

Hello, Gracers! This Sunday you can choose to worship-in-the-sanctuary (resuming on a small scale) – OR - worship-at-home with expanded resources (including a livestream of our sanctuary worship). See your email for details.

Sunday, May 10th 2020

Announcements: Insert a Dad-joke (ala Troy D.) or reflection (ala Sheryl M.) here...

An example Dad joke might be: What do you call a fake noodle? An impasta...

An example reflection might be: Everyone take a deep breath in...and out. One more time with Psalm 25:1 Breathing in ("In you, Lord my God") ...Breathing out ("I put my trust").

Watch your email and follow our [Grace Covenant facebook page](#) to keep up-to-date.

Call to Worship: Psalm 25:1-11, 20-21(NIV)

In you, Lord my God,

I put my trust.

I trust in you;

do not let me be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you

will ever be put to shame,

but shame will come on those

who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, Lord,

teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my Savior,

and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,

for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

according to your love remember me,

for you, Lord, are good.

Guard my life and rescue me;

do not let me be put to shame,

for I take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness protect me,

because my hope, Lord, is in you.

Worship with Song (click links for video)

** pro-tip: click the links in advance to let the ads run through then pause the video so you're ready to worship.

[Jesus Messiah](#)

[This I Believe](#)

[The Faithful Love of Jesus](#)

[Give Me Faith](#)

Pray for the offering

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your mercy and grace. Lord we pray you will use this these weeks to build Your kingdom. Help us to love You even more and to love each other well. Help us, Lord, to love our neighbors in practical ways. Please use the offering of Your church to accomplish Your work in the world. Amen.

Giving Options (thank you for continuing as you are able to help fund utilities and salary and outreach and helpfulness): [Give Online at this link](#). Or electronically through your bank. Or mail a check to 3030 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102.

Offering Song (click link for video): [You Never Let Go](#)

Prayers of the People:

Please email your next requests to [mailto:office@gracecovenantfm.org ?subject=Prayer Request](mailto:office@gracecovenantfm.org?subject=PrayerRequest) or call any LT member so we can update the list for next week.

Updated this week:

Judy C: Please pray for my brother-in-law Les. His diagnosis is red blood cell aplasia. Has had numerous units of blood so far, now a sore toe. He's waiting for an appointment at Mayo. They're looking to the Lord for answers

For those who have lost their jobs or are navigating job changes. For God's provision and wisdom and clarity and sustaining power.

Andrea and Kyle: made an offer on a house with closing in late June. Please pray that goes well, and also that they find a renter to take over their current apartment lease in the next 2 months so that by August they can have one housing payment.

Christina: Praise: I am doing well. I had a good appointment on Monday and the blood clot issue was resolved. I still cannot do as much as I could but I can walk, drive and go to the store for myself! Praying for increasing strength and continued healing. Thank you for your prayers!

Robyn: Please continue in prayer for healing for my legs. Ankle fracture and torn ACL on left leg, with continued healing for right leg. Frustrated: tired all the time from my leg.

Suz: Daughter, Kim, in hospital with kidney stones and gall bladder infection. Praying for healing. And God's strength and mercy while family is separated due to visitor restrictions.

Laura: Update on my Dad: my mom is hoping Dad can come home early next week. But they are having trouble regulating his blood pressure. Please pray that gets resolved. That his healing continues. That he can move home soon and that transition goes well. Previously – he's been back and forth from hospital and rehab for a couple months. On 4/17 his leg was amputated below the knee. Praying for healing, no infection. For Dad and Mom both for reduced stress, increased peace, moving through grief of this time, relief of depression, encounters with Jesus - our Prince of Peace. Especially with the 'no visitors' restrictions, that has been REALLY hard. We did get to facetime with him once.

For Local Care Facilities and their Staff: especially Rosewood and Eventide and Pioneer House with known care and employment of Grace families.

Redeemed Covenant families: many have lost jobs and wages due to virus response. Pray that rent and needs can be met. For new job opportunities. For Pastor Evariste – for good sleep, and health, and Holy Spirit power to minister during especially stressful times.

New Life Center: Please pray the virus for avoidance of outbreak at the New Life Center. A handful of guests/staff/volunteers have tested positive. That the isolation measures will work. They are housing 100+men, many are particularly vulnerable to the virus due to underlying conditions. Praying they will be able to meet increased funding needs (equipment, food, staffing) even as funding sources like the thrift store are closed and the Fargo Marathon delayed. That they will continue to be able to provide take-out meals to non-shelter-guests daily. Prayers Related to COVID-19:

Previous Weeks:

Loren and Pat: Update from Pat: Loren is feeling better, but his heart still needs to get stronger. No procedure is needed at this time. His pulse is normal. Praise God for his goodness! Thanks to everyone for their prayers and phone visits. Hope to see everyone soon!! Earlier: Loren has made multiple emergency trips to the hospital this week. Trouble regulating pacemaker. Especially tough since Pat can't be with him. Please pray for comfort and peace and successful resolution.

