



## Living Stones Called to be a Holy People

“Church is the textured context in which we grow up in Christ to maturity. But church is difficult. Sooner or later, though, if we are serious about growing up in Christ, we have to deal with church. I say sooner.”

- Eugene H. Peterson, Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

— Matthew 6:24-25

“The gospel is the message of Christ's salvation; the church is its most important corporate expression. The truth about Christ and his death, therefore, should find tangible expression in the church. Thus the gospel that created the church should be modeled by the church.”

— David F. Wells, God the Evangelist

### order of worship

#### prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: and also with you**

#### call to worship from Psalm 105:1-4

Leader:

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

#### song of praise

##### Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades

You inspire songs of praise

That rise from earth to touch Your heart

And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower

Your Name is a shelter like no other

Your Name let the nations sing it louder

'Cause nothing has the power to save

But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray

Come and fill our hearts today

Lord give us strength to live for You

And glorify Your Name

#### welcome & update

#### prayer for the world, the church & the city

#### confession

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

#### private confession

#### assurance of pardon: Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### song of assurance

##### Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame

But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord

Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face

I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale

My anchor holds within the veil

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Christ alone cornerstone

Weak made strong in the Saviour's love

Through the storm He is Lord

Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound

Oh may I then in Him be found

Dressed in His righteousness alone

Faultless stand before the throne

#### tithes and offerings

#### doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### scripture reading : 1 Peter 2:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### God's Word Today Jon Fung

Sermon : Living Stones Called to be a Holy People

#### The Lord's Supper | congregation stands

##### The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, evermore praising You and singing...

## Sanctus

### Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

## words of institution and declaration of faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
People: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

## song of thanksgiving

### Hope of the Nations

Jesus hope of the nations  
Jesus comfort for all who mourn  
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth  
Jesus light in the darkness  
Jesus truth in each circumstance  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died  
You broke the chains You rose to life

You are the hope living in us  
You are the Rock in whom we trust  
You are the light shining for all the world to see  
You rose from the dead conquering fear  
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near  
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive  
(Lord we believe)

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### Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal

covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

## peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all  
People: **And also with you**

## Tithes up to September 30 2020

Yearly Budget	\$355,000
Budget Year to Date	\$266,249
Actual Giving Year to Date	\$200,421
Actual Giving Last Week	\$8,479

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## GRACE VANCOUVER CHURCH



Upward

'A worshipping people' - **Upward**

**Worship:** we come together corporately to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ

**The Word:** we submit ourselves to the Bible as our rule for faith and life

**Generosity:** having received from divine generosity, we overflow with generosity to the world



Inward

'transformed by the peace of God in Christ,' - **Inward**

**Sacramental Life:** our participation in the sacraments of bread and wine flow into our everyday lives

**The Holy Spirit:** living by the Spirit, we use His gifts to build the church and bless Vancouver

**Prayerful Presence:** we intercede for our homes, neighbourhoods and networks, for God to do His work



Outward

'seeking to be faithful stewards of the Kingdom.' - **Outward**

**Covenantal Commitments:** we covenant with one another to uphold, support and love one another.

**Priestly Work:** we see all of life as calling (as "vocation")

**Proclamation:** we proclaim the Cross of Christ as the accomplishment of God's Kingdom for the world