

Sunday Worship

A Strange Marriage

October 20, 2019

The Ties That Bind Us

Prelude - O Come to the Altar (Instrumental)

Intro, V1, C, Instr. 3 (1st line), V3, Ending

GATHERING

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.

> Our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event is quickly approaching, next Sunday, October 27 from 3-5pm. You may have found a sign-up sheet on your chair as you walked in. We would love your participation in this event as we reach the families of Tahoe Park. Please take a moment to fill it out and let us know how you may be able to help out.

A call to worship is both a call to the regular exercise of worship in our own lives AND the faithful gathering together as the body to be reminded of the goodness, mercy and protection God gives his people. Please stand if you are able and join me in this call to worship from Psalm 121.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Sung: I Lift My Eyes Up (Verse)

I lift up my eyes up to the mountains

Where does my help come from?

My help come from You

Maker of heaven

Creator of the earth

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Sung: I Lift My Eyes Up (Verse)

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Sung: I Lift My Eyes Up (Verse)

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Sung: (Chorus) *Oh, how I need You, Lord*

You are my only hope

You're my only prayer

So, I will wait for You

to come and rescue me

to come and give me life

Let's continue to worship!

Unchanging

V1, V2, C (half), V3(x2), C, B(x2), C

Steadfast

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

Confession/Assurance

When we confess our sins, we are not groveling in guilt, but dealing with it. In the next few moments, in what we call 'Confession and Assurance,' we honestly face the ways we've contributed to the mess of the world. And we hear God's good news of forgiveness.

Confession (Book of Common Worship 1993, p.89)

Almighty God, You love us, but we have not loved You.

You call, but we have not listened.

**We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

[Silent Reflection]

Assurance (Based on Romans 5:8-9)

God shows His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from His anger against our sin.

Thanks be to God!

Offering

How Marvelous

V1, C, V2, C, V3, Cx2

Doxology

GraceKids Prayer

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Prayers of the People

(Inspired by Psalm 121)

<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/our-help-comes-from-the-lord--psalm-121/>

*Lord God, maker of heaven and earth.
You made galaxies, mountains and oceans,
You made molecules, and every grain of sand,
and, You made us.*

*You are amazing and powerful, yet You love each of us dearly.
Thank You for guiding our lives and ruling all of creation.
In the knowledge of Your love and Your power,
we bring before You our prayers for our world.*

*Lord of angel armies,
Guide the leaders of our world and give Your wisdom to all who are making decisions. Send Your peace on earth, particularly in Syria and in Hong Kong. In You alone, the maker of heaven and earth, we find our help.*

[Silence]

*God of grace,
May our Christian friends throughout the world feel Your power and strength. Bring an end to the fighting among believers and the persecution of believers by unbelievers. Give missionaries courage and compassion, that the name of Jesus would be a blessing everywhere it is spoken.
In You alone, the maker of heaven and earth, we find our help.*

[Silence]

*God our Father,
You welcome every one of Your children who returns to You. Assist our good neighbor team in their preparations to welcome a new family fleeing to our country for refuge this Wednesday night. Please grant these parents and their children safety and rest from the danger in which they are fleeing. May they feel the love of Christ in our hospitality.*

[Silence]

*God of compassion,
Bless us and those we love with safety and health. Give courage and endurance particularly to those who battle cancer, poverty and depression. In you alone, the maker of heaven and earth, we find our help.*

[Silence]

*Our help comes from You,
The maker of heaven and earth watches over us day and night and you have provided for all we need through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Ministry Moment

> Recognition of Ken McDonald (diaconate), Colleen Murphy (TE)

> World Relief

WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:1-7

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from 1 Peter 3:1-7. Please read with me the verses in blue.

[1] Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives,

[2] when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

[3] Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—

[4] but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

[5] For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,

[6] as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

[7] Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

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TABLE

Communion

> Servers: Brad Carpenter, Daniel Yoon, Randy Anderson, Mike Boyd

> Prayer Ministers: Jeff Lynch / Judith Pothier

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Intro, v1, c, instrumental 1, v2, c, instrumental 2, b, c, instrumental 3 (one time), v3, ending

SENDING

Benediction

Postlude
