #17

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we come before you today acknowledging our unworthiness. We confess that we are sinners and have fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from your will. In your mercy forgive our sins and make us whole. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our only hope. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness Exodus 34:6-7a

L: The LORD our God is merciful and gracious, and slow to anger.

P: God abounds in steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: God's steadfast love lasts for thousands of generations.

P: The Lord forgives all our sins.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*** 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

Anthem Crown Him with Many Crowns (arr. Johnson) Chancel Choir

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise now extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time.

Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Amen.

Scripture I Corinthians 11:3-26 (Page356); Romans 7:24-25a (Page982)

Sermon Heidelberg Catechism – The Presence of Christ

***Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 75. How are you reminded and assured in the Holy Supper that you participate in the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross and in all his benefits?

A. In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread, and to drink of this cup in remembrance of him. He has thereby promised that his body was offered and broken on the cross for me, and his blood was shed for me, as surely as I see with my eyes that the bread of the Lord is broken for me, and that the cup is shared with me. Also, he has promised that he himself as certainly feeds and nourishes my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood as I receive from the hand of the minister and actually taste the bread and the cup of the Lord which are given to me as sure signs of the body and blood of Christ.

Q. 76. What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his shed blood?

A. It is not only to embrace with a trusting heart the whole passion and death of Christ, and by it to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. In addition, it is to be so united more and more to his blessed body by the Holy Spirit dwelling both in Christ and in us that, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, always living and being governed by one Spirit, as the members of our bodies are governed by one soul.

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Jesus Calls Us Haan

*** 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 Preparation** We Remember You #459

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*** Hymn of Dedication** Let Us Break Bread Together #460

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** Let Us Break Bread Together (Refrain) #460
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

*** Postlude** Trio in C Bach

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Shirley Wilson will be your greeter today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Stephanie Tutka will be your host.

Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The **Operation Christmas Child** items for the month of May is **Arts & Craft Supplies (colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, drawing paper, and sidewalk chalk)**. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you!



May 3 Luke Ludwig

May 28 Marge Sheba

May 3

*May 24

Jack & Shirley Trinclisti

Marcia & Rich Sackett

Happy Anniversary

***CORRECTION: MARCIA & RICH SACKETT'S ANNIVERSARY IS MAY 24.**

TODAY'S MUSIC: Our opening hymn, “**Our Great Savior,**” was written in 1910 by Presbyterian minister J. Wilbur Chapman. In his hymn, Chapman reminds us that Jesus is our Friend who loves us. He provides His children with strength, protection and comfort when we need it. He is our Guide and Keeper in the storms of life.

Chapman served churches in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, before becoming an evangelist. He was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterian General Assembly's Committee on Evangelism, overseeing activities of 51 evangelists in 470 cities. He was one of the founders of the Winona Lake Bible Conference as well as holding summer conferences in Montreat, N.C. and Long Island, N.Y.

Cecil Frances Alexander was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1818. Her husband was William Alexander, bishop of Derry and Raphoe, and later the Anglican primate for Ireland. Following her marriage to Dr. Alexander she devoted her literary talents to helping her husband with his ministry, including writing appropriate poems that he could use with his sermons. One fall day, two years after their marriage, Dr. Alexander asked his wife if she could write a poem for the sermon he was planning to preach for St. Andrew's Day, commemorating the calling of Andrew by Jesus as recorded in Matthew and Mark: “At once they [Simon and Andrew] left their nets and followed him.” The pastor closed his sermon with the new poem written by his wife – **Jesus Calls Us** (#592 in our hymnal). Interestingly, of the five original stanzas of this hymn, the one omitted in most hymn books today concerns the response of Andrew to the invitation of Jesus to become one of His followers.

*As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

Cecil and her sister founded a school for the deaf, and she set up the Girls' Friendly Society in Londonderry. She wrote about 400 hymns in her lifetime, including *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *Once in Royal David's City*, and *There Is a Green Hill Far Away*. Cecil died in 1895 in Londonderry. *Jesus Calls Us* was first published in *Hymns for Public Worship*, by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, 1852.

This Week's Calendar

May 7 - 13

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship/Communion	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Mission Meeting	6:30pm
	CS Committee Meeting	6:45pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
	CS Pack Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	Christian Ed	3:00pm
	Finance Meeting	6:30pm

Looking Ahead

May 14 - 20

May 14	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Fellowship & Nurture Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
May 16	Bible Study	1:00pm
May 17	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
May 18	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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