

September 8, 2019 ————— *Season of Pentecost*

Here, the doors are open. Here the sinful, the guilty, the unworthy, the poor, the penniless, may come. Here the weary spirit may bring its burden, the broken spirit its sorrow, the guilty spirit its sin, the backsliding spirit its wandering. All are welcome here.

SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING —————

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me." - Psalm 139

SONG: BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

CHORUS

Behold our God seated on His throne, come let us adore Him
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign CHORUS

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill the earth)
You will reign forever! (Let your glory fill) CHORUS

SONG: HEAL US EMMANUEL

CHORUS

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are we long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess we faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less? Be that far from You Lord! CHORUS

Remember him who once applied with trembling for relief
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried "O help my unbelief!" CHORUS

She, too, who touched you in the press and healing virtue stole
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace Thy faith has made thee whole." CHORUS

READING

"The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.' "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." - **Numbers 6:22-27**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

All: 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 we cannot change; Open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Leader: *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."* - **ROMANS 8**

All: "Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!" - PSALM 126

SONG: HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn'
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. CHORUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*see page 8*) _____

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to Children's Church. They will be dismissed through the back doors of the Sanctuary. At the end of the sermon, the children will return to join their families for communion.

SERMON: *A Mystery Revealed* - Benjie Slaton _____

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,"
- **Ephesians 1:1-3 ESV**

SERMON NOTES _____

REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

Have you ever been a part of a church that made God's work visible in a dark world? What aspects of their church life accomplished that? If Grace+Peace become that kind of church, what impact might it have in this community?

Take a picture of this QR Code to access the Benjie's sermon series note sheet from today's sermon. If you would like to leave a comment or ask a question about the sermon or service, please text 210.551.4492.



CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

A word about communion.

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or Eucharist which means 'thanksgiving') is a time to seek their savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened for obedience by him, and to commune with him in the bread and the wine. All baptized Christians who have placed their faith in Christ alone and are at peace with their neighbor are welcomed to come. If you are not a Christian, you are still welcome to come forward, but cross your arms and the server will pray a brief blessing over you. Similarly, we welcome children to come forward, but please only partake once you have publicly proclaimed your faith and been baptized.

When directed by ushers, proceed down the center aisle. You will fan out to the right or left and wait to be served. After eating, you may deposit your cup in the waste basket and return to your seats on the outside aisle. Gluten free wafers are available from each server underneath the napkin. Next to each communion station is a basket in which you are welcome to make a financial gift if you choose. We believe that returning a portion of our financial resources to God and his work is an act of worship and devotion. You may always give online at www.gracepeacechurch.org.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." - Matthew 26

All: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

SONG: MY LIFE IS AN OFFERING

This life is an altar, where I want to offer my soul, and my mind, and strength.
Cleansed by Your mercy to live a life worthy of the One Who called my name.

CHORUS

Jesus, be glorified. Jesus, be magnified.
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.
Jesus, be glorified. Jesus, be magnified.
Here on the altar, my life is an offering.

How could I not love You? You authored my rescue, raised me up from death to life.
Your Spirit is in me, revealing Your glory. Oh what joy as I give my life! CHORUS

I choose to lose my life, Lord, and find it in You.
I choose to lose my life, Lord, and find it in You. CHORUS

SONG: YOU ARE GOOD

Lord, You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord, You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever

People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

We worship you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We worship you for who you are

We worship you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We worship you for who you are
Who you are, who you are

You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kingdom Prayer – Every Friday at 8:30am in the back room at Tasty Donuts.

Coffee+Conversation – Tuesday, September 24, 7:00-8:30, the Slaton home (8092 Burgundy Circle). A monthly gathering of women to connect, pray, and meditate on God's Word. Contact Natalie Slaton (natalieslaton@gmail.com) for more details.

Women's Bible Study – Begins Thursday, September 19, 9:30a. Childcare will be provided. More details to come.

Missional Community Groups – MC Groups are open to everyone and function as our primary place for connection! They will meet Sunday, September 22 from 6:00-7:30 for dinner, fellowship, and service. Email Mandi (mandi@gracepeacechurch.org) to get connected to a group.

Youth Retreat – October 25-27, Camp Vesper Point, \$80/student (scholarships available). Chattanooga area churches will gather for a fun weekend of worship and growth. Benjie will be the speaker and will take G+P students.

Men's Fellowship – Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, September 21. More details to come.

