

September 29, 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: IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP _____

"The Lord reigns. The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!" - PSALM 99

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.
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SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

READING

"15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." - COLOSSIANS 1

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

All: O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

*Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- PSALM 103*

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

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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: *Over All Things* - Benjie Slaton _____

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. - **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

In what part of your life do you most struggle with doubting that Jesus is Lord? How is that doubt most often expressed in you (fear, anxiety, rage, control, or escape)?

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 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, walk down the center aisle to the serving station for your section, giving time for the person in front of you to partake. 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: I WILL RISE

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul; I can say "It is well".

CHORUS

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when, He calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, before my God fall on my knees.
And rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes. CHORUS

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb".
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb".
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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.

Women's Bible Study – Meets Thursdays, 9:30 at the Slaton home (8092 Burgundy Cir.) Childcare will be provided. Contact Natalie (natalieslaton@gmail.com) for more information..

Youth Game Night - Sunday, October 6, 6:30-9:00, the Thompson home (8084 Burgundy Circle).

Men's Hike and Overnight - Friday/Saturday, October 11-12. Men and boys of all ages are invited to join. A group will go out Friday evening and camp. Another group will come meet us early Saturday morning. Together we'll hike to Laurel Falls, eat, and return. Josh Perrel (jperrel@gmail.com) is organizing.

Missional Community Groups - MC Groups are open to everyone and function as our primary place for connection! They will meet Sunday, October 20 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.