



For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

"Too late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient, O Beauty so new. Too late have I loved you! In my weakness I ran after the beauty of the things you have made." ~ From a prayer of Augustine

"We live in a relativistic culture ... where many people have no firm categories to organize their thinking. They find it hard to give a straight yes-or-no answer to tough moral questions. When they go in search of answers, they generally find people who offer them comfort and ways to ease their anxiety." ~ David Brooks "Through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 3:10

"May the way by which we go to you, O Lord, attain its perfect end in you; being deflected neither by prosperity nor by adversity: that in prosperity we may go thankfully, and in adversity go patiently; being neither too much exalted by the one, nor cast down by the other."

~ Thomas Aquinas

"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statues and be careful to obey my rules" Ezekiel 36:25–27

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

- Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 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!

We hear his call and come and worship

"Come, Holy Spirit, Come"



In Scripture, the call to worship comes from God. We need to be called because it is not our natural impulse to come to him. The call reminds us of the majesty of God's glory and the wonder of his pursuing love toward us.

Isaiah 55

Psalm 95

"We are God's People"



For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God confronts us with our sin

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

John 14

1 John 1

We admit that we are sinners

	Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.
Leader: People:	Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name." Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.
	Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.
	Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.
	Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me." We confess, Lord, that we have too often been silent.
	Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you." In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. We confess that all that we do, our lives, our deaths, our tears, do not earn us anything towards salvation. Our eternity is staked on the life and death of Jesus Christ. Keep us firmly in him that we may

We need to confess our sin before God like a child needs to own up to his mistakes before mom and dad, not to earn their love, but to rest in it and know it more fully.

God declares his grace to us in Jesus Christ

endure. This we ask in his name. Amen.

- Leader: Christ Jesus came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.
- People: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

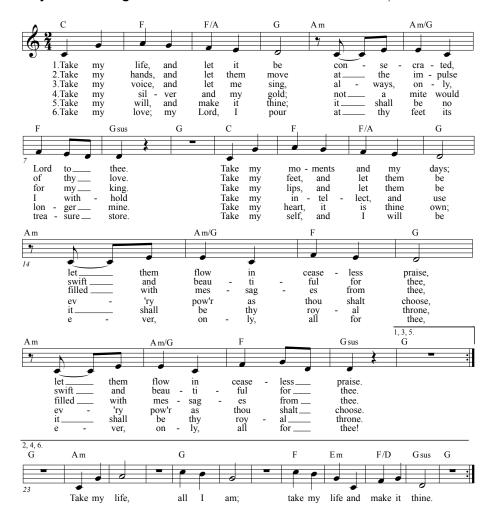
Ephesians 2

Romans 5

We rejoice in God's grace

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3



GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

^{6"}I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

^{20"}I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 17:1-23

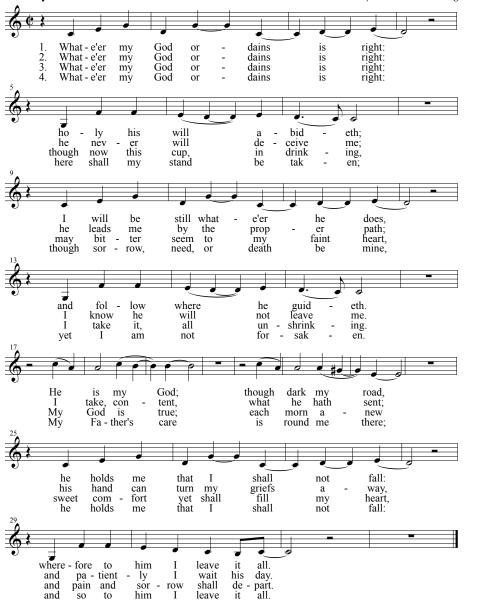
Sermon

Mr. Kevin Kidd

Unity in Christ: Community During Divisive Times

It is not the Bible itself, but the Bible in the hands of the Holy Spirit that manifests the power of God. The Holy Spirit displays the power of God in his Word through the human agency of Scripture explained. We respond to God's word

"Whate'er My God ordains is Right"



"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Luke 1

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

God strengthens us in his grace as we proclaim Christ's death by celebrating the Lord's Supper

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 proclaim that you are in covenant relationship with God, 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.

We give our tithes and offerings, professing our faith with our words and lives

People: In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord. She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him: delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—silent before the mystery of his love.

We come to God in prayer for his work in us

People: Lord God, what a great and solid hope is ours through Christ! Help us by your Spirit to live that same Spirit rather than by the flesh. We have your Spirit in us and we belong to you. You have given us hope in all our brokenness.

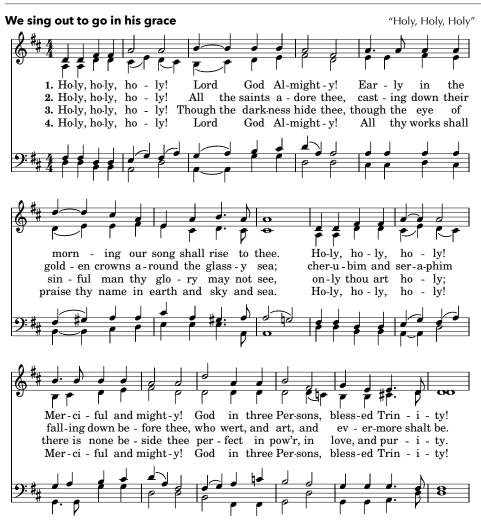
> We long for that sure day when your glory is completely revealed in us and in this world. Gracious God, strengthen us as we live out your love in the midst of our community. Give us boldness and grace that we would proclaim nothing but Christ crucified. Be at work in and through us bringing many to faith in you for we long to see your name worshipped and glorified in our community.

> Father, we rest in your promise that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. We come to you through his work on our behalf and pray all these things in his name. Amen.

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During this time we live in faith, trusting in the power of his grace, placing our lives and our church in his hands. We ask that he would work in us and through us for his glory.

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS GRACE



The benediction sends us on our way with a parting word of God's grace and blessing, reminding us that we go in the power of his promise to be our God.

We go out in the promise of God's blessing on us in Christ

Leader: Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible..

People: Amen

Please stay and join us for a time of 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. Ephesians 6



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) Brian Cosgrove Paul Martin Ken Morris Ben Van Dyke

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