Stan and Beth: Please pray for our friend Sharlynn and her family. She recently started another regimen of chemo. At her last Mayo visit they found the cancer has spread . They are trying one last treatment. We continue to ask for prayer for healing, guidance and for peace. The prognosis is poor, but we know with the power of prayer, all things are possible thru him.

Eventide (Jennifer): Covid-19 has entered Eventide in Fargo (22 cases last week – 9 of those are staff including one working her mom's pod.). Please keep everyone there in prayer. It's been seven weeks now with no visitors. (Especially pray for Jennifer's mom, Bette).

Cal: pray for my friend just diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Swensen Family: Please continue to pray for all the Swensen family during this time of grief for comfort and peace for all the family.

Barry: Update: Barry is doing very well, thanks to God! Continues recovering at home from his heart attack and stent surgery. Retired from Eventide in Moorhead. Praying for continued healing and strength for Barry and (Faith).

Steve A: Please pray for Steve's Dad – he fell again on Tuesday (4/7) had to go to ER for stitches and x-ray. Please also pray for Sheila's sister, Colleen who is still very fragile and now not sleeping for healing.

Diana: Please pray for the kids at the detention center.

Meredith: Had surgery (3/31) everything is going well and vision is also getting much better! Enjoying being home and feeling good (yay!). I am grateful for each of you and all God has done for me on this journey.

Regarding this pandemic: Please pray for all those who have the COVID-19 Virus for strength and healing. That the virus can be contained as much as possible. For health care workers. For those working treatment and testing sites. For government officials and law enforcement. For teachers and parents. For those missing paychecks. For retirees. For those that manufacture and deliver and sell needed items. For those developing tests and vaccines and treatments. For those in care facilities with visitor restrictions and their families. For those suffering domestic violence where home is not a safe place. That we will all be filled with the Holy Spirit. That God will give us wisdom and creativity. That we will have hearts to be helpful and meet needs wisely. That our trust in Jesus be strengthened in the midst of turmoil.

Pray for the reading of the word

Lord we ask you to fill us with your Holy Spirit and open our ears to listen well to your Word. Help us to not just hear your Word, but to seek to understand Your message and to live it out as Your people. Sanctify us by the truth, Lord; Your word is truth (John 17:17). Amen.

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:1-12 (NIV)

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, sixty cubits high and six cubits wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up. So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it. Then the herald loudly proclaimed, "Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "May the king live forever! Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

Message from Pastor Cal: "Faith in the Fire"

[Link to YouTube LiveStream](#)

Pray Together the Apostle's Creed

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

and 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, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead;
on the third day He rose again;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrate Communion (See the last page if needed)

Hymn: [I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace \(I Know Whom I Believed\)](#)

(Click for video, See picture on last page for Hymnal Page #440)

Verse 1: I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he has made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain:

But "I know whom I have believed,

and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."

Verse 2: I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his Word
wrought peace within my heart.
[Refrain]

Verse 3: I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing men of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word,
creating faith in him.
[Refrain]

Verse 4: I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noonday fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.
[Refrain]

Benediction from Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV):

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;

May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Home Communion Service

For those not watching along with the video, below is a service you can use with your household:

Invitation: This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People of all nations are invited - we are invited - to sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites all those who trust Him to share the feast He has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with His disciples, He took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.

Confession: Let us begin by examining ourselves and our thoughts, words, and deeds. Where is God tapping you on the shoulder to come to Him in confession of sin?

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Now in silence let us bring our specific confessions before our loving Lord. (silence)

Lord, we are truly sorry and humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. For we know that if we confess our sins, You, Lord, are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Words of Institution: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ as they are delivered by the apostle Paul: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Response: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

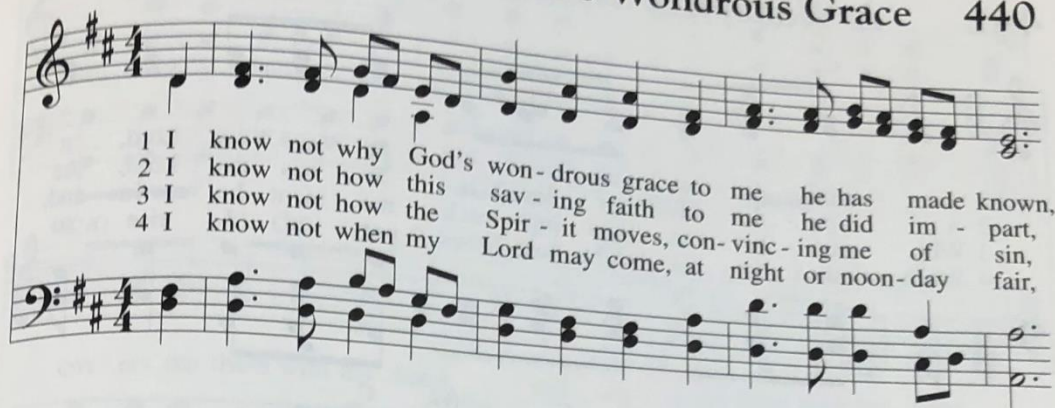
Sharing the Bread and Cup: Take turns giving the cup one to another or taking communion with Cal as he presents it on video.

