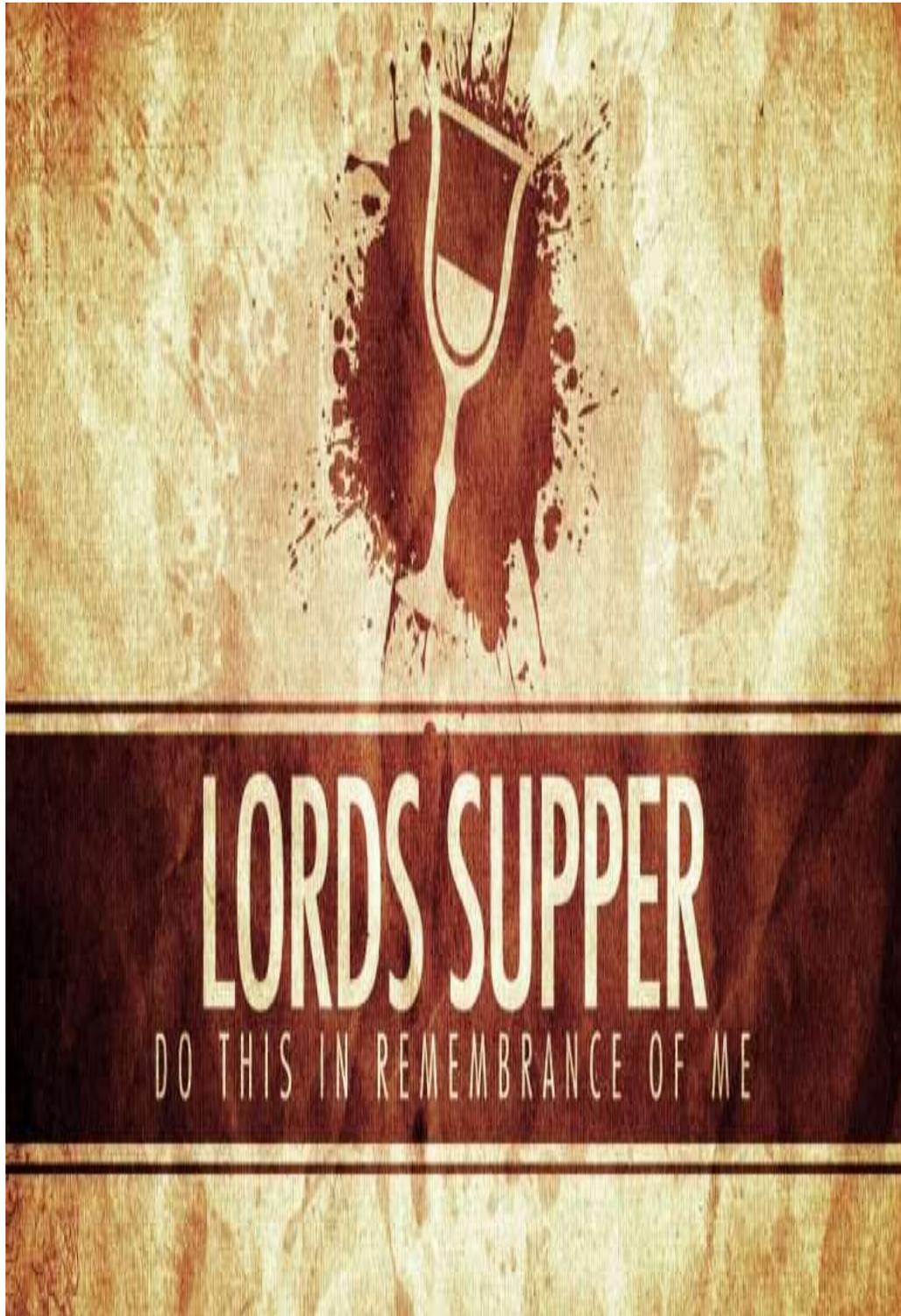


Grace Community Presbyterian Church
Septemer 4, 2022



Thought for Meditation:

He who was among us in Palestine now becomes present to us in bread and wine. How often should we receive the Lord's Supper? Only as often as we need to be close to God. Who is most worthy to receive the blessed bread and wine? Those who are honest to God empty. *Will Willimon*

Prelude Gift of Finest Wheat Callahan

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

*** Call To Worship** Psalm 145:1-3 Terri Wilson

L: I will exalt you, my God the King;

P: I will praise your name for ever and ever.

