

Order of Worship Service

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another 🕒

God Calls Us To Worship

Song of Entrance 🕒

Better is One Day

Call to Worship 🕒

1 John 2:15-16

Prayer of Invocation 🕒

Songs of Praise 🕒

*Lay Me Down
For Your Glory
Take My Life*

God Leads Us To Respond To the Gospel

Community Confession of Faith and Praise

Leader: Gracious Father, from whom all blessings flow, we enter into your presence this day with thankful and needy hearts.

All: **We are grateful for the gift of your son Jesus. By his obedience our salvation has been merited. Through his death our punishment has been eliminated. What wondrous love is this, what matchless generosity! What do we have that we have not received from you?**

Leader: Increase our gratefulness, Lord. When we are more aware of losses in the stock market, romance, and sport than we are aware of the gains of knowing Jesus – convict us. Do not let our hearts rest easy or long in such foolishness.

All: **We are needful of the work of your Spirit, Father. Your cheerful generosity rebukes our faithless hoarding.**

Leader: You owe us nothing and yet have given us Jesus and all that we have.

All: We owe you everything and yet give you so little in return.

Leader: You own everything and have made us stewards and heirs.

All: We own nothing and yet live as entitled lords and grumbling victims.

Leader: We grieve our selfishness, rest in your forgiveness, and set our hearts to honor your name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Reading God's Word In the Old Testament

Isaiah 6:1-10

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Come Thou Fount

God Instructs Us Through His Means of Grace

Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-23

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"The Parable of the Sower"

Pastor Mark Horn

God Sends Us Out To Live In Light of the Gospel

Song of Response ↻

Be Thou My Vision

Benediction ↻

By His Grace

Sermon Notes

Text: **Matthew 13:1-23**

Title: **“The Parable of the Sower”**

The offer of the Gospel through God’s Word goes out far and wide. Why do some respond with gladness and perseverance, while others either reject it outright or walk away after a short time? Why are there such vast differences in how people react to the Gospel? And what do we need to ask of God, that we would rightly hear and receive His Word and His grace?

What is a parable?

Why does Jesus preach in parables?

The explanation of the parable – four types of hearers

Type #1: The hard-hearted or unresponsive hearer

Type #2: The ecstatic hearer or impulsive hearer

Type #3: The worldly hearer or pre-occupied hearer

Type #4: The true believer or well-prepared hearer

Two main applications

One corporate...

And one personal...



Grace Church

PCA

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are broken and long for healing; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness and want to be satisfied; and to whomsoever will come.

Worship Guide

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Ecstasy and delight are essential to the believer's soul, and they promote sanctification (maturing in Christ). We were not meant to live without spiritual exhilaration, and the Christian who goes for a long time without the experience of heart warming will soon find himself tempted to have his emotions satisfied from earthly things and not from the Spirit of God. The soul is so constituted that it craves fulfillment from things outside itself and will embrace earthly joys for satisfaction when it cannot reach spiritual ones. The believer is in spiritual danger if he allows himself to go for any length of time without tasting the love of Christ and savoring the felt comforts of the Savior's presence. When Christ ceases to fill the heart with satisfaction, our souls will go in silent search of other lovers. Because the Lord has made Himself accessible to us in the means of grace (the word, prayer, and sacraments), it is our duty and privilege to seek this experience from Him in these means until we are made the joyful partakers of it.

– John Lovell, an English puritan