

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 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

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

An example Dad joke might be: It's almost summer! I got so excited I wet my plants!...

An example reflection might be: Everyone take a deep breath in...and out. One more time with Hebrews 13:15 Breathing in ("Through Jesus, let us continually offer God") ...Breathing out ("a sacrifice of praise.").

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

### Call to Worship: Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### Worship with Song (click links for video) [Link to YouTube Playlist with all songs](#)

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

[All Because of Jesus](#)

[I Surrender](#)

[Lead Me to the Cross](#)

[Reckless Love](#)

## 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):** [Holy Water](#)

## 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: Philippians 2:1-18

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

## **Message from Pastor Cal: “Sacrifice”**

[Link to YouTube Channel](#) – Look for the live stream video here on Sunday morning.

The video will also eventually be hosted on our website (that will take a couple extra days)

## 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:

**Steve and Sheila:** Please pray for Steve's mom, Joan, she tested positive for Covid-19 and Steve's dad, Gene, that he won't get it. 84 and 89 respectively.

**Faith and Barry:** Daughter, Heidi, has her post surgery appointment at Mayo Clinic on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> (following her Feb 12 Second Aortic valve replacement). The 2nd new valve, done 5 years after first, was done to remove the ridge that keeps growing in front of her valve and decrease gradient reading of the blood through the valve. As of discharge date in Feb, that had not improved. She needs a miracle that these 3 months made a difference. If this valve does not fix her problem, she will need a heart transplant. Pray with us that she doesn't continue to decline.

**Sheryl and Phil:** Our sister-in-law Bonnie (Tim's wife) is in the hospital with kidney problems as a complication of her cancer. Please pray for restoration of kidney functions.

**Monatukwa:** Erika and Craig are expecting new baby within a month. Please pray for continuing health and upcoming delivery.

**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.

**Judy C:** Thanks for your continued prayers for my brother-in-law Les and my sister Cindy. His diagnosis is red blood cell aplasia. He'll keep taking transfusions until his appointment at Mayo in June. He's had numerous units of blood so far, now a sore toe.

**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: Dad's transition home has been stressful. Still lots of pain and no appetite. Thanks for prayers for continued healing, no infection, effective therapy (on 4/17 his leg was amputated below the knee). For Dad and Mom (and sis who is helping loads) for reduced stress, increased peace, moving through grief of this time, relief of depression, encounters with Jesus - our Prince of Peace.

**For Local Care Facilities and their Staff:** especially Rosewood and Eventide and Pioneer House and Bethany with known care and employment of Grace families. May God encourage the lonely residents and strengthen the staff members who help them. Prevent further spread of infection and help the staff adjust to new processes and routines. For health and healing of those infected. Give decision-makers wisdom and creativity and diligence to adapt new ways

of doing things. Provide testing and protective supplies. Comfort families who can no longer visit their loved ones.

**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!! (trouble regulating pacemaker).

**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).

**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!

**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.

## **Hymn:** [Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated](#)

(Click for video, See picture on last page for Hymnal Page #375)

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my wealth, all I possess  
Make me rich in faithfulness  
Take my mind that I may use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose

Take my motives and my will  
All Thy purpose to fulfill  
Take my heart – it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## **Benediction from Romans: 15:13 (NIV):**

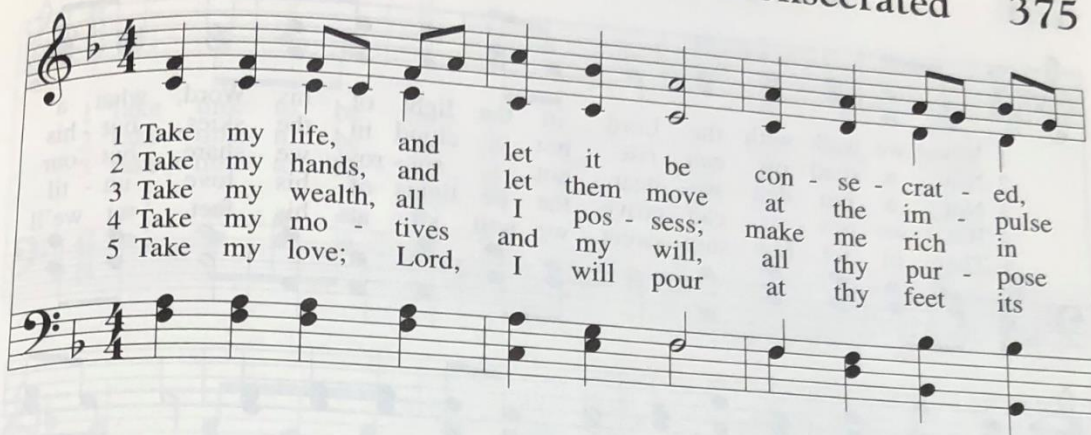
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



