



# 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.*

In the Gospels, Jesus reflects the OT concept of peace by prioritizing relations with God over those with other humans, including family. He says that he did not come to bring peace, but a sword (Matt. 10:34; cf. Luke 12:51). Jesus bestows peace on those who are troubled with afflictions, healing them and telling them to go their way in peace (Luke 4:35; 7:50; 8:48), and he commands peace upon the physical elements (Mark 4:39). By so doing, he illustrates his relationship to the world and to humanity as God's agent. Jesus (not animal sacrifice) directly mediates the peace of God to those who are troubled; hence his appropriate use of the word 'Peace' to greet his disciples after the resurrection (Luke 24:36). ~Porter, "Peace," in *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, 683.

Often unnoticed is the importance of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. The two words 'faith' and 'believe', which come from the same root in the Greek language, occur frequently. The first words of Jesus according to Mark call for faith: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel' (Mark 1:15). Throughout the Synoptic narratives Jesus calls for faith, from those who would be healed and from those who would be his disciples. ... Jesus instructs his disciples to 'have faith in God' (Mark 11:22) and the disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith (Luke 17:5). This emphasis on faith provides important continuity between the Gospels and the letters of Paul. Both call for a turning from one's own resources to trust in the grace of God. ~Hagner, "Synoptic Gospels," in *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, 129.

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

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #23**

**Question:** Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

**Answer:** That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

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

### **Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading    *Luke 8.40-56***

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. <sup>41</sup> And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup> for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. <sup>43</sup> And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. <sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. <sup>45</sup> And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" <sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." <sup>47</sup> And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

<sup>49</sup> While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." <sup>50</sup> But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." <sup>51</sup> And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. <sup>52</sup> And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." <sup>53</sup> And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup> But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." <sup>55</sup> And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. <sup>56</sup> And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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

### **Sermon: *Deep Fruitful Faith***

#### **Outline:**

1. Our Faith in Jesus is to be More than Welcoming, Waiting, and Words, v. 40, 45, 49
2. Our Faith in Jesus is to Put on Humility, Courage, and Endurance, v. 41, 44, 47, 50
3. How Can We Have Such Faith?
  - a. Is Our Faith Premeditated?
  - b. What is Lacking in Our Faith: Humility, Courage, Endurance, Fruitfulness?
  - c. What Part of Jesus' Salvation am I not Taking Hold of: Spiritual, Social, Physical, Emotional, Mental?

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

### **Public Prayer**

God, we know You call us to faith in Christ, but so often we “welcome” Him rather than following Him; we call You “Master” but without listening to You. But “welcome” alone is like the seed in shallow soil (Lk 8.6,13). We confess our faith needs to grow to seek You out, fall before You, endure trials and obstacles, and believe that You have authority over all—even disease and death. Forgive us.

Father, You are calling us to a deep and fruitful faith, a listening and prevailing faith in Your Son Jesus. He is worthy for He has authority over all, even death, and so can provide salvation physically, socially, spiritually. Help us to live with a premeditated faith that pursues Jesus for every issue and every moment in our lives. Give us greater confidence in His victory over nature (8.22-25), the demonic (8.26-39), even disease and death (8.40-56).

### **Private Reflection**

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Ps 103.1-5

#### **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 ring; wine is in inner rings.

#### **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 let me know the reality of your love and glory. Give me an understanding of you that is captivating, convincing—that leads to You Yourself and the life You promise. Amen.

## **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:**

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Outdoor Communion and Baptism Service: June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** We are tentatively thinking this would be the last of these outdoor Communion services. Please contact Ross or an elder if you'd like to see them continue.
- **Renewed Covid Policy II. Starts 5/17/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
  1. Based on medical recommendations, for those who have received their final vaccine, masks are not required indoors. For those not fully vaccinated, masks are required indoor for their own safety.
  2. Our live stream will continue, so please make your personal decisions about attending.
  3. We affirm personal decisions to continue to wear masks. If you are sick, please recover at home. Let's give thanks to God for the health of our community--every member is essential!
- **Volunteers Needed:** Grace Hill is in need of volunteers to run sound on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider serving in this area. (We will train you!) More information, Daniel Havener: [daniel@gracehillnc.org](mailto:daniel@gracehillnc.org)
- **Women's Ministry:** Mark your calendars. On June 26th from 11:00-1:00, (location tbd) the Women's ministry of Grace Hill will have a “vision brunch” for women's ministry. Please join us for a time of brainstorming, prayer, fellowship and brunch. Details coming. [cathywoodurham@me.com](mailto:cathywoodurham@me.com) or [kaylynfernandez15@gmail.com](mailto:kaylynfernandez15@gmail.com)
- **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.



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