



December 16, 2018  
Service Order

# SERVICE ORDER | OVERVIEW

10:25-10:30a	<b>Prelude:</b> <i>When Hope Came Down</i> [Glover, Jobe]	Worship Team
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## GATHERING

10:30-10:32a	<b>Welcome</b>	Kris Glass
10:32-10:35a	<b>Advent Reading 3</b>	Whang Family
10:32-10:40a	<b>Worship*</b> Song: <i>Hark the Herald</i> [Wesley, Mendelssohn-Bartholdy] Song: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> [Barnes, Chadwick]	Worship Team
10:40-10:45a	<b>Call to Confession / Words of Assurance</b>	Jeff Lynch
10:45-10:50a	<b>Offering</b> Song: <i>There is a Redeemer</i> [Green] Song: <i>Doxology</i>	Brad Carpenter
10:50-11:00a	<b>Prayers</b> > New Member Celebration > GraceKids Prayer	Brad Carpenter
11:00-11:03a	<b>Passing of the Peace</b> > Ministry Highlight	Brad Carpenter

## WORD

11:03-11:06a	<b>Scripture Reading*</b> Text: Zephaniah 3:14-20	Kris Glass
11:06-11:36a	<b>Sermon:</b> <i>Mighty to Save</i>	Daniel Yoon
11:36-11:41a	<b>Diaconate Commissioning</b> (Charlene Shon/Cathy Whang)	Daniel Yoon

## TABLE

11:41-11:44a	<b>Communion</b> Song: <i>Mighty to Save</i> [Fielding, Morgan] > Communion: Randy Anderson, Mark Lee > Prayer Minister(s): Kris Backus, Jeff Lynch	Daniel Yoon
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## SENDING

11:44-11:45a	<b>Benediction*</b>	Daniel Yoon
11:45-11:49a	<b>Postlude</b>	Worship Team

\* Please stand if you are able

# GATHER | PREPARATION

## REFLECTION

“Christmas is not simply about a birth but about a coming.” [Tim Keller, *Hidden Christmas*]

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.” [Dietrich Bonhoeffer]

## PRELUDE | **Worship Team** [Chris Chu, David Kruckenberg]

### **Song: *When Hope Came Down***

[V1] So this is how it was  
A silent night like any other  
When heaven sent the One  
The One that we would call our Savior  
And redemption began in a stable in  
Bethlehem

[V2] So this was truly God  
Wrapped up in a tattered blanket  
Hope was fin'ly here  
Sleeping while the world awakened  
And redemption began with a baby in  
Bethlehem

[Chorus] *All of the angels lifted up their voices  
And filled the night with hallelujahs  
God is with us now  
Ev'ryone come and join the heav'nly chorus  
Our Savior King is here before us  
O to hear the sound  
The song creation sang  
when hope came down*

[Bridge] So let us sing redemption songs  
Let us worship Christ the Holy One  
We were lost but we were found  
When Hope came down

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# GATHER | PREPARATION

## WELCOME | Kris Glass

> Welcome to *Grace Sacramento*

> My name is Kris and I'm so happy you are here.

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, the four-week period in which the church remembers the promises of Jesus' first coming, and looks forward to his promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to "prepare" for the Lord's coming, we need to encourage each other to be ready for his coming again. We have already lit the first 2 candles: a candle for readiness and a candle for repentance. This week we will light a third candle to help us prepare our hearts with REJOICING. This morning, I want to welcome the Whang family to come and call us into Advent worship with the lighting of our third Advent candle.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | Whang Family

READER: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Today we prepare our hearts with REJOICING.

READER: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

PEOPLE: **On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**  
(Isaiah 9:2)

READER: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;

PEOPLE: **They rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.** (Isaiah 9:3)

READER: Christ himself has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, shattering the yoke of sin that burdened us. (Isaiah 53:4)

PEOPLE: **He restores to us the joy of salvation and grant us willing spirits. By his stripes our weary souls are healed.** (Psalm 51:12, Isaiah 53:5)

READER: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you give strength to the weary and pronounce blessings on those who mourn. You have sent us a Savior. You have made us your people. Fill our hearts with joy that flows from the forgiveness of our sins, joy powered by the resurrection of our living Savior, that we may shine like the stars of the heavens, bringing glory to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

[The third Advent candle is lit during the opening song]

# GATHER | WORSHIP

## SONGS OF ADORATION | Worship Team

### Song: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

[V1] Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

[V2] Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

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### Song: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

[V1] Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

[Chorus] *Gloria, in excelsis Deo*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

[V2] Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song

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[V3] Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

[V4] Come Desire of nations come  
Fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed  
Bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface  
Stamp Thine image in its place  
Second Adam from above  
Reinstate us in Thy love  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

[V3] Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

[V4] See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

# GATHER | CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

## CALL TO CONFESSION | Jeff Lynch

*In Zephaniah 1:7 the prophet calls out*

“Be silent before the Lord God!  
For the day of the Lord is near;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.”

