



Order of Worship

November 22, 2020

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Church Highlights

Musical Preparation for Worship

Prayer of Approach

Song of Approach

Blessed Be the Name

Words of Approach ~ taken from Ephesians 1:3-8 and Psalm 97:12

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

All: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

All: Therefore, rejoice in the LORD, those who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Song of Adoration

We Are a Moment, You Are Forever

Call to Confession ~ Isaiah 64:6; Proverbs 28:13

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Responsive Prayer of Confession ~ based on Psalm 51:10-12

Leader: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

- Silent Prayer of Confession -

ALL: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Words of Grace ~ 1 John 4:9-10, 15

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.

Song of Celebration

This Is My Father's World

Prayer for God's Protection, Provision, and Guidance

Doxology

Meditation on God's Word

- ❖ **Scripture:** Romans 11:1-36
- ❖ **Message:** *Unforsaken & Cultivated*
Rev. Dennis Griffith, Lead Pastor

Song of Dismissal

Let All Things Now Living

Benediction

Musical Postlude

NOTES

Passage Next Week:

Romans 5:1-11

Worship Leaders Today:

Piano: Nathan Kiewiet

Message: Dennis Griffith, Lead Pastor

Congregational Prayer: Tim Nargi / Bryan Simperts

Video/Sound/Tech: Tim Nargi & Jeff Field

Special Note on Supporting the Mission & Work of Grace Covenant:

Our giving is an act of worship. It is a response to who God is and to God's grace. Giving is a way that God invites us to participate in His work. During these extraordinary times, the life and ministry of our church will continue – even when we are not all able to meet together for worship. We humbly but boldly ask the people of Grace Covenant to continue to give generously for the benefit of God's kingdom here in Williamsburg and beyond.

You can make your gifts in any of three ways:

- 1) Online at www.gracecovpca.org/resources/giving
- 2) Sending your check to the church offices at 1677 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
- 3) Bringing your gifts with you to worship. We will not be passing an offering plate in our service for the foreseeable future, but an offering box is available for you to place your gift before or after each service.

If you would like to make a special gift to help those from our church and community who are in need, please write "Mercy Ministries" on the memo line of your check or select that fund when making a gift online.

Other News & Notes:

Even during this time when many are still scattered and social distancing, the ministry of Grace Covenant continues. News and notes about events and activities of Grace Covenant are all included in our weekly Grace Notes e-bulletin. If you are not receiving Grace Notes, but you would like to, please contact the church office to provide us with the e-mail to which you would like Grace Notes to be delivered: kathy@gracecovpca.org or 757-220-0147.