

# Worship

June 26, 2011

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2.20)

If we as Christians fail to use the gospel, and live “in the flesh,” trying to earn our salvation by other means [religious or irreligious], we will find a loss of coherence and joy and strength in our lives. On the other hand, if anyone rejects the gospel and lives completely to the flesh, we will reap eternal destruction, rather than eternal life. How can we, then, “sow to the Spirit”? ... We sow to the Spirit when we obey God out of a grateful joy that comes from a high consciousness of our status as children of God. When we do that, the idols which controlled our lives are disempowered and we are free to live for God. [But] we sow to the flesh when we either disobey God or obey the letter of the law of God out of a desire to be our own Savior and Lord. (Tim Keller, Galatians)

The teacher relieves the ignorance of the pupil; the pupil should relieve the teacher of concern for his subsistence. This is another way of stating the principle that the laborer deserves his wages (Lk 10.7; 1 Tim 5.18; Mt 10.10) or as Paul elsewhere paraphrases those words of Jesus ‘those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel’ (1 cor 9.14). Whereas the emphasis in those other places is on the right of the preacher or teacher to claim his support, here it lies on the duty of those who are taught to make material provision for their teachers. (F. F. Bruce, Galatians, p. 263.)

## Welcome

## Prelude and Time for Reflection

## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

## Declaring What We Believe: Confession of Faith (Nicene Creed, 4<sup>th</sup> c.)

## Welcoming Each Other (Kids may go to Children’s Worship)

## Giving Back to God: Offering

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## Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading Galatians 6.6 - 10

6 One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

## Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives: Sermon

*Spiritual Sowing and Reaping*

1. The Connection between Sowing and Reaping, v.7
2. Where are We Sowing, v.8
3. Barriers to Sowing, v.9-10a
4. Specific Places to Sow, v.6, 10



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## Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Reading

Father, forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lord, we confess we have fallen short in our spiritual "sowing." We need your spiritual harvest, but we are tempted to deny the connection between spiritual sowing and reaping. We struggle to sow to the field of your Spirit rather than to our flesh. Lord, have mercy on us.

### Private Reflection

#### Words of Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1.8-9)

## 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.

On the first and third Sundays 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, fourth and fifth Sundays, 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.*

## Responding with Song

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

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17

## 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 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.

### Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.



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

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