

Sunday Worship

Life after Liberation

November 15, 2020

The Gospel &
Redemption in a Time of
Exodus

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10:15a **Live Stream Prelude**

GATHERING

10:30a **Welcome**

> *Welcome to Grace Sacramento*

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

(anything personal you want to share)

1a. [Indoor Stream] *If you're viewing our worship stream for the first time, we would love to connect with you. Let us know you've visited by finding the "contact us" tab on our website at www.wearegracesac.org and telling us how we can care for you and your family.*

1b. [Outdoor Worship] *If you're here for the first time, we would love to connect with you. You can simply point the camera on your phone on the QR code on the front of the bulletin and it'll take you straight to our website to find out about our ministry, get added to a weekly email list or to find various resources. We would love to know how we can care for you and your family.*

2a. [Indoor Stream] *There are numerous resources on our website, as well as, important information that we are updating weekly to let you know about ministry opportunities, changes to our worship during this time of covid, and ways to volunteer at Grace. Thanks for joining us this morning.*

2b. [Outdoor Worship] *Just as a bit of housekeeping: You may be wondering if we are or aren't masking especially outdoors. To protect the health and safety of everyone here to the greatest degree, we are asking you to social distance and to wear masks as you move from your spot on the lawn. You are free to take off your masks once you get to that spot. Thanks for joining us this morning.*

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10:32a **Call to Worship**

As God invites and welcomes us into worship, will you join me in a call and response taken from Psalm 57? Please stand if you are able read the parts in bold.

Call to Worship (taken from Psalm 57:7, 9-11)

My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!

I will sing and make melody!

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let Your glory be over all the earth!

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let Your glory be over all the earth!

For Your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let Your glory be over all the earth!

Let's sing and make a melody unto the Lord!

10:34a **How Great Is Our God**

V1, C, V2, C, B, CX2

10:38a **10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

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

10:42a **Confession/Assurance**

A prayer of confession might seem a strange thing to do - like a relic of the ancient past. But the prayer of confession is simply an invitation to honesty - honesty with God, honesty with each other, and honesty with ourselves. And we all need these regular practices of coming before God to admit the ways that our lives fall short of reflecting and resembling the life of Christ.

This morning, our call to confession comes from the book of Joel, where we invited to honesty so that we can receive comfort and that we do indeed belong to Jesus.

Call to Confession (Joel 2:12-13)

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord,
“return to Me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the Lord your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in Your gracious presence, we confess our sin to You.
We ignore Your invitations to join You in Your work.
We reject Your grace and trust instead in our own efforts.
We refuse to see how Your grace works in the lives of others.**

**Forgive us for our apathy, our pride, and our blindness.
Empower us through Your Spirit to serve and to honor You.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

[Silent Reflection]

Words of Assurance (Isaiah 53:5)

Hear these words of assurance and of His steadfast love for us from Isaiah 53:

But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.

Thanks be to God!

10:46a ***In Christ Alone***
V1, V2, V3, V4

10:50a **Doxology**

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10:50:30a Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

10:52:30a Prayers of the People

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Hab. 2:14

Heavenly Father, as we fellowship with you this morning and ponder your promises, conflicting emotions fill our hearts. Restless-hopefulness is one of them. Because you have promised to fill the earth with your glory one Day, we have deep hope. Your entire creation, and your every-nation family, are destined for consummate healing and an eternity of perfect everything. Hallelujah, and thank you.

But our restlessness is real and warranted. We feel the restlessness of “How long, Oh Lord?”—when will you send Jesus back with the fullness of your Kingdom? We also feel the restlessness of vulnerability. We Americans have a sitting president, and one “waiting-in-the wings.” We pray for both—we earnestly pray for both, no matter how we voted.

Father, as with all your promises, only Jesus can fulfill 2 Chron. 7:14. He has taken the judgment for our “wicked ways”; and in him, we have full forgiveness and perfect righteousness. This is our peace.

BUT, humbling ourselves, praying, seeking you, and repentance are Gospel-realities to which you now call us. Father, may we fear you, more than we are afraid of the disruption and changes in front of us.

By your Holy Spirit, help us crave a revival in our world, nation, and hearts; more than we treasure a status-quo life of personal peace and affluence. Drive out our fears by the perfect love of Jesus; and by that same love, may we serve our neighbors. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus’ great and grace-full name. (Prayer by Scotty Smith in The Gospel Coalition)

10:55:30a Ministry Moment

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WORD

10:56:30a **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 18:5-24

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Exodus 18:5-24. Please read with me the verses in bold.

[5] Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God.

[6] And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her,"

[7] Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent.

[8] Then Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the way, and how the Lord had delivered them.

[9] And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that the Lord had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.

[10] Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

[11] Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people."

[12] And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

[13] The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening.

[14] When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?"

[15] And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God;

[16] when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws."

[17] Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good.

[18] You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone.

[19] Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God,

[20] and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do.

[21] Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.

[22] And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you,

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and they will bear the burden with you.

[23] If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”

[24] So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

10:59:30a **Sermon**
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TABLE

11:29:30a **Communion**
Outdoor Service Only

11:35:30a **Satisfied**
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V1, V2, V3, V4

SENDING

11:39:30a **Benediction**

11:40:30a **Live Stream Closing Video**

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