



Grace Church of Dunedin

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Hello friends. Welcome to Grace Church! Thank you for choosing to seek, grow, and worship with us today. All are welcome.

REFLECTION + RESPONSE:

(portions inspired by Psalm 98 and "The Lord's Prayer")

Reader: Holy God, with reverent awe and gratitude, we come to worship you today.

All: **We gather to honor and glorify your almighty name. We gather to celebrate your power over the forces of evil. We gather to sing praises to the One in whom we trust. Amen.**

Reader: And the song we sing is a new song, for you, O Lord, by your power and holiness, have done wonderful deeds! And all the earth worships and sings...

All: **Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers rejoice. Let the tress clap their hands and the hills sing of their happiness.**

And together we pray...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Reader: Isaiah 6:1-8

All: **May the Lord add his blessing to the reading, hearing, and doing of his holy Word.**

COMMUNION REFLECTION + PREPARATION:

Elder: Heavenly Father, as we prepare to receive the bread and the cup, we confess to you that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Elder: In your holy presence we are reminded of our sin. Forgive us for the times when we have been ungrateful and easily distracted from your goodness, for when have ignored the needs of others, and for when we have allowed earthly voices and self-centered ways to pull us from your right and holy way.

All: **Lord, we confess.**

(silent confession)

Elder: O God, you are holy, and your holy *otherness* is deep within us and all around us. It calls us by name and invites us into marvelous mysteries and robust personal reform.

All: **You have called us to be separate and you have given us a commandment of love. Holy One, help us to repent, to walk in your ways, and to love others as we have been loved by you.**

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(sacrament instructions)

Elder: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Elder: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Elder: And as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER + BENEDICTION:

Elder: Holy and Almighty God, we pray for those who are suffering and for those who are in need of help and healing. We pray for those experiencing relational strife and for those enduring financial stress. We pray for the discouraged and the weary. We pray for our family and our friends, for our church, for our community, and for the world you greatly love.

All: **May the light of Christ shine upon them bringing them hope, peace, and life.**

(silent prayer for someone you know in need of God's help)

Elder: In your gracious presence we breathe in new life when we venture to be still, to be centered, and to encounter The Holy One! May your holiness shape us and awaken us to new possibilities of growth and life. Make us holy with your holiness, make us loving with your love, make us joyful with your joy, and make us hopeful with your hope.

All: **May we dare to be PEACEFUL in a violent world, KIND in a competitive culture, FAITHFUL in an age of cynicism, GENTLE amongst those who admire forcefulness, and may we dare to LOVE even when it may not be returned to us. Amen.**

(closing words)

Elder: Grace + peace to all of you...

All: **And to you as well.**

GIVING + FINANCES:

Monthly Operating Expenses: \$10,263.82

January's General Income (as of 01.10.17): \$2,160.96

December's Total General Income: \$10,442.05

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