

# Order of Worship Service

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another ☞

## God Calls Us to Worship

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Song of Entrance into Worship ☞

*My Redeemer Lives*

Call to Worship ☞

Matthew 11:28-30

Prayer of Invocation ☞

Songs of Praise ☞

*Shout to the Lord  
One Thing Remains  
We Fall Down*

## God Leads Us to Respond to the Gospel

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### Community Confession of Faith and Praise

**Leader:** Father of Mercies, God of all Comfort, we come into Your presence today boldly, but not presumptuously. It is Your welcome, Christ's righteousness and our sense of need that makes us feel at home. How we praise You for opening a new and living way for us to receive fresh grace to meet our needs at just the right time. Jesus, it is only because You have merited our salvation and have been punished for our sins that we have this incomparable gift and freedom.

**Family:** Abba, Father, we thank You for unconditionally accepting and receiving us this day – including our fears, anger, confusion and sadness. Father, our hearts struggle in the face of great evil and the uncertainty of the coming days. We rest in Your promise never to leave us or forsake us, even as we acknowledge our restlessness.

**Leader:** In time of stress we can clearly see just how much we really need You. We confess our commitment to personal peace and creature comforts. We confess how little we accept suffering as a vital part of the life of following Jesus. We confess how hard we work to make a permanent residence for ourselves in this world, even though You continually tell us that heaven is our true home.

**Family:** We confess that we often demand what you have not promised us in this lifetime: Answers to every question...an abiding sense that life is fair...acceptable and reasonable hardships...the guarantee of protection against all physical and emotional harm.

**Leader:** Reminds us, however, of what You have promised all who trust in Jesus: Nothing can separate us from Your love....You will keep us and faithfully deliver us to our heavenly home...You will give us sufficient grace for all things in this life...You will bring to completion the good work You have begun in us, and among all the nations of the world.

**All:** How then shall we live? Teach us, Father, how to live as commissioned pilgrims, beloved sojourners, and those who have better and lasting possessions and a coming city Whose builder and maker is God. In Jesus name, we pray and praise. Amen.

**Reading God's Word**

**Isaiah 61:1-7**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Reception of Tithes and Offerings**

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

## **God Instructs Us Through His Means of Grace**

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**Scripture**

**John 5:9-17; Hebrews 4:1-11**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Mark Horn**

*"A Rest Promised and a Rest Received"*

## **God Sends Us Out to Live in Light of the Gospel**

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**Song of Response** ☪

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**Benediction** ☪

*By His Grace*

*When I go to church, I involve myself in something that identifies me with Augustine, that identifies me with Christ, that identifies me with two thousand years of people who have said, 'Let's go to the Lord's table and enjoy the feast that He has prepared for us.' In that week I may have been subjected to a million billboards that try to make me identify with the thinking of contemporary society. But once a week I go back to church, and acknowledge that this remains the same: I still come to the Lord's table and say, 'Oh God, if it weren't for your grace, if it weren't for the sacrifice of Christ, my life would have no meaning, no life would have real substance. — Rich Mullins*

# Sermon Notes

Text: John 5:9-17; Hebrews 4:1-11

Title: “A Rest Promised and a Rest Received”

Too often, Christians squabble and bog down in external rules and man-made, arbitrary laws. Whose standard do you have to live up to in order to be holy enough? But the gospel is about Jesus setting us free — free from sin, and free, finally, to live in the rest and transformed life that God offer us in His grace!

**You can finally live free from sin and from “newish laws”**

**You can live a holy life in the rest Jesus gives**

Rest from the need to achieve spiritually

Rest that He gives

A rest that empowers

**Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! Whether you are a believer in Jesus Christ, a skeptic, or simply someone with a lot of struggles and questions – you are welcome here!**

We are a family of incomplete, “work in progress” people centered on the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. We want to follow Christ in His mission and promise of making all things new (Revelation 21:5), and we believe this promise applies to individuals, to families, and to all of life. We invite you to intersect your story with ours as we all intersect with the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus.

At Grace Presbyterian Church, our times together aim to be worshipful (lifting Jesus high, focusing on His greatness, and hearing from Him in His word) and filled with community (loving each other and our guests). You are welcome here. We do not have a dress code or outside expectations of you. We simply invite you to come to Jesus, bring your life and questions to Him and hear from Him by His Spirit and through His Word.



# Grace Church

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*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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