*This morning the worship team will assist us with the words from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” as we prepare our hearts to be silent before the Lord and ask that he would consecrate us with the sacrifice of Christ.*

(sung) O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**We have locked ourselves out, O God. Each of us, in our own way, has locked ourselves out of relationships, has locked ourselves out of opportunities, has locked ourselves out of our true home, because we are too arrogant, or too stubborn, or simply too human. We have filled our lives and our world with darkness and death, because we have, all too often, put our own judgment and desires over yours. We are lost, in need of light and hope and joy.**

*Silent Prayer, concluded with:*

Come, Lord Jesus;  
**forgive us and restore us.**  
Come, Lord Jesus;  
**guide us and deliver us.**  
Come, Lord Jesus;  
**teach us and renew us.**  
Come, Lord Jesus.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from Titus 3:4-6)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**Thanks be to God.**

*[Refrain Sung]*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

# GATHER | OFFERING

## OFFERING | Worship Team

### Song: There is a Redeemer

[V1] There is a Redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One

[Chorus] *Thank You, O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

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[V2] Jesus, my Redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
O for sinners slain

[V3] When I stand in glory  
I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

# GATHER | PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: Brad Carpenter

## NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

LEADER: *My friends, today is a special day because today we welcome new members and their families at Grace Sacramento. I'd like to invite the following friends to join me in the front (New Members: Mark Lee, Julie Lloyd, Steven and Allison Wall, Charles and Cathy Whang, Billy and Editha Zhang; Transfer: Christine Yoo). Each of these before you have made a profession of faith, been baptized and welcomed to the Lord's Table by the elders of this church. As of today, they are entitled to all the rights and privileges of members of this church and their children as covenant children.*

*Let's profess our faith and commitment together. First several questions to our new members, then several for the congregation,*

LEADER: Beloved of God, I ask you before God and Christ's church to reject evil, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

**NEW MEMBERS: I renounce them.**

LEADER: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**NEW MEMBERS: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

LEADER: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation and, through worship and service, seek to advance God's purposes here and throughout the world?

**NEW MEMBERS: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

## CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

*The congregation shall rise; the minister addresses the members of the congregation:*

LEADER: Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these friends by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**CONGREG: We do.**

LEADER: Do you promise to accept the spiritual guidance of the church, to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation, and to seek those things that make for unity, purity, and peace?

**MEMBERS: We do.**

LEADER: *As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves are like living stones being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (As) a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, proclaiming the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (from 1 Peter 2:1-10) Let us pray the prayer he taught us to pray together saying:*

**ALL: THE LORD'S PRAYER**



**GRACEKIDS PRAYER**

**ALL:**           **May God be with you as you worship**

GraceKids:   And also with you

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**LEADER:**    The peace of Christ be with you

**PEOPLE:**    **And also with you**

**MINISTRY MOMENT**

# WORD | SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON

**Title:** *Mighty to Save*  
**Text:** Zephaniah 3:14-20  
**Preacher:** Daniel Yoon

## SCRIPTURE READING | Kris Glass

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Zephaniah 3:14-20. Please read with me the verses in blue.

[14] Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!

**[15] The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.**

**The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.**

[16] On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
"Fear not, O Zion;  
let not your hands grow weak.

**[17] The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.**

[18] I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

**[19] Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.**

**And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.**

[20] At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes," says the Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

# DIACONATE | COMMISSIONING

## **Candidates:**

Slide 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Slide 2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt our Confession of Faith as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to our elders the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this office?

Slide 3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

Slide 4. Do you accept the office of deaconess, in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?

Slide 5. Do you promise to operate with mutual submission in the Lord to one another on the diaconate board and in subjection to the elders of this church?

Slide 6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

## **Church:**

Slide 7. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these sisters as deaconesses and do you promise to honor and encourage them in the Lord according to the Word of God as they seek to minister, serve and lead us in caring for one another, our city and the world?

## TABLE | THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION | Daniel Yoon

- > Communion Servers: Daniel Yoon, Brad Carpenter, Randy Anderson, Mark Lee
- > Prayer Minister(s): Kris Backus, Jeff Lynch [***Standing in back during communion***]

### SUGGESTED PRAYERS DURING THE TABLE

#### ***Prayer for those searching for truth***

Lord Jesus, you claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. As I search for spiritual truth, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the life you promise. Amen.

#### ***Prayer of belief***

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Trusting in God's love and in your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask you to forgive me, merciful Lord, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Relying upon your grace, I promise to confess you publicly before others, to serve you daily and walk in your way. Amen.

#### ***Prayer of commitment***

Lord Jesus, you called your disciples to be baptized and follow your commandments. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to become one with you and with your church, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### SONG OF RESPONSE | Worship Team

#### **Song: *Mighty to Save***

[V1] Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

[V2] So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

[Chorus] *Saviour He can move the mountains*  
*My God is mighty to save*  
*He is mighty to save*  
*Forever Author of salvation*  
*He rose and conquered the grave*  
*Jesus conquered the grave*

[Bridge] Shine your light and  
let the whole world see  
We're singing  
for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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## SENDING | BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION | Daniel Yoon

- > Prayer Minister(s): Kris Backus, Jeff Lynch [***Standing in front after the service***]
- If you would like to be prayed for by a member of the prayer team, please come to the front.
- > Deacon On-Call: Tyler Munzing (12/16-22)

### POSTLUDE | Worship Team