

# Worship

Sunday, August 15, 2010

## Welcome

### Prelude and Time for Reflection

**Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song (see sheet)**

**Declaring What We Believe: Confession of Faith (Apostle's Creed, 4<sup>th</sup> c.)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand Of God the Father Almighty, from where He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen. (\* Universal church)

### Welcoming Each Other (Kids may go to their classrooms)

### Giving Back to God: Offering

Please use the tear off section on the back and place it in the offering plate so that we can let you know about up coming events.

### Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1–13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” <sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go, and say to this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” <sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, <sup>12</sup> and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

### Understanding God's Word and Our Lives: Sermon

*Don't Waste Your Time in Worship*   Rev Stephen Crofts

## Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Reading

Almighty God, it is good that I can see the worst of my heart as well as the best. My brokenness looks on my faults and is discouraged, but it can also consider my good and becomes proud. I afflict You, others, myself with my failing to follow and love You, and then again with the inward curve of despair over my failure. But even when right, my over-confidence, seeking my own benefit, wishing myself to be advanced, alienates me from You, family, friends and even myself.

Good Lord, have mercy on me. Remind me of the bread of the Gospel that both supports me, healing my despair even when I have done wrong, and critiques me with either a powerful gentleness or a compassionate force when I have walked in pride. Help me to remember that Jesus died to pay the price for my sin, and that he chose to do so for me.

### Private Reflection

#### Assurance of Pardon (From Psalm 34)

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

## Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord's Supper

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection for them to receive the bread and cup as a physical sign, remembering and being strengthened by His Gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him.

Juice is in the outer ring; wine is in inner rings.

On the first and third Sundays of the month, we come forward as families, groups and individuals to receive the bread and cup and for a prayer of blessing. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays, we remain seated, with time to personally remember Jesus' death and resurrection for us with the bread and cup. Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to either come forward for prayer or use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

## Responding with Song

### Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17

## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of your identity. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more wicked and sinful than I ever dared allow, but through you I am more loved and accepted that I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, to give me complete forgiveness and rightness with God. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, in joy I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.



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Grace Hill is a church that seeks to live by and testify to the grace and truth of Jesus Christ (see John 1.14-18). We are affiliated with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a denomination with a rich history of both Christ's grace and truth.

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