

Sunday Worship

The Passover

October 18, 2020

The Gospel &
Redemption in a Time of
Exodus

Live Stream Prelude

GATHERING

Pastors' Moment

Welcome

> *Welcome from Grace Sacramento.*

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

(anything personal you want to share)

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. Find the "contact us" tab on our website at www.wearegracesac.org and tell us how we can care for you and your family.*

2. *If you are in need of help whether material, or prayer or any another kind of assistance, follow the resources button on our website and click on either request prayer or request help.*

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.*

4a. [For outside] *Just as a bit of housekeeping. You may be wondering if we are or aren't masking considering we are 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 about the cabin. You are free to take off your masks once you get to your socially distanced spot on the lawn. Thanks for joining us this morning.*

Call to Worship

> *We begin our time together with the "call to worship" which is an invitation to come to Christ and to delight in Him. This morning, we will read from Psalm 96:1-4. Let us draw our attention and center our hearts on Christ. Please stand if you are able and join me in the call and response.*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.**

Let's continue to worship!

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

V1, PC, C (half - to "worthy of all our praises"), V2, PC, C, PC, C

Indescribable

Intro, V1, C1, V2, C1, Interlude C2, Intro, Ending

Confession/Assurance

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to Him in repentance and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in His mercy. Let's confess together. This morning, our call to confession comes from 1 John 2.

Call to Confession (1 John 2:1-2)

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

I will lead us in a prayer of confession based on the ten commandments in Exodus 20. After each prayer, I will say the words, "We pray to the Lord." And if you would respond, "Lord, have mercy."

Confession of Sin (Based on Exodus 20)

God of grace,

we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above You.

We have made idols of possessions and people and used Your name for causes that are not consistent with You and Your purposes.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship You.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us, O God,

for the many ways we fall short of Your glory.

Help us to learn to live together according to Your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear these words of assurance that come from Micah 7:18-19.

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

Thanks be to God!

His Mercy Is More

V1, C, V2, C, V3, Cx2

Doxology

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Prayers of the People

[Pastoral Prayer]

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
the psalmist declares,
“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”

Today our hearts long to join with Your people,
to share our burdens,
to see friends,
to care for the lonely,
to join our voices in praise,
to remember together this weekly reminder of Your resurrection,
to hear together the amazing echoes of Your Word proclaimed,
to touch the bread and taste the cup, looking at faces gathered around the table,
to be sent on mission into every sphere of human endeavor.

Today the longing of our hearts cannot be filled.
We lament our separation one from another.
We lament that we can't join our voices in one place to bring glory to You.
We lament our lack of love of worship in the past.
We lament for sisters and brothers who are sick.
We lament a broken world that carries viruses.
We lament for those for whom this virus means dire social isolation.

We cry out to You, Redeemer of all things,
for our leaders, who bear a deep burden for Your people,
for our leaders, who are struggling and striving to build community in this time of pandemic,
for grace and healing and hope, first for those deeply struggling, and then for us all,
for You to reconcile all things to Yourself through the blood of Jesus Christ,
for the day to come soon when we can have our hopes fulfilled
and join together with the community of faith
in the glad weekly remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus.
We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Ministry Moment

w/Jeff Lynch

God of Promise: Intro to Covenant Theology

1. "Covenant" is a big word. Can you tell us what it means, especially as it relates to theology?
 2. Why do you think it's important that we study covenant theology?
 3. Can you tell us a little bit about the format of these studies over the next 10 weeks?
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WORD

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Exodus 12:1-14. Please read with me the verses in bold.

[1] The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

[2] "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

[3] Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

[4] And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

[5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

[6] and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

[7] "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

[8] They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

[9] Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

[10] And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

[11] In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

[12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

[13] The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

[14] "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Passover

TABLE

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

SENDING

Benediction

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Communion
