

Sunday Worship

This is Our Story

August 9, 2020

Gospel & Redemption in
a Time of Exodus

Livestream Prelude

Pastor's Prelude Moment

Video is part of the Livestream Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Call to Worship

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento*

> *My name is ... Thank you for joining us on the live stream of our worship service this morning.*

1. We want to connect and hear from you. If you're visiting for the first time or are new to Grace, we would love to meet you, help answer any questions, add you to our weekly email or get you connected to our wonderful community.

You can let us know you were here by visiting us on our website. Find the "contact us" tab and let us know more about you and how we can care for you and your family.

2. If you are in need of material help or prayer or another kind of assistance, including a pastoral call, follow the resources button on our website.

3. If you'd like to give to Grace from home follow the "give" link on the menu for instructions for online giving or where to mail a gift if you'd like.

> *This morning, I also have the privilege of leading us in the call to worship. Please stand if you are able and join me as I call me in this responsive reading from Psalm 105.*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

make known His deeds among the peoples!

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Let's continue to worship!

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, Cx2, Tag, End (2nd half of chorus w/ tag)

Steadfast

Intro, V1, C, V2, C (x2), V3, C (x2), B, C (x4)

Confession/Assurance

God promises always to love and forgive us — even when don't follow His way, or when we do things that hurt others. We all sin and fall short; that's why we confess our sin together. In our confession, we come to announce our guilt and seek forgiveness. Confident in God's grace and mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Our call to confession comes from Psalm 32:3-4.

Call to Confession [Psalm 32:3-4]

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Confession of Sin [Adapted from Daniel 9; www.reformedworship.org]

O Lord, the great and awesome God.
You never waver in Your covenant commitment,
never give up on those who love You and do what You say.
Yet we have sinned in every way imaginable.
We've done evil things, rebelled, dodged
and taken detours around Your clearly marked paths.

Compassion is our only hope,
the compassion of You, O Lord, our God,
since in our rebellion we've forfeited our rights.
O Lord, You are our God,
for You delivered Your people
from the land of Egypt in such a show of power that
people are still talking about it!
We confess that we have sinned,
that we have lived lives apart from Your law.

Turn Your ears our way, God, and listen.
Open Your eyes and take a long look at us,
Your people named after You.
We know that we don't deserve a hearing from You.
Our appeal is to your compassion.
This prayer is our last and only hope:
O Lord, listen to us!
O Lord, forgive us!
Through Christ, Your Lamb, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance [Psalm 32:5]

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Thanks be to God!

Thy Mercy My God

V1, V2, V3, V4

Doxology

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Prayers of the People

Form for Prayers of the People

(based on Psalm 25, Colossians 1, and Luke 10:25-37)

During this time of prayer I will pause in between prayers and say, "Let us pray to the Lord."

I invite you to respond together with the words, "**In you, Lord, we put our trust.**"

Lord, we come before you in prayer and faith, so that we, like the psalmist, may learn to trust in you and listen to your promises:

Father, you gather us uniquely into the life of your Church during this strange time, then send us out to love our neighbors. Give us common mission and unity through your Spirit. Guide your Church in this community and around the world... Let us pray to the Lord.

In you, Lord, we put our trust.

For our country and our region, for political and spiritual leaders, and that Christians may be witnesses to your life and unity... Let us pray to the Lord.

In you, Lord, we put our trust.

Holy Spirit, heal our wounded souls and misshaped desires. Show us your ways and teach us your paths. Free us from anxiety and lead us to trust you... Let us pray to the Lord.

In you, Lord, we put our trust.

Jesus, your faithfulness enables us to remain faithful to you: Do not remember the sins of our youth. Keep us steady in faith and set our hearts to desire your Kingdom and learn your ways... Let us pray to the Lord.

In you, Lord, we put our trust.

Lord, you rule over all earthly powers, yet are familiar with our poverty. Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the needy and support those who are going through trials. Help us to be willing to suffer for those in need... Let us pray to the Lord.

In you, Lord, we put our trust.

For families and friends, for all who have asked for our prayers and who pray for us... Let us pray to the Lord.

In you, Lord, we put our trust.

Strengthen this church in its work and worship. Fill us with knowledge of your will and the understanding that the Spirit gives, so that we may bear fruit in every good work and give thanks to the Father, who has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Nourish us with your Word today, that we may faithfully serve our world in your name and bear witness to your grace. Strengthen those who serve and shepherd our congregation and help us to discern new ways to serve your mission in this season of isolation and uncertainty.

Lord, show us how to take joy in the gifts you have given us. Show us how to use these gifts to create things which lead to life and participate in your love.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Ministry Moment (Brad intro's video)

WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:1-7

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Exodus 1:1-7. Please read with me the verses in bold.

[1] These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household:

[2] Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

[3] Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

[4] Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

[5] All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt.

[6] Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

[7] But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

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TABLE

Yes And Amen

Intro, V1, C1, Instr. V2, C1, Instr. Bx2, C2 x2, Ending

SENDING

Benediction

Livestream Postlude