

**October 27, 2019**

**Deliverance**

*Free Grace Presbyterian Church*

## SOME THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

Fear is an emotion. It is generally induced when the subject perceives a threat. Phobia is the Greek word for “fear” and can be defined as the “excessive or unreasonable fear of an object, place, or situation”.

“The Ultimate List of Phobias and Fears”  
Fearof.net

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**1 Peter 2:2-3**

What notes are to a musician, and what the alphabet is to a reader, and what numerals are to a mathematician, the fear of the Lord is to a wise man.

Bruce Waltke  
OT scholar

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 1:7**

I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!... Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

**Luke 12:4-5, 32**

And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’” And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?”

**1 Samuel 21:10-15**

The body they may kill, but so what? In other words, fear God and become fearless. Nothing in heaven or earth or hell can scare you then.

Elisabeth Elliot  
20<sup>th</sup> century American missionary, author, and speaker

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

# GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Leader: 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!

Psalms 95

**People:** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People:** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

## We bow down before the Lord, our Maker

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

1 All cre - atures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
2 Thou ru - shing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -  
3 Thou flo - wing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy Lord to  
4 And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - gi - ving o - thers, take your  
5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bur - ning sun with gol - den  
long, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou ri - sing morn in praise re -  
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and  
part, O\_\_ sing ye, Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row  
ness, O\_\_ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, thou sil - ver moon with sof - ter gleam, O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_  
joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_  
bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light, O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_  
bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_  
Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One, O\_\_ praise him, O\_\_

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The call to worship is a reminder that our worship is not merely a human meeting, planned and controlled by our human agendas, but a divine appointment. By it we are called to lay aside our agendas, to realize where we are, and to yield to God our full attention and awareness.

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

1. Al-le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, his the throne. Al-le -  
 2. Al-le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own; Al-le -  
 5 lu - ia! His the tri - umph, his the vic - t'ry, his a - lone. Hark! The  
 lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heav'n thy throne. Al - le -  
 9 songs of peace-ful Zi - on thun-der like a might-y flood; Je - sus  
 lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our food and stay! Al - le -  
 13 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood. Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day. Al - le -  
 17 lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now. Al - le -  
 lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scept - er, his the throne. Al - le -  
 21 lu - ia! He is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques-tions how.  
 lu - ia! His the tri - umph, his the vic - t'ry, his a - lone.

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5

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# GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

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## **God calls us to come and worship, recognizing his glory and our sin, the failure of our strength and the things of this world to save us**

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel,  
"In repentance and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength"...  
Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,  
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.  
For the Lord is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.  
He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry.  
As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

Isaiah 30

## **We repent, confessing our sin and resting in his mercy alone**

*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.*

When we hear what God requires of us we are faced with the fact that we have not done and can not do what he requires. So for our worship to be honest it must acknowledge our failure. This leaves us no other hope but his grace and mercy.

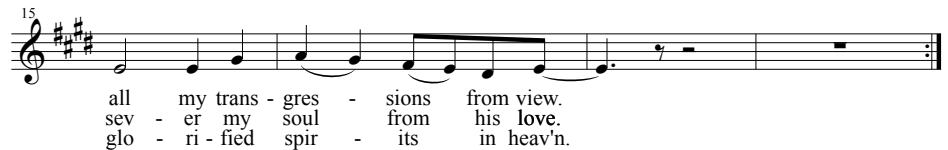
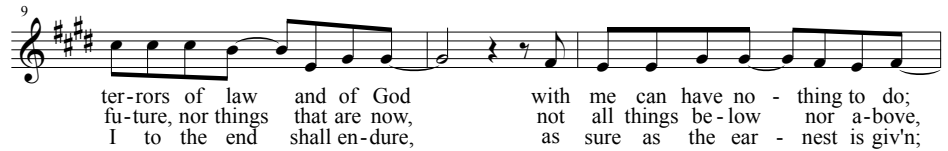
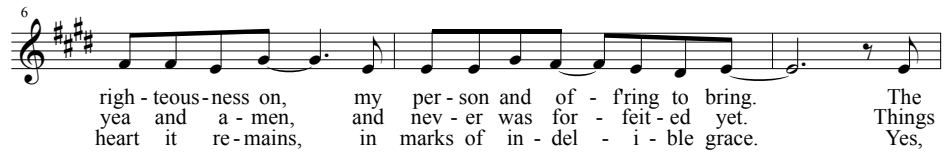
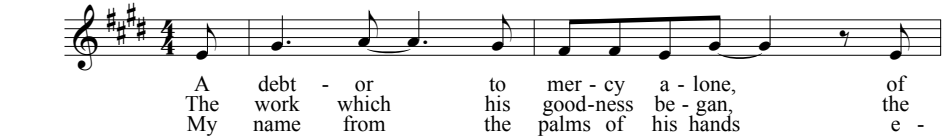
## **God proclaims his mercy, the mystery of Christ – that he takes our sin that we might become his righteousness**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 1  
2 Corinthians 5

