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Come to Jesus

Free Grace Presbyterian Church

SOME THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

There comes a moment when people who have been dabbling in religion ("Man's search for God!") suddenly draws back. Supposing we really found him? We never meant it to come to *that!* Worse still, supposing he had found us?

C.S. Lewis

20th century British apologist, professor, literary critic,
and author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
Matthew 28:18

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."
John 6:37

Turning to Jesus for deliverance is not a one-time event; it is a regular reality. Trusting in Christ one time isn't called Christianity. It is called hell insurance. Turning to Jesus daily, weekly, and hourly is Christianity.

Jean Larroux
Presbyterian pastor

There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, "Mine!"

Abraham Kuyper

late 19th-early 20th century Dutch Prime Minister and theologian

"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Luke 15:7

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."

John 7:37

The call to follow Jesus does not constitute an additional obligation in life, but rather judges, replaces, and subordinates all obligations and allegiances to the one who says, "Follow me."

James Edwards

NT professor

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Leader: Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together. Assemble, all of you, and listen!

People: **Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.**

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

People: **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Isaiah 48
John 6
Matthew 11
Psalm 95

We come and sing to the Lord

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side, rich
 3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, who
 4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Fa - ther known; one
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time; Cre -

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own! A -
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied. No
 rose vic - tor - ious to the strife for those he came to save. His
 with the Spi - rit, through him giv'n, from yon - der glo - rious throne. To
 a - tor of the rol - ling spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 an - gel in the sky can full - y bear that sight, but
 glor - ies now we sing, who died and rose on high, who
 thee be end - less praise, for thou for us hast died; be
 hail, Re - dee - mer, for thou hast died for me: thy

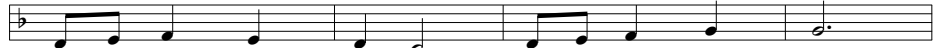
hail him as thy match - less King, through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 down - ward bends his wond' - ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - tern - al life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thou, O Lord, through end - less days a - dored and mag - ni - fied.
 praise shall ne - ver, ne - ver fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

When the church gathers for corporate worship, we do not call God to come to be with us. Rather, we gather because God summons us to come to him so that he can remind us of his greatness and his steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ.

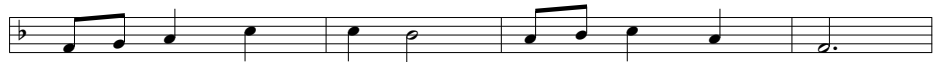
"At the Name of Jesus"



1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow;
 2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight;
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5. Bro - thers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fa - ces, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came.
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign.



Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and do - mi - na - tions, stars u - pon their way,
 Faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 For all earth - ly po - wers meet u - pon his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the migh - ty Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray,
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of Glo - ry now.



Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 Philippians 2

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God calls us to come to him in sorrow for our sin

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise...

Psalms 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

We cry out with broken spirits, sorrowing over our sin and trusting in the abundant mercy of God

We use this time in God's presence to confess our sins and our need for God's grace, silently, personally before him alone. We invite you to join us in sorrow over your sin and joy in his grace and mercy in Jesus Christ.

contrite
[kən'trīt, 'käntrīt]

feeling remorse -
guilt, regret, and
sorrow - for our sin

God shows his mercy to us in Jesus Christ

When the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, he saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to his mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3

We rejoice that our sins are many but his mercy in Christ is more "His Mercy is More"

You cannot sin so much as God can forgive. If it comes to a pitched battle between sin and grace, you shall not be so bad as God shall be good. I will prove it to you. You can only sin as a man, but God can forgive as a God. You sin as a finite creature, but the Lord forgives as the infinite Creator
Charles Spurgeon



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam?
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us.



Om - nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home?
His blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore.
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.



Our sins, they are man-y—His mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord,



His mer-cy is more. _____ Strong-er than dark - ness,



new eve-ry morn; our sins, they are man - y—His mer-cy is more.



GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:25–30

Sermon

Mr. John DeBaun

Come to Jesus

John DeBaun is a ruling elder at the Church of the Redeemer in Manchester, NH and is the moderator of the Northern New England Presbytery.

We respond to Jesus' call to come to him

"Jesus, I Come"



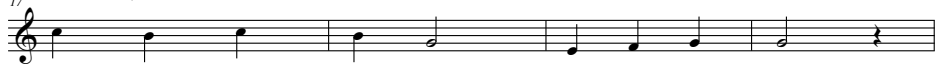
1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row, and night, Je - sus, I come;
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come;
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come;
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come;



Je - sus, I come. In - to thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,
 Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of thy home,



