

Sunday Worship

Demonstration

May 10, 2020

But Now, the Cross

GATHERING

Welcome Video

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento. If you're looking for the video stream of our worship service this morning, you're in the right place. My name is . . . [Introduce family] and we're joining you from our (kitchen, living room, backyard). We're excited that you've joined us online.*

1. Let us know you've visited by commenting in the chat log in this video stream. We want to hear from you. If you're visiting for the first time or new to Grace, we would love to meet you, help answer any questions, to get added to our weekly email or get you connected to our wonderful community. You can do that by visiting us on our website and finding the "contact us" tab and filling out our form so that we may better serve you.

2. If you are in need of material help or other kind of assistance, including a pastoral call, follow the resources button on our website. Or, if you have ideas about how you'd like to help others or care for others in need, we'd love to know that as well.

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

> *The worship stream will start in just a moment. Thanks for being with us. Stick around after the service for a few announcements!*

Build My Life - Prelude (Welcome Slide)

V1, V2, C, V2, C, B, C

Call to Worship

> *Good morning, church. Happy Mother's Day! My name is . . . and I have the privilege of leading us in this call to worship this morning.*

> *We are in the season of the Christian Year known as Eastertide, a period of 50 days that spans from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. We continue to celebrate the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Today marks the fifth Sunday of Easter.*

*It is with grateful hearts we welcome another Eastertide Sunday.
Join me as we joyously repeat the ancient Easter Christian greeting:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Please join me in this call to worship and stand if you are able as we read responsively from Psalm 31:1-2.

In You, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in Your righteousness deliver me!
Incline Your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

Let's continue to worship!

Your Name

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, Instrumental, Cx2

Steadfast

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

Confession/Assurance

*Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins,
and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father,
but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart,
so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.*

Our call to confession this morning comes from Psalm 51:1-4.

Confession of Sin (Psalm 51:1-4)

[1] Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

[2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

[3] For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

[4] Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

Prayer of Confession [Book of Common Worship]

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

[Silent Reflection]

Words of Assurance (Psalm 51:7-8)

[7] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

[8] Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Thanks be to God!

Lord I Need You

V1, V2, V3

Doxology

Prayers of the People

After Jesus rose from the dead, he met many people, always meeting them where they were. This morning, we honor mothers and pray that they would experience Jesus where they are. Our prayer will be lead by the wonderful ladies of Grace Sacramento. I'll let them introduce themselves and let them tell you something they admire about their own mothers. They will begin the prayer with the words, "Gracious God," and when you hear those words, if you would please respond with, "Bless our mothers."

Leader: Gracious God,

Congregation: Bless our mothers.

Leader: We pause to recognize that for some of us, the word mother doesn't bring up memories of love and life. Instead, it brings up pain:

The pain of the loss of our mothers.

The pain of broken or abusive relationship with mothers.

The pain of longing to be a mother but not being able to.

The pain of lost children when being a mother was the hope.

We recognize that words of blessing can seem foreign and frustrating.

As you meet us in our pain, grant us your friendship and grace.

Leader: Gracious God,

Congregation: Bless our mothers.

Leader: As we pray for our mothers, we thank you for those who have been faithful mothers, whether spiritual mothers or mothers by birth.

Leader: Gracious God,

Congregation: Bless our mothers.

Leader: Thank you for mothers who have given us a place to call home, a place of safety and belonging in a world that can often feel isolating and alien.

Leader: Gracious God,

Congregation: Bless our mothers.

Leader: Thank you for mothers who have extended grace upon grace to us, who have given of themselves that we may live, just as Jesus gave of himself for our sake.

Leader: Gracious God,

Congregation: Bless our mothers.

Leader: Today, we look to Jesus, who meets us as we are: sometimes full of pain, sometimes full of joy. Make us a church where those without mothers find them, where those who are mothers grow in grace, and where those who aren't mothers find the peace of our presence.

Leader: Gracious God,

Congregation: Bless our mothers. Amen.

Ministry Moment

WORD

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:21-26

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Romans 3:21-26. Please read the verse in bold.

[21] But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

[22] the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

[24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

[25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

[26] It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Demonstration

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We continue to need your support. If you'd like to give to Grace, follow the "give" link on the menu for instructions for online giving or where to mail a gift if you'd like.

I'm [NAME] and I'm glad you were here. Peace of Christ.

Grace Sac Slide