# We rejoice and rest in the mystery of Christ

"A Debtor to Mercy Alone"



In the strange  
mercy of God the  
cup of his  
righteous wrath is  
given into the  
hands, not of his  
enemies, but of his  
beloved Son. And  
he will drink it,  
down to the dregs  
until the moment  
comes when "I  
thirst" gives place  
to "It is finished".

Lesslie Newbigin

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## GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

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Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!
- <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup>Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup>Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- <sup>9</sup>Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!
- <sup>10</sup>The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- <sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- <sup>14</sup>Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.
- <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.
- <sup>16</sup>The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- <sup>17</sup>When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34

These words are  
God's... Thou  
book of vast  
authority, thou art  
a proclamation  
from the Emperor  
of Heaven; far be  
it from me to  
exercise my  
reason in  
contradicting  
thee... This is the  
book untainted by  
any error; but it is  
pure unalloyed,  
perfect truth.  
Why? Because  
God wrote it.  
Charles Spurgeon

<sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
<sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.  
<sup>21</sup>Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
<sup>22</sup>The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**Sermon**

**Deliverance**

Dr. James Partridge

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## **We taste the goodness of the Lord as we celebrate the Lord's Supper**

*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 with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge 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. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ and so we follow his example.*

Hebrews 2:8-18

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Clothed with our  
flesh he  
vanquished death  
and sin together  
that the victory  
and triumph might  
be ours.  
John Calvin

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

5  
 on which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
 save in the death of Christ my God:  
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down:  
 that were a pres - ent far too small;

9  
 my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 all the vain things that charm me most,  
 did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

13  
 and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

But far be it from  
 me to boast except  
 in the cross of our  
 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 by which the world  
 has been crucified  
 to me, and I to the  
 world.  
 Galatians 6

# GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

**We boast in the Lord, tasting his goodness as we give our tithes and offerings to him**

*We give our offerings to God as a public demonstration of our faith, putting our money where our mouths are. In this action we show what we claim, that our lives are organized around God and lived for him instead of ourselves.*

**We fear the Lord, coming to him in prayer that he may deliver us**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

1. I need thee ev-'ry hour, most gra-cious Lord; no  
2. I need thee ev-'ry hour, in joy or pain: come  
5 ten-der voice like thine can peace af-ford. I need thee ev-'ry hour,  
quick-ly and a-bide, or life is vain. I need thee ev-'ry hour,  
9 stay thou near-by; temp-ta-tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.  
teach me thy will, and thy rich prom-is-es in me ful-fill.  
13 I need thee, O I need thee, O I need thee ev-'ry hour; I  
17 need you, Lord, O bless me now, my Sav-ior, I come to thee.  
22 3. I need thee ev-'ry hour, most ho-ly One; O  
26 make me thine in-deed, thou bless-ed Son. I need thee, O I need thee,  
30 O I need thee ev-'ry hour; I need you, Lord, O  
33 bless me now, my Sav-ior, I come to thee. I need thee ev-'ry hour.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
Hebrews 4

"I am the Lord"

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1

**God blesses those who fear him, delivering them in Jesus Christ**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**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 the gospel calls us  
as we reconnect with those we know and as we meet someone new.*

Galatians 1

We go out from  
worship in the  
assurance of the  
greatness of our  
God, the one who  
is able to do more  
than we ask or  
think, trusting in his  
grace alone.



## 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.

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## 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)  
Brian Cosgrove  
Ken Morris



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I approach God like a child handed an unfamiliar food at dinner—reluctantly.

God approaches me like the parent giving his child a treat—inviting me to taste and see that he is good.

broken people  
bound together in Christ  
for God's glory