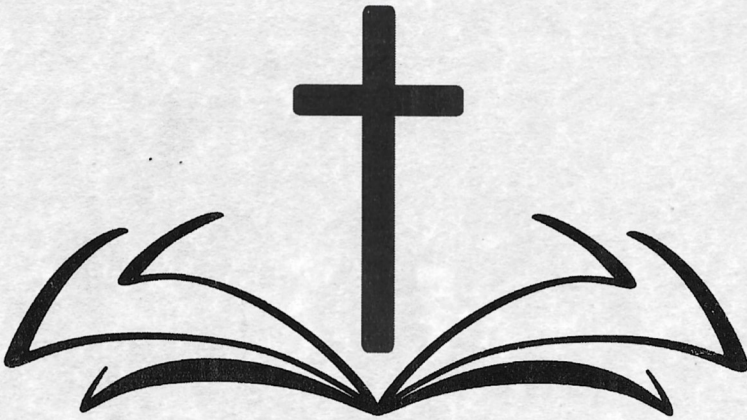


Grace Reformed Church



Love: The Heart of the Gospel

Love Is Not Rude

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

August 11, 2024

Liturgy

God Calls Us to Worship: Psalm 95:1-6

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

All: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Entrance: "We Praise Thee, O God"

Reading of God's Law: Matthew 6:5-8

When you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Prayer of Confession

God's Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Prayer of Intercession

Athanasian Creed (5th Century AD)

Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being. Thus, the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Songs of Praise: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Reading of the Sermon Passage: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Prayer for Illumination

Message from God's Word

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Prayer of Supplication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Song of Departure: "I Surrender All"

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

We Praise Thee, O God

We praise thee, O God,
for the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died,
and is now gone above.

**Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
revive us again.**

We praise thee, O God,
for thy Spirit of light
who has shown us our Savior
and scattered our night.

Chorus

All glory and praise
to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins,
and has cleansed every stain.

Chorus

Revive us again,
fill each heart with thy love.
May each soul be rekindled
with fire from above.

Chorus

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

A debtor to mercy alone
Of covenant mercy I sing
I come with Your righteousness on
My humble offering to bring
The judgments of Your holy law
With me can have nothing to do
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view

The work which Your goodness began
The arm of Your strength will complete
Your promise is yes and amen
And never was forfeited yet
The future or things that are now
No power below or above
Can make You Your purpose forego
Or sever my soul from Your love

My name from the palms of Your hands
Eternity will not erase
Impressed on Your heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace
Yes I to the end will endure
Until I bow down at Your throne
Forever and always secure
A debtor to mercy alone

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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

**I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all**

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel thy Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

Chorus

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord, I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Chorus

About Our Worship

Welcome to Grace Reformed Church! Our worship is designed to reflect and exalt the greatness and majesty of Christ our King. We do this by being intentional, biblical, and striving to incorporate the various scriptural elements of corporate worship, such as engaging in much scripture reading and prayer, encouraging one another through biblically rich and theologically accurate songs, and by the nourishment of our souls through the reading and proclaiming of God's Word and the Lord's Supper. The liturgy (order of worship) is intended to be a dialogue between the King and his people as we stand in his throne room—the sanctuary. We speak to our King through prayer and song, then He speaks to us through Word and sacrament. This back-and-forth dialogue continues throughout the service. We hope you enjoy your time with us this morning, but more importantly, we hope you leave with a deeper appreciation and a more exalted view of the glory of Christ.

Announcements

Church Meeting: Our bi-annual meeting will be held on August 25th at 2PM at the Maldonado home. You may bring your lunch to our home or eat on your own and arrive just before the meeting.

Church Membership: If you are interested in church membership, please see Pastor Hexon for more information.

Theology Night: Wednesday at the Johnson home, 7pm. We are discussing “Article XXVI: Sufficiency of God's Grace” from the *First London Baptist Confession of Faith (1646)*.

Entering the Throne Room: If you enter the sanctuary before service begins, please refrain from conversation, and use this time to prepare your heart and mind to hear from our King and worship him by praying, meditating on Christ, reading your Bible or the liturgy and worship songs.

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