



### The Patient God of Endurance

“Peter has made it clear that Christians are to be bold in their witness. Hallowing the Lord in their hearts, they are ready at all times to confess his name before others. But now Peter returns to his major theme; Humility of life is as important as boldness in word. Bold words will not honour the Lord if they are not supported by a consistent life.” -Edmund Clowney

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.  
-John 1:11

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.  
-2 Peter 3:9

...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God  
-Hebrews 12:2

### prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you  
**People: and also with you**

### call to worship from Psalm 108:1-4

Leader:  
My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!  
Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

### song of praise

#### I Need You Every Hour

I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

I need Thee every hour  
Stay Thou near by  
Temptations lose their pow'r  
When Thou art nigh

I need Thee O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
I need Thee, I need Thee, I need Thee every hour  
I need Thee, I need Thee, I need Thee every hour

I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

I need Thee O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
I need Thee, I need Thee, I need Thee every hour  
I need Thee, I need Thee, I need Thee every hour

### welcome & update

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

### confession

Heavenly Father, we confess to you that we desire dominion rather than service, control rather than grace, our own desires over your promises. We live to rule over our own hearts, over our own worlds, and so our kingdoms take precedence over yours. We ask you, in Christ's name, to forgive our usurping hearts, and create in us a proper humility, that we might worship and honour you rightly under the Kingship of Lord Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### assurance of pardon: Psalm 27:13-14

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

### song of assurance

#### How Deep the Father's Love for us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

### 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 3: 13-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**People: Thanks be to God**

### God's Word Today Mike Hsu

Sermon : The Patient God of Endurance

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

### O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

O Light that followest all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

### Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

**People: And also with you**

Tithes up to October 31 2020

Yearly Budget \$355,000

Budget Year to Date \$295,833

Actual Giving Year to Date \$242,281

Actual Giving Last Week \$2,594

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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