L: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

P: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise:

L: Let us praise the name of the Lord, our Holy God.

*** Hymn of Praise** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name #2

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. We are filled with anxiety and work hard to create our own safe places, rather than trusting in your gracious presence. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. *Silent Prayer of Confession...*

Assurance of Forgiveness Micah 7:18-19

L: Who is a God like our God,

P: Who pardons sin and forgives our transgressions?

L: You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

P: You will again have compassion on us;

L: You will tread our sins underfoot.

P: You will cast our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

L: Grace Church, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Solo I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Matt Derby

Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (page 998)

Sermon

Look: Back / Around / Up / Out / Forward

***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 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

All Glory Be to God on High

Albrecht

*** 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**

I Will Remember Thee

#463

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*** Hymn of Dedication**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#682

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#682

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

*** Postlude**

Fugue in D

Bach

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***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. Margie Bistline will be your greeter today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST(S) AND GREEETER(S) NEEDED Please sign up to volunteer to be a coffee fellowship host and/or a greeter. Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.

Holy Habits: For the Christian Journey

Does God think we want too much, or too little from Him? C.S. Lewis once wrote, "If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

If you desire more from your own spiritual life at this point in time (who could ever be satisfied?) you are invited to cultivate a "holy greed for God." To grow spiritually, each person needs to develop certain Holy Habits, spiritual practices that will help us to know God better, to love God more deeply, and to serve God more faithfully. Join the Adult Sunday School class as we look at ten Holy Habits, using Richard Foster's classic book, Celebration of Discipline. These Holy Habits are activities we do, through which God will work in our lives, transforming us and renewing us in His image.

Starting next Sunday, September 11 @ 9:00 AM in the Library. Led by Pastor Doug Marshall



Office will be closed Monday, September 5.

TODAY'S MUSIC: "**Gift of Finest Wheat**" is one of the finest of recent Lord's Supper hymns, primarily because of its use of biblical images. The stanzas introduce each of these images in turn, and the refrain repeatedly brings us back to the hymn's controlling thought: God's "gift of finest wheat" is Christ, "the bread of life" (Ps. 81:16 - "I would feed Israel the best wheat, and would satisfy your appetite with honey from the rocky cliffs."; John 6:35 - "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me will never go hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.")

*You satisfy the hungry heart, with gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat.*

*As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, Lord,
they follow and rejoice.*

You give yourself to us, O Lord, then selfless let us be, to serve each other in Your name in truth and charity.

Matt Derby joins us again today, singing "**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.**" Horatius Bonar was Protestant Scotland's first true hymn writer. In Bonar's day the Scottish church sang metrical Psalms almost exclusively. Bonar had begun to write hymns when he was serving as superintendent of a Sunday school. He had found that the youth had little love for the metrical Psalms, and he was concerned that they learn the truths of the person and work of Christ. "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" is one of these hymns.

Our offertory is based on the hymn "**All Glory Be to God on High,**" by Nicolaus Decius. Decius was blessed by God with skills and abilities to serve in multiple capacities: teacher, leader, pastor, and musician. His contributions to Lutheran hymnody, although few, predate the first published hymns of Martin Luther by one year. The settings he prepared of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* show that he shared Luther's interest of allowing more of the liturgy to be sung by the entire congregation rather than by the choir alone. "All Glory Be to God on High" is one of two of these settings still used in today's Lutheran hymnals.

*All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.*

**This Week's Calendar
September 4 - 10**

Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Communion	
Monday	Labor Day - Office Closed	
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	PNC Meeting	7:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

**Looking Ahead
September 11 - 17**

September 11	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Fellowship & Nurture Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
September 12	Mission Meeting	6:30pm
	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	6:45pm
September 13	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
September 14	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	6:00pm
	Finance Meeting	6:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
September 15	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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