



# 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.*

“Being “spiritual” in the present means to edify the community in worship[.]” Gordon Fee, *1 Corinthians*, p. 570.

“Life in the present is conditioned by the life of the future that has already begun with Christ’s death and resurrection; but that life has only begun, it is not yet consummated. Thus in the present they must cultivate loving, responsible relationship in the body of Christ; and their times of public worship must be for mutual edification, not for heightened individualistic spirituality, which in their case had become a false spirituality.” Fee, p. 573.

<sup>12</sup> So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. *1 Cor 14.12*

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## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #15**

**Question:** Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

**Answer:** That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

#### **Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *1 Corinthians 12.12-27***

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

## **Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives**

### **Sermon: *God Has Crafted Our Community for Worship***

Outline:

1. We are Christ’s Church: The “All” being Made into a Spiritual “One,” v. 12-13
2. We are Christ’s Church: The “One” being Composed of “All” or “Many,” v. 14-21
3. The Goal is Worshiping in Relationship Together, v. 26-27

*The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...*

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

God, You have made us a diverse people, but we confess that also because of our own sin, the world, and the devil we are often individuals asserting our own autonomy. But first we are always accountable to You. And second You have made us--the many individuals--into one body in Christ. Forgive us for working against the intention of Your Holy Spirit by insisting on our way.

Father, You have not only saved us through Christ, but You have united us as the one body of Christ. You have done it by Your Spirit, by baptism, by the outworkings of Christ's death and resurrection. You have always called diverse people to Yourself because Your vision is to create a unity that is only possible in Christ. May we pursue Your Spiritual unity, even as Your Spirit uses our diversity for the building up of Your church, to the glory of Jesus.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ~Colossians 3.12-13

#### **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. (Heb. 13.20-21)

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#### **Announcements:**

- **Renewed Covid Policy. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**  
For the sake of our personal health and gospel community at Grace Hill, for all indoor Grace Hill activities, we require the following: (1) masks be worn at all times, (2) temperature checks when entering the building, (3) refraining from hugs or handshakes, and (4) six foot distancing (whenever possible). Maximum indoor numbers are now 35 people. This number is only possible if the four previous precautions are meticulously adhered to. For outdoor activities, we require refraining from hugs or handshakes, and practicing six-foot distancing where possible. Masks are highly recommended for outdoor seated events.
- **Called to Lead: Yourself and Others. Leadership/Discipleship Monthly Meeting:** The Session invites everyone to Called to Lead meeting this Tuesday, 4/27/21 at 7pm.
- **Outdoor Communion Service,** Thursday, 4/22/21 at 6:30 pm. Weather permitting.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  2. Send a physical check
  3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.
- **Resurrection Renews Our Proper Scope: All Nations.** Ready for a Missions Challenge? Sign up to pray for Muslims during Ramadan (4/12 – 5/12) at [Lovemuslims.org](http://Lovemuslims.org) using the videos of [Prayercast.com](http://Prayercast.com). In a time when they are seeking God, pray for Christ to be revealed to them. OR use the prayer resource from [Worldchristian.com](http://Worldchristian.com)



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