

The Lord's Day | January 3, 2021

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

**Happy New Year!!!** Jesus is still King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!! Just as He was in 2020.

**Adult Sunday School:** Until further notice Sunday school will happen on Zoom only.

**Town Hall Zoom Meeting:** The Church Health assessment and survey interviews revealed that there is still a need for the Grace congregation to have a clearer understanding of the very difficult decisions that were made during the pastoral transitions of the past several years. In light of this the Session is calling for another Zoom Wednesday 1/6/21 at 7:30 P M.

**Tithes and Offerings:** Although we are not taking an offering during the worship service, you may place any offerings in the plate in the Narthex. You may also mail checks to the church (1602 Linen Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online ([grpca.org/give](http://grpca.org/give)).

#### Preparation for Worship:

*Ephesians 4:11*

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

#### Call to Worship:

*Psalms 150:1-2*

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

### Invocation

#### +Opening Hymn:

*Jesus, with Thy Church Abide*

#### Call to Confession:

*Psalms 38:21-22*

Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

#### Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer*

#### Assurance of Pardon:

*Psalms 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**+Confession of Faith:**

*Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and of the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*universal*

**+Song of Response:**

*Speak O Lord*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**+Scripture Reading:**

*1 Timothy 3:1-7*

**Sermon:** *The Overseer in God's Church*

Rev. Stan Long

**+Closing Hymn:**

*Give Us Clean Hands*

**+Benediction**

*+Please stand if able*

## Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with thy church abide,  
be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,  
while on earth her faith is tried:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
grant her patience to endure,  
trusting in thy promise sure:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind,  
seek the lost until she find,  
and the broken-hearted bind:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

Save her love from growing cold,  
make her watchmen strong and bold,  
fence her round, thy peaceful fold:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win,  
overthrow the hosts of sin,  
gather all the nations in:  
we beseech thee, hear us.

Author: Thomas Benson Pollock (1871) Composer: John Henry  
Gower (1891)

## Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights  
of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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## **Give Us Clean Hands**

We bow our hearts we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

**Chorus: Give us clean hands  
give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another  
And oh God let us be a generation that  
seeks  
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob  
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seeks  
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob**

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