In giving the bread, say: **Take and eat: this is the body of Christ which is broken for you;**

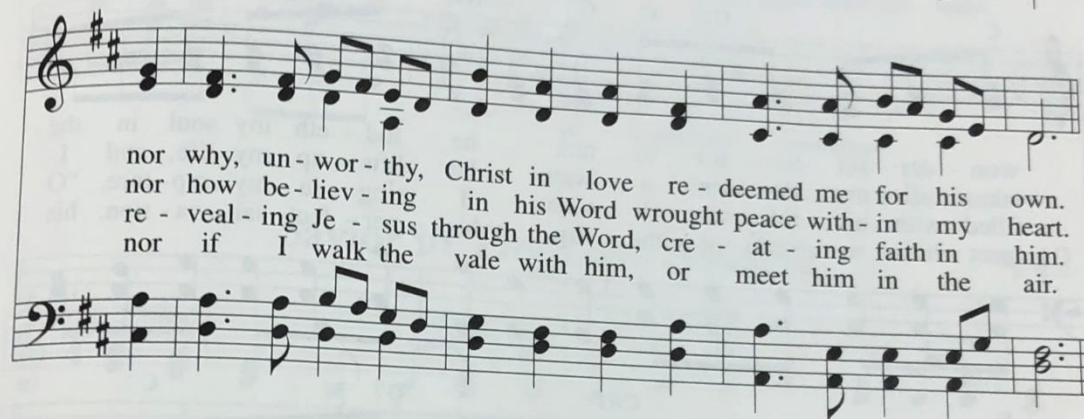
In giving the cup, say: **Take and drink: this is the blood of Christ shed for you.**

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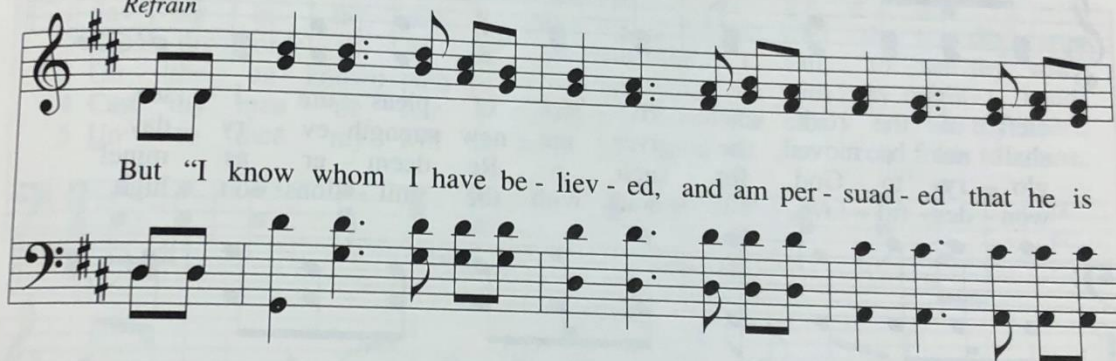


1 I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
 2 I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
 3 I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing me of sin,
 4 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

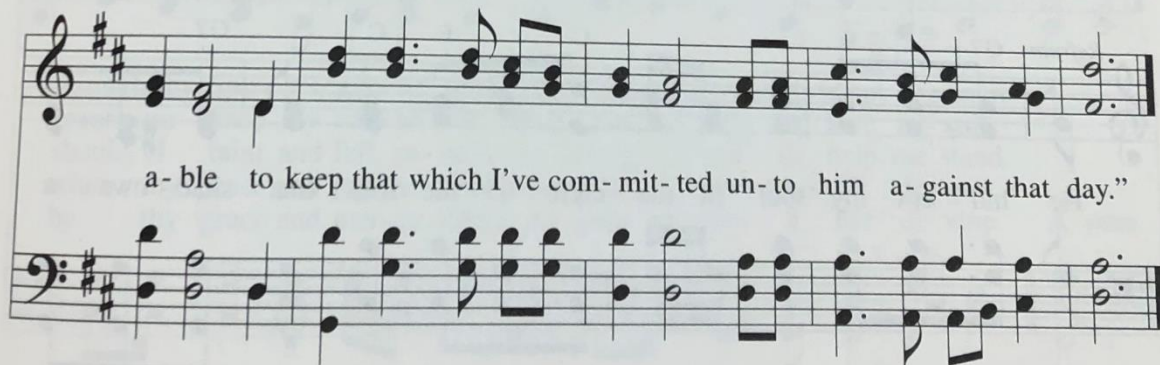


nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
 re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
 nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

Refrain



But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is



a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

WORDS: Based on 2 Timothy 1:12b, Daniel W. Whittle, 1840-1901
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