

# Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

The Lord's Day  
April 25, 2021  
Order of Worship

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## — GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 113:1-4*

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

## — WE RESPOND WITH SINGING & PRAYER —

### \*Hymn of Praise

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Trinity Hymnal #116, vv. 1, 2, 5*

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of  
the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and  
around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and  
of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and  
moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine to our race so  
freely giv'n,  
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth  
and buds of heav'n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.

### \*Prayers of Adoration *(followed by The Lord's Prayer)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## — GOD CALLS US TO REPENT —

### \*Call to Confession

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

— WE RESPOND IN CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL REPENTANCE —

**Prayer of Confession**

Great Father in heaven we come to you through your Son, led by the Holy Spirit to confess our sins. We have sinned against you in many actions, and the root of all our sins is unbelief. We have not trusted in the saving work of the Lord Jesus. We have sought our own righteousness and not the finished work of your Son. We have loved the world, worshipping and serving created things rather than you, our Creator. Lord, we cry out to you for mercy. Turn us back to you that we might love you and trust you with undivided hearts.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

— GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS —

**Words of Encouragement**

*Psalm 103:8-12*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

— WE RESPOND IN ACTS OF WORSHIP —

**\*Hymn of Renewal**

“Blessed Assurance”

*Trinity Hymnal #693*

**1** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a  
foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

**2** Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions  
of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

**3** Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my  
Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

## \*Confession 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,<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

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*traditional English wording. <sup>1</sup> 'Ghost' means 'Spirit' <sup>2</sup> 'quick' means 'living/alive' <sup>3</sup> 'catholic' means 'universal;' that is, the Christian Church made up of all believers throughout history.*

## Minute for Ministry

*Champion Recovery Community*

## Prayers of Intercession

## Fellowship through Announcements

## Tithes & Offerings Encouragement

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— GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT —

## Sermon

*"Why Do Good Things Happen to Bad People?"*

Erik McDaniel

Acts 9:1-31

## Meditation & Prayer

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Grape juice in the outer ring; wine in the inner ring. The bread is gluten-free.

— WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROVISION —

## \*Hymn of Response

"Amazing Grace"

*Trinity Hymnal #460, vv. 1, 2, 6*

1 Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

6 When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we've first begun.

— GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US —

## \*Benediction

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## Sermon Notes