



September 27th, 2020

Descend O Spirit

Descend O spirit, purging flame.
Brand us this day with Jesus' name.
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt,
Sign us as Christ's within, without,
Sign us as Christ's within, without.

Descend, O spirit, as a dove,
Clothe us this day in Jesus' love.
Mark us as children of the king;
Then send us forth in Jesus' name,
Then send us forth in Jesus' name.

Call to Worship from Psalm 24

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Invocation

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone
He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give
Oh, hallelujah to the King of kings

Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Who is the great I am
We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am!

Confession of Sin from Micah 6:6-8

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? The Lord has told you what is good; and what does He require of you?

All: To do justice,

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

All: To love mercy,

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

All: To walk humbly with our God.

Assurance of Pardon from Psalm 130:7-8

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Peace of Christ

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Faith and Works

Scripture Reading from James 2:14-26

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good[a] is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
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How great thou art, how great thou art*

And when I think that God, his son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

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!

Benediction

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And there proclaim My God, how great Thou art!
Refrain

Fall Preview

Grace Groups

If you would like information about how to participate in one of our small groups or would like to start a small group, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Prayer Time (Virtual) | Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Weekly zoom prayer meetings will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm except on the second Tuesday of each month when we will have the church-wide prayer nights. For more information, please contact Jill Shannon (jill.shannon@icloud.com).

The Gospel and Work Book Study (Virtual) | Mondays, 7:00pm

During the 10 weeks, we will dive into the theology of work using Tim Keller's *Every Good Endeavor* as our guide. We will explore God's original design for work, where work has fallen short, how Jesus' resurrection can change our view of our broken work, and how we can take small steps to redeem our work. We will also discuss the difference between work, calling, and vocation. Both in large and small group settings, this time will help each of us grow in our relationship with Christ, with each other, and with our work providing us a new concept and compass to enter our 8-5 (and maybe beyond) refreshed and renewed. To register for this study, please contact Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit (mcmillan.jefferson@gmail.com).

Men's Morning Study (Virtual and In-person) | Wednesdays, 6:30am

The men's weekly morning study is back on Wednesdays at 6:30am virtually and in-person in the West Hall beginning September 16th and continuing through November 18th. For information, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Grace Youth Group | Sundays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Grace Youth Group (5th-8th) will be meeting at the church from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Come with a face mask, ready to have some fun and dive into the book of Exodus! For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Grace Kids! | Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Grace Kids! will be continuing this Thursday from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Grace Kids! is our onsite Children's program featuring activities, Bible teaching, and games to help our children grow in their faith. This program will be for children aged Pre-K through the Fourth Grade.

Intern Sunday Evening Service | Tonight, 6:30pm

We are so excited to announce that we have added a new piece to our internship program at Grace. In order to give our interns experience planning and leading services, we have added four Intern Sunday Evening Services throughout the year. The first one is going to be Sunday, September 27th at 6:30pm. Each aspect of the service will be led by one of our interns, including the sermon. These will be full services, similar in length of our shortened summer services (one hour or less). This is a great way to support and encourage our interns! To sign up, please visit our website (gracenorthshore.org) and click on the banner at the bottom of the page. Please note that these services will take place inside and will require everyone to wear masks.

Athnos Going Away Party | September 30th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

We will be having a going away reception for Doy and Greg Athnos at the Wilmette Golf Club on Wednesday, September 30th, from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The reception will be held on the outdoor covered patio of the Golf Club's restaurant and there will be plenty of space to social distance. The Wilmette Golf Club is located at 3900 Fairway Drive in Wilmette. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Todd Shissler (shissler@gmail.com).

Thursday Women's Bible Study (Virtual and In-person) | Starting October 1st, 9:15am

The Thursday Women's Bible Study will begin weekly meetings starting Thursday, October 1st from 9:15 - 10:30am. We will meet both virtually and in person in the West Hall and study the book of Jeremiah. For more information and to get a study book, please contact Val Macken (val@gracenorthshore.org).

Women's Night Out | October 1st, 7:30pm

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun! We are excited to meet together and enjoy one another's company. More details to come. For more information, please contact Val Macken (val@gracenorthshore.org).

Christianity Explored Study (Virtual) | Starting October 4th, 6:00pm

If you have questions about who Jesus claimed to be, why he claimed he did what he did, and what that means for us today, then why not join a short seven-week course which investigates the claims he made and the implications of those claims? If you have everything this world tells us we should want and are successful by most cultural measures but are feeling strangely unsatisfied or unfulfilled this course is a must. We will meet by zoom for 90 mins each week for seven weeks beginning October 4th at 6pm. Places are limited so please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org) by September 28th to book your place.

Congregational Meeting | October 11th, 11:30am

We will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 11th at 11:30am, following the second service. Those who attend the 10:00am service may stay while others may join via zoom/livestream (details to follow). At this meeting we will be putting Nick Swan forward to the congregation as a candidate for Associate Pastor, which will allow him to become a voting member of the Session. Following the meeting, we will send out ballots to members of the congregation to allow them to vote on whether to install Nick as an Associate Pastor. We will also be discussing a number of other important topics pertaining to the life of the church. Please plan to attend in person or virtually.

Non-cash and Tax Efficient Giving

As part of our effort to ensure the congregation has an understanding of resources to optimize giving, we have invited the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) Foundation and the National Christian Foundation (NCF) to make presentations via Zoom. They will provide background on the advantages of non-cash and tax-efficient giving strategies including the use of stock and mutual fund gifts, Donor Advised Funds, charitable trusts and annuities, and other giving vehicles. The NCF presentation will be Saturday, October 3rd at 11:00am and the PCA Foundation presentation will be Saturday, October 17th at 11:00am. Please attend either one if you want a good introduction to the topic. Attend both if you would like to make a comparison between the services each organization offers. The Zoom links will be found in our *Grace Connect* email.

Interested in Giving? Scan our QR Code to give online.

