

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
July 10, 2022



Thought for Meditation:

This is the biblical order of precedence, the way the Bible connects earthly life and eternal life – of that there can be no doubt. The biblical witnesses are unanimous in emphasizing that the reality of the future life, though already present in Christ and the Holy Spirit, is unimaginably superior to any present experience. *Jan Lochman*

Prelude	Face to Face	Innes
Welcome and Announcements		Doug Marshall
Moment For Mission:	Food Bank	Glenn Nordmark
Call To Worship	John 15:9-11	Jackie Chickerella
L: As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.		
P: If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, must as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.		
L: I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.		
P: Alleluia! Let us sing for joy!		
* Hymn of Praise	Alleluia! Alleluia!	#365

Prayer of Confession

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 profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. 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 have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal us and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness	Romans 3:23-25
L: We have all sinned and fallen short of what God wants for our lives.	
P: God's free gift to us is to redeem us in Christ Jesus.	
L: Jesus sacrificed himself for us, died for our sins.	
P: Through Jesus' death we are forgiven!	
ALL: Alleluia! 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	#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.	

Children's Time

First Scripture	John 3:14-21 (page 924)	
Solo	Song of the Wanderer	Wendy Aurednik
Second Scripture	1 John 5:11-13 (page 1067)	
Sermon	Apostles' Creed: Life Everlasting	

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 to 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and **the life everlasting**. Amen.

*** Hymn of Response** Come Just As You Are #481

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand Westenkuehler

*** Doxology** #166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication** Be Still My Soul #712

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** Alleluia! Alleluia! (v2) #365

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;

Glorious life, and life immortal, On this resurrection morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer By His mighty enterprise;

We with Him to life eternal By His resurrection rise.

*** Postlude** Festival Postlude on "Italian Hymn" Travis

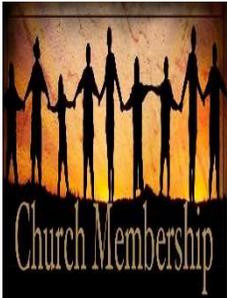
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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. Jodi Johnson and Jim Drane are your greeters today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Your hosts will be Linda and Lee Johnson.



Thank you to those that signed up to volunteer to be a greeter for the month of July.



REMINDER - New Member Class: July 24 @ 11:30 – 2:00 PM

If you are interested in becoming a member of Grace Church, you are invited to join Pastor Doug as we look at what it means to be a Christian, at what the Presbyterian Church is all about, and what it means to be a member of the church. Lunch will be provided. If you will need childcare, please let us know. Please call the office @ 724-339-9661 or sign-up on the sheet in the narthex.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The thoughts so well expressed in “**Face to Face**” were written by a busy wife and mother who by her own admission could not carry a tune. She had only a sense of rhythm. She said, “I penciled verses under all conditions; over a mending basket, with a baby on my arm, and sometimes even when sweeping or washing dishes, my mind moved in a poetic meter.” Living with her husband and five daughters in Portland, Oregon, Carrie Breck (1855-1934) was a deeply committed Christian and life-long member of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Breck occasionally sent some of her poems to a composer of gospel hymns, Grant Colfax Tullar, with the hope he would set them to suitable music. Amazingly, when the verses of “Face to Face” arrived in the mail one day, Mr. Tullar had just completed the music for a song with words that did not fully please him. The lines of Mrs. Breck’s text, however, were a perfect fit for the music he had composed.

“Face to face with Christ, my Savior, face to face – what will it be? When with rapture I behold him, Jesus Christ who died for me!”

“**Song of the Wanderer**” is a thoughtful, poetic consideration of life through the seasons. Written by Johanna Anderson for times of contemplation and prayer, it ponders redemption from pain and suffering. Composer Dan Forrest has woven subtle hints of *Old Hundredth* throughout, eventually culminating in a peaceful prayer of worshipful praise.

The barren land around me lies, my flame is burning low; Cold and pale the winter skies, and I am far from home. With my light that burns so dim, Am I visible to Him? Does He hear the fragile song of creatures here below?

He wakes the lark and bids her fly to greet the coming spring, Wakes our hearts and bids us rise then gives our spirits wing. He speaks, and winter melts away, hears us when we come to pray, Turns our nighttime into day –our Light, our Life, our King.

Glorious joy of summer sun, the gentle healing rain, Banishing our tears and sighs, with beauty for our pain. Earth and sky, lay glory by - Christ the Lord is drawing nigh! All creation, bow to Him from whom all blessings flow!

Blows the wind, and soon will come the autumn of the year With its golden light of love still shining ever clear. From the rising of the sun, to the place where day is done, Peace on earth has now begun to cast away our fear.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**This Week's Calendar
July 10 - July 16**

Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm

**Looking Ahead
July 17 - July 23**

July 17	Deacons Meeting	9:00am
	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Honoring Alice Atkinson	
July 19	Bible Study	1:00pm
July 21	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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