

Hello, Gracers! This Sunday as our church body worships with faith at home rather than all together in our sanctuary, we wanted to provide you with our Grace worship resources.

Sunday, March 22nd 2020

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

An example Dad joke might be: I apologize for my messy hair... the barber had just closed right when I got there. I didn't make the cut.

An example reflection might be: Everyone take a deep breath in...and out. One more time with Psalm 46:1 Breathing in ("God is our refuge and strength") ...Breathing out ("an ever-present help in times of trouble").

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

Call to Worship: Psalm 28:6-8

Psalm 28:6-8 New Living Translation (NLT)

Praise theLORD!

For he has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and shield.

I trust him with all my heart.

He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.

I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

TheLORD gives his people strength.

He is a safe fortress for his anointed king.

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.

[Yes I Will](#)

[I Lift My Hands](#)

[Lord, I Need You](#)

[I Surrender](#)

Pray for the offering

Heavenly Father. We thank you for your mercy and grace. We ask you to bless our home worship this week. Lord we pray you will use these strange weeks to build your kingdom. Help us to love You even more and to love each other and to love others 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 (we have some cushion, but 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 you can mail a check to 3030 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102.

Offering Song (click link for video)

[We the Kingdom – 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. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Romans 10: 1-13

Romans 10:1-13 New International Version (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Message from Pastor Cal: “Believe in Your Heart”

[Click this link to watch Pastor Cal’s message on our website.](#)
(the video is also on YouTube)

Prayers of the People:

Please email your next requests to office@gracecovenantfm.org or call any LT member so we can update the list for next week.

40 Days Through God’s Story: Please pray that our hearts will be open to hear God’s truth and that we will fall more in love with Jesus.

Meredith: Please pray for upcoming brain surgery.

Laura: Please pray for my Dad for continued recovery from surgery (healing, pain reduction, mobility). Infection has reached bone. Now moved to rehab for 2 weeks with no visitors allowed. For Dad and Mom both for reduced stress, increased peace. Clarity and wisdom about options. Please pray for my friends the Voss family. It’s been 4 years since their little boy died and the grief is hitting hard this year. May God comfort them and give them peace.

Linda: Please pray for Linda as she prepares to move to Mankato on the 25th of March. We pray for moving and travel mercies and that God will bless her in her new home with new friends and a church to call home as well. We also ask for prayers for Angie who is having surgery for breast cancer and for Lisa - who’s father died and having custody issues for grandson.

Steve A: Please pray for Steve’s Dad as he fell again this past week and got hurt. Please also pray for Sheila’s sister, Colleen who is still very fragile and now not sleeping for healing.

Diana: Please pray for Erika who’s grandmother is in the hospital with cancer. Pray for Lizzie who’s fingers are frostbitten. Also pray for Theresa who’s kids are at the Detention Center. For the kids at the detention center.

Please pray for Baby Isaac: for upcoming surgery to connect his esophagus to stomach. Please guide the doctors.

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.

Related to COVID-19: 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 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. That we will be filled with the Holy Spirit. That God will give us wisdom. That we will have hearts to be helpful and meet needs wisely. That our trust in Jesus be strengthened in these uncertain times.

Pray 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

[Just As I Am](#) (Click the link for video, See picture on last page for Hymnal Page #331)

Just as I am - without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
-O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am - and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
-O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am - though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
-O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am - Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
-O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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.

Grace-In-Action: Make a Card for Linda: This Sunday we planned to wish Linda O'. well and thank her for sharing these years with Grace. What comes to mind for me especially is how she served us month by month by getting communion ready for us to celebrate, and being so faithful in sharing prayer requests, and her helpful gifts of dishcloths! Sadly, we can't all get together for cake and ice cream. But perhaps you might craft a card to celebrate her as we thank God for our time together during these last years and pray all the best for her as she moves to Mankato next week. You can send the card to our office and we will forward it on to Linda: Grace Covenant Church, 3030 Broadway North, Fargo, ND 58102

Grace in Practice: practicing together with all ages the different ways we can live out our everyday faith

We are in a new week for our 40 Days Through God's Story.
(See the [Gospel Story by Memory page under Events/40 Days God's Story](#)).

1) Review the Gospel Story Actions: God Rules – We Sin – God Promises – Jesus Rescues.... And now this week we are learning that We Answer. Jesus offers to rescue us, and we give him an answer. The action is to raise one hand up high (like you want to answer a question at school).

- We need to accept Jesus' rescue and repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus.
- We can either choose to disobey or we can choose to follow Jesus and let Him be the ruler of our lives.

2) Share the story of Zacchaeus and how He Answered Jesus. This is a Bible story that shows us what can happen when we see Jesus and repent (giving up our selfishness and following Jesus instead).

From Luke 19:1-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus.

He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

After you read the story – you can review it by watching [this bible story video](#):

3) Learn and Remember this Story: one way to learn this story and remember it is through a pretty famous church song. [Click this link to see a video with the one famous verse.](#)

4) This Week's Challenge: Learn this song with 2 extra verses that might be new to you. **It would be pretty fun if a bunch of us made a video with all three verses included!**

Upload your video to our private fb group to share with other regularly attending Gracers:
[Private Group - Amazing Gracers](#)

Here are all the verses:

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior passed him by, He looked up in the tree,
And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down from there;
For I'm going to your house to-day,... for I'm going to your house today"

Zacchaeus came down from that tree, as happy as he could be,
He gave his money to the poor, and said: "What a better man I'll be."

A sinful heart was certainly changed when Jesus the Lord passed by.
He wants to change your sinful heart too, this truth you cannot deny.
If you desire to see the Lord the Bible tells the way:
For it says, "Believe Christ died for you."
He will come into your heart today.... Yes He'll come into your heart to stay.

Just as I Am

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with
 4 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with-
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!