

Sunday Worship

The Most Unlikely
Candidate

February 9, 2020

Lessons in Discipleship

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10:30A

10:26a **Living Hope**

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Interlude, C V3, C x2

GATHERING

10:30a **Welcome/Call to Worship**

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento*

> *My name is ... and I'm so happy you are here. Please take a moment and let us know you are here by filling out the welcome card in your bulletin. It's a way for us to get in touch with you if you'd like more information about the ministries we offer and for you to let us know how we can pray for you or serve your family.*

> *The call to worship is an assurance from God's word that he is with us, in the room, in our hearts, among his people. And when we gather as God's people, we are being called away from other pursuits to worship God together in this place. Please stand if you are able and join me as I call us into worship this morning from Psalm 18. Please read me with the parts in bold.*

I love You, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised!

Let's continue to worship!

10:32a **King Of Love**

Intro, V1, V2, C, instr. 1, V3, V4, C, instr. 2, Bridge, C x2, instr. 1, V5

10:36a **Cornerstone**

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Interlude, C V3, C x2

10:40a **Confession/Assurance**

Call to Confession (Psalm 25:6-7)

A prayer of confession might seem a strange thing to do - like a relic of the ancient past. But the prayer of confession is an invitation to honesty - honesty with God, honesty with each other, and honesty with ourselves. Because each and everyone of us knows, in our moments of deepest honesty, that not only is the world not as it should be, but neither are you and I.

I will read our call to confession from Psalm 25:6-7 and after we have done so, we will recite a prayer of confession based on Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1 and Matthew 4. Will you join me this morning as we confess our sins before a merciful God?

Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Prayer of Confession (Based on Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 4)

**God of our light and our salvation,
sometimes we prefer to live in darkness,
embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows;
sometimes we delight in our divisions,
believing we are better than others;
sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy,
and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders.**

Forgive our fear.

Forgive our aversion to the light.

Forgive our unresponsiveness to Your call.

Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to the way.

**Help us know deep in our souls
that You are our light and our salvation,
our joy and our wonder, our very life.
Hear us as we cry aloud in our need. Amen.**

[Silent Reflection]

Words of Assurance

[Pour water] *God remembers, in the covenant of Christ's blood, not to treat us as our sins deserve. Listen now to the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the gospel to all who believe based on Romans 5:5 and Hebrews 4:16.*

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in Him,

we dare to approach God in confidence.

Thanks be to God!

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10:44a **Offering**

10:44:30a ***The Solid Rock***

V1, C, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C

10:48:30a **Doxology**

10:49a **GraceKids Prayer**

10:50a **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

10:52a **Prayers of the People**

Brothers and sisters, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world. This morning, our prayers of the people is based on Psalm 71:1-6 of God our refuge and hope in all circumstances. Please join me in reading the 2 verses before each prayer.

In you, O Lord, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame! In Your righteousness deliver us and rescue us; incline Your ear to us, and save us! [Psalm 71:1-2, ESV]

Saving God, because You are our refuge and fortress, we can trust in You. We trust in You as we go to sleep each night – knowing that the sun will rise again tomorrow. As we go through our day, we are able to be gracious to those whom we live, work and play with, and those unnamed we encounter each day – because You are gracious to us. We are able to seek the advantage of the other rather than our own – because You yielded Your rights to save us. May our trust in You today, Lord, lead us to trust in You tomorrow.

Be to us a rock of refuge, to which we may continually come; You have given the command to save us, for You are our rock and our fortress. Rescue us, O our God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. [Psalm 71:3-4]

We trust in You when we hear the news of the world. Because You have heard our cry, we know that You hear the cry of those suffering from war and oppression. Because You are just, we know that You look with love on those who endure injustice.

Prince of Peace, bring healing to those affected by the coronavirus outbreak in China. We pray for safety and quick recovery for those most susceptible. We also pray that You would grant freedom from needless worry and anxiety. / We pray for the families of those who have been the most recent victims of gun violence in Mexico this week. / We continue to pray for the never-ending tensions in the Middle East, both for our troops who are stationed there, as well as, for justice and peace to reign. / We pray for refugees who are fleeing areas of violence and unrest. We pray that You would be their shelter and place of refuge wherever they resettle.

We pray for Sacramento and for neighboring cities: for mayors and council members who make decisions that impact lives and livelihoods. Grant those who have dedicated their lives to public service, wisdom and discernment.

We pray for Your protection of Your Church, especially those persecuted, imprisoned or even killed because of their faith in You. We pray for their witness to a watching world that they would know the hope that God gives. We pray that You would strengthen and encourage them.

We pray for those suffering from sickness, chronic pain or life-threatening illnesses. We trust in You when our bodies fail, when sickness seems to take hold. We trust in You when faced with death. We pray for Your presence and comfort as we mourn with those who mourn. We trust that in life and death we belong to You – may that hope live in our hearts as we live in You.

For You, O Lord, are our hope, our trust, O Lord, from our youth. Upon You we have leaned from before our birth; You are He who took us from our mother's womb. Our praise is continually of You. [Psalm 71:5-6]

Eternal and faithful God, we trust in You. And it is in the faithful name of Your Son we pray. **Amen.**

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10:55a **Ministry Moment**
> Infant Baptism
> Professing Your Faith

WORD

10:56a **Scripture Reading**
Hebrews 11:31
Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Hebrews 11:31. Please read the verse with me.

[31] By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God!

10:59a **Sermon**
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TABLE

11:34a **Communion**
> Servers: Daniel Yoon, Brad Carpenter, Jeff Clay, Mark Lee
> Prayer Ministers: Tina Hudson, Judith Pothier

11:40a ***Living Hope***

SENDING

11:44a **Benediction**

11:45a **Postlude**

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