



Grace Hill Church

The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.

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The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” ~ Exodus 34:6-7

July 31, 2022

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: A Gospel Alphabet (*Grounded in the Gospel* by J. I. Packer and Gary Parrett)

“The Gospel is not the ABC’s of the Christian life; it is the A through Z of the Christian life.” (Keller)

A — Alignment; B — Belief; C — Contextualization; D — Depth

E - Evangelism

Acts 1:8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

“The Gospel is food for believers. But it is also the only saving medicine for those who have not yet believed. And we are compelled by the love of Christ to declare this Good News to all people.”

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading **Joshua 24:14-29**

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.”

²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.”

²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.”

And they said, “We are witnesses.”

²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.”

²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. ²⁶ And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. ²⁷ And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.” ²⁸ So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

²⁹ After these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being 110 years old.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: The Seriousness and Difficulty of Committing to Serve the Lord

1. The Scriptures Challenge Our Unreflective Responses to God, v.19-20
2. The Gospel Makes a Way for True Following, v.23-25

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, we confess we can quickly respond to You without reflecting carefully on the state of our hearts. We can overestimate our capacity to serve You rightly, and we can underestimate the darkness and corrupting elements of our hearts. We can think that it is a small thing to violate your law, and we can believe that Your forgiveness is a very easy thing. Forgive us.

Father, it is a wonder that Your son Jesus upholds Your exacting and beautiful holiness, and yet makes a way for Your abundant mercy and forgiveness to come to us. Holy Spirit, cause our hearts to respond in the most sincere worship possible. Help us to hear Your voice and follow You with our desires and obedience. Lead us to rejoice in Your abounding steadfast love and faithfulness.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. ~ Psalm 130:3-8

Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord's Supper

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection to receive the bread and cup as a tangible sign to remember and be strengthened by His Gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him. While Jesus spent time with everyone, he also shared the bread and cup only with those who followed him. Children who have not yet become *communing members* should not take the bread and cup but talk with our pastor or an elder about their personal faith.

We are currently celebrating the Lord's Supper by remaining 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 use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

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

Responding to the Lord with Worship

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. ~ Hebrews 13.20-21

Additional quotes:

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. ... Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. ~ Matthew 2:31-35

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ~ Luke 14:27-33

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- **Service Opportunity:** Loving our neighbors at Brookshire Nursing Home (on Meadowlands Drive) Get creative! We're looking for hand-made cards, notes, Scripture calligraphy, painted rocks, drawings/paintings (small), or hand-crafted jewelry. Place your creations in a box on the lobby table. Deadline: August 21. Contact: Kay Robertson
 - **The Summer 2022 Grace Hill Directory** is available on the table in the lobby. Pick up a copy!
 - **Volunteers needed** to run the soundboard or manage the slides and live stream during worship. Contact Abby Hummel for more info.



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