



Grace Hill Church

The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Nourish and Grow the Family of Christ.

September 1, 2024

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

(During the prelude, the first song at 10:00 am, please use the music to prepare your hearts for worship.)

Declaring What We Believe: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading

Revelation 16

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

² So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

³ The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.

⁴ The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵ And I heard the angel in charge of the waters say,

"Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments.

⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!"

⁷ And I heard the altar saying,

"Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"

⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.

¹² The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east. ¹³ And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs. ¹⁴ For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. ¹⁵ ("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!") ¹⁶ And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸ And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. ¹⁹ The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. ²¹ And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Series: Revelation: Christ Calls Us to Worship As We See His Glory

Sermon: It Is Finished: God's Justice from the Cry on the Cross to the Shout from the Throne

1. God's judgments are justified (v. 5-7)
2. God is Sovereign over all creation (land: v.2, sea: v. 3, rivers: v.4 and 12, sky: v. 8-9 and 17-18)
3. God's people are admonished to be on alert (v. 15)
4. God's shout from the throne brings to completion the redemption of God's people and the final punishment of God's enemies (v. 17)
5. God has given all people the opportunity to repent (v. 11)

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.

Recognizing Our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Father, we confess that, while we long to receive the reward of eternal life with Christ Jesus our Lord, we want to ignore the reality of Your final judgment upon your enemies. We also fail to recognize our need to repent of our own idolatry and blasphemy and forget that we, too, are deserving of Your wrath if it were not for the work of Christ on our behalf.

Thank you, Father for being just, true, and holy in the execution of Your judgments. Jesus, thank You for taking the cup of wrath which we deserved so that we can receive an inheritance that we do not deserve. Spirit, strengthen us so that when we fall, we have the humility to repent and the power to endure. Amen.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

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*

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*

Sermon quotes

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *John 19:28-30*

But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments...I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you. And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins. *Leviticus 26:14, 17-18*

- **QR Link:** Please share your prayer requests, needs, feedback, new ideas, etc.
- **CORE Classes** follow the worship service, 11:15 am-noon. Zoom code: 989209
- **Women's Bible Study** begins on Wednesday, September 11, 9:30-11:30am at Grace Hill. The Beatitudes study guide is available in the lobby.
- **Hillsborough Hog Day(s)**, Sept. 13/14, see Thursday email for info and sign-up.
- **Worship in Offering.** Three ways to worship the Lord in giving: Bank BillPay system, physical check, mobile: giving.servantkeeper.com/grace-hill-church



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. Our pastor is Ross Durham.

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