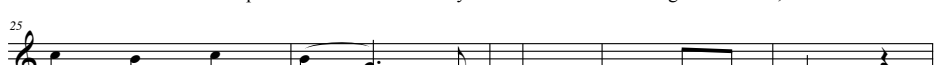
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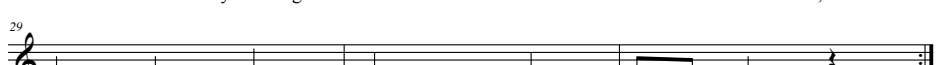
Out of my sick - ness in - to thy health,
 Out of earth's sor - rows in - to thy balm,
 Out of my self - dwell in thy love,
 Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth,
 out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,
 out of de - spair, in - to rap - tures a - bove,
 in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold,



out of my sin and in - to thy self,
 out of dis - tress in - to jub - i - lant psalm,
 up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove,
 ev - er thy glo - - - rious face to be - hold,



Je - sus, I come to thee.
 Je - sus, I come to thee.
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The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

We celebrate the Lord's Supper, experiencing the easy yoke and light burden of Christ

We celebrate God's free grace to us in Jesus Christ by observing the Lord's Supper each Sunday. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to one of the elders after the service.

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 6

The wonder of the Table is this: we neither drag Christ back down to earth nor "celebrate his absence," but rather...find ourselves drawn up by the Spirit and united to the Heavenly Christ.
Reggie Kidd

"Down at the Cross"

For in him all the
fullness of God
was pleased to
dwell, and through
him to reconcile
to himself all things,
whether on earth
or in heaven,
making peace by
the blood of his
cross.

Colossians 1

1. Down at the cross where my Sa - vior - died,
2. I am so won - drous - ly saved from sin;
3. Come to the foun - tain, so rich and sweet;

3
down where for cleans - ing from sin I cried;
Je - sus so sweet - ly a - bides with - in;
cast thy poor soul at the Sav - ior's feet;

5
there to my heart was the blood ap - plied sing - ing,
there at the cross where he took me in, sing - ing,
plunge in to - day and be made com - plete, sing - ing,

7
1.
"Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to his Na - me."
"Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to his Na - me."
"Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to his Na - me."

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me." There to my hea - rt was the blood ap - plied sing - ing,
me."

15
"Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to his Na - me."

17
There to my hea - rt was the blood ap - plied sing - ing,

19
"Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to his Na - me."

We answer Christ's call to come to him as we give our tithes and offerings

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine:
May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow'r divine.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee;
Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

We answer Christ's call to come to him as we come to God in prayer in his name

Wake my heart, O Lord, my God;
make it long for you and responsive to your call.
Trouble me with the greatness of your call.
Trouble me with my slowness to obey.
Trouble me with the greatness of your steadfast love, O God.
Trouble me with the loss of my first love, my fervent love for you.
Trouble me with the struggles of your church.
Trouble me, O Lord, and grant me faith in the midst of my struggles.
Let me go forth desiring the coming of your glory.
Let me go forth not by my strength,
but by the strength of your love for me in Christ Jesus.

As we live for you as your people
we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
That here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.
That here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.
That here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.
That here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.
And that here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.
Amen.

Though we parse prayer in all its parts, it will always carry mystery because it taps into the mind of God, serves His eternal decree, and waits on the Lord in dynamic exchange. Prayer holds for us an adventure of communion with the eternal God and completion of His unfolding purpose.

Stanley D. Gale

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS GRACE

We hear the gracious call of Jesus Christ to come to him and we respond, resting in the joy of who he is “Jesus, I am Resting, Resting”

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing, in the joy of what thou art;
2. O, how great thy lov - ing kind - ness: vast - er, broad - er than the sea!
3. Sim - ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold thee as thou art;
4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on me, as I work and wait for thee;



4 I am find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.
O, how mar - ve - lous thy good - ness, lav - ished all on me!
and thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies my heart.
rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark sha - dows flee.



8 Thou hast bid me gaze up - on thee as thy beau - ty fills my soul,
Yes, I rest in thee, be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is thine;
Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need;
Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



12 for by thy trans - form - ing po - wer, thou hast made me whole.
know thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it mine.
com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; thine is love in - deed!
keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing; fill me with thy grace.



16 Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what thou art; I am



21 find - ing out the great - ness of thy lov - ing heart.

We go out in his presence

Leader: Now may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3

People: Amen

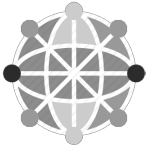
Please stay and join us for a time of refreshment and enjoying each other's company. This is a time to share in life together as we reconnect with those we know and as we meet someone new.



Welcome to Free Grace

We are a broken church full of broken people. We know we need God's free grace. Some of us have accepted this grace, some are exploring what it's all about. All of us are still trying to understand it. We are a church that seeks to proclaim this free grace of God with both our words and our lives. Not satisfied with simply talking about it, we want to live it out. We invite you to come, explore, and live God's free grace with us.

Our Connections



Free Grace is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a family of churches that seeks to be faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Our Leadership

Free Grace is lead by her elders, men called by God and set apart by the church to care and lead her as individual members, families, and as a whole. Our elders are:

Rev. Per Almquist (pastor)
Kevin Kidd
Ken Morris



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Christ calls: "Come to me and rest,
trading the burden of everything for
what I have already carried for you."

And my response so often?
"No, you come to me and take only
what pieces I want to give you."

broken people
bound together in Christ
for God's glory