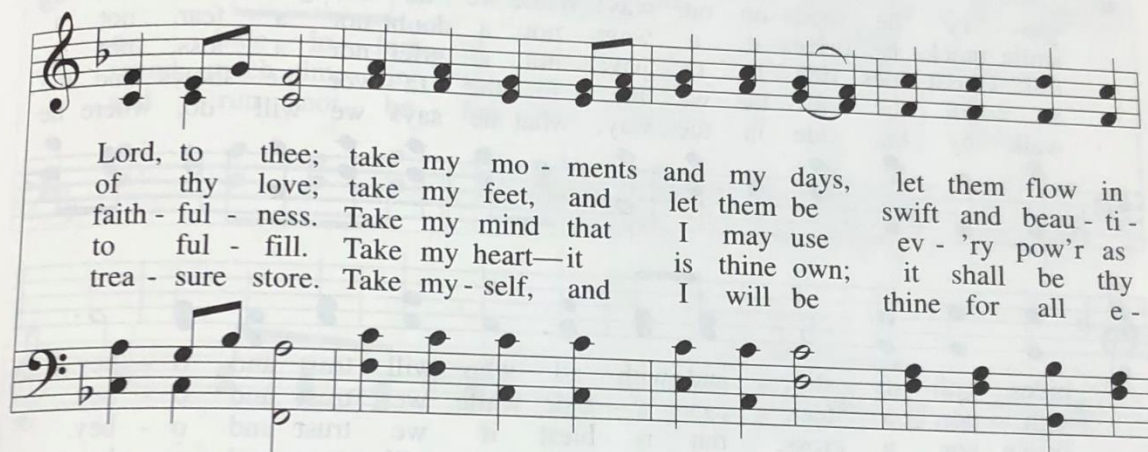
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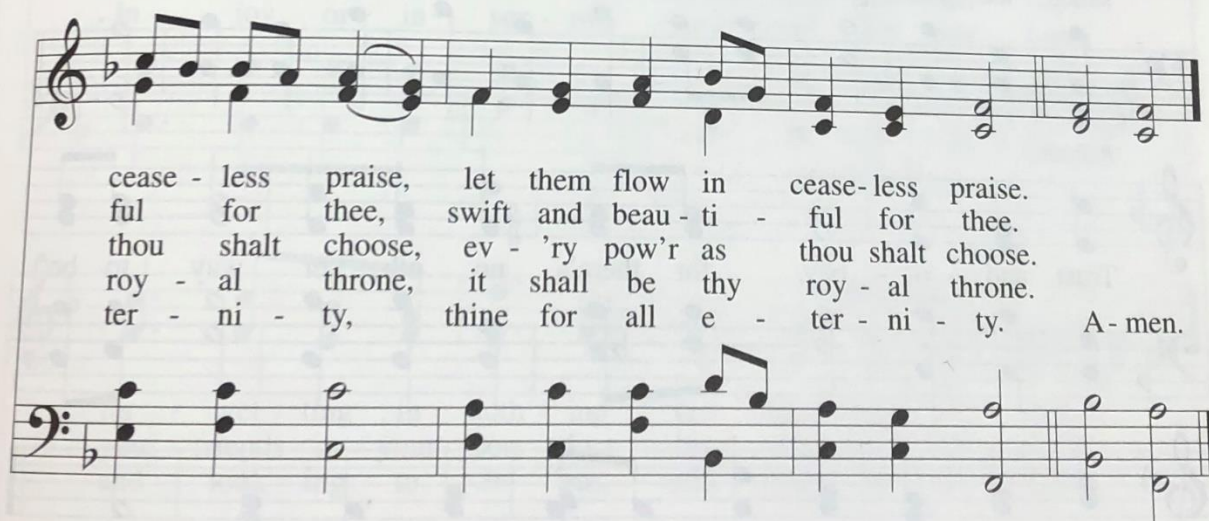
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1 Take my life, and let it be  
 2 Take my hands, and let them be con - se - crat - ed,  
 3 Take my wealth, all I pos - sess; at the im - pulse  
 4 Take my mo - tives and my will, make me rich in  
 5 Take my love; Lord, I will pour all thy pur - pose  
 at thy feet its



Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in  
 of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 faith - ful - ness. Take my mind that I may use ev - 'ry pow'r as  
 to ful - fill. Take my heart—it is thine own; it shall be thy  
 trea - sure store. Take my - self, and I will be thine for all e -



cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 ter - ni - ty, thine for all e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.