#### Announcements

**Tithes and Offerings:** You may leave your offering in the offering plate or mail checks to the church (1602 Linden Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online (grpca.org/give).

Worship Sign Up: Space is still limited in the sanctuary, so we need you to sign up if you plan to attend worship inside. The sign-up form may be found on the church website.

Town Hall Meeting: Today, directly after the service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the recommended vision with the congregation before the session makes a final decision. This will be an important way for everyone to have their voice heard as we seek to discern where Jesus is leading our church, so please plan to attend! The meeting will be held in a hybrid format (in person and on Zoom) so that all who are interested are able to participate.

#### Welcome to Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

**Dear Guest**: Welcome to Grace Church! We thank God that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please connect with an elder or pastor to leave your contact information. For more information about Grace Church, please visit our website: grpca.org.

Sunday Schedule Sunday School: 8:50 AM for adults Worship Service: 10:00 AM

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Richly Blessed in Christ: A Study in Ephesians

Our church exists to help people *know* God's Son, *fellowship* with God's people, *worship* in God's church, *grow* in God's grace and *serve* in God's world.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

May 23, 2021

## Worship Leader: Mark Woodland, Ruling Elder

# Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

**Preparation for Worship**: *Philippians* 2:9-11 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.

### Call to Worship:

Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, *All:* who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## Invocation

+Opening Hymn:

Arise My Soul Arise

+Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism #49-52 Leader: Which is