

For most of us it takes years and years to exchange our dream world for the real world of grace and mercy, sacrifice and love, freedom and joy. (Eugene Peterson)

[Faith] is the organ for apprehension of unseen and future realities, giving access to and contact with another world. It is the hand stretched out through the vast distances of space and time, whereby the Christian draws to himself the things far beyond, so that they become actual to him. (Geerhardus Vos)

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

Welcoming Each Other (Kids may go to Sunday School)

Giving Worship to God: Offering

(Gifts to Grace Hill support the life and work of our church community. We have a goal of twenty percent of gifts going to local and global mission, including Samaritan Health Clinic, Justice Matters, Young Life, and church planting in N. American and Asia.)

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Proverbs: Emotions*

Prov 16:32 (ESV) Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Prov 17:27 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

Prov 25:28 A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

Prov 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Prov 12:16 The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives: Sermon

"Wisdom and Our Emotions"
Ken Woo

1. *Emotions Can Cut Both Ways*
2. *The Wise Person Knows that Our Emotions are a Gift*
3. *The Wise Person Knows that Our Emotions Can be a Curse*
4. *The Wise Person Asks Two Questions Concerning Our Emotions*

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Our Gracious Father,

We confess that we sin against you by doing "bad":
Seeking for deepest joy and worth apart from you,
Living with little regard for your laws and purposes,
Using those around us for our selfish ends.

We confess that we also sin against you by doing "good":

Trusting in our own uprightness and morality,
Believing that because of our works you owe us,
Treating the ones that you died for with contempt.

By your Holy Spirit, reveal to us the reality of our sin and the depths of your grace in Jesus Christ.
In his name, Amen.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones. (Proverbs 3.5-9)

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.

On the fourth Sunday 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 Sunday, 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.

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

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)

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 you yourself and 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 than 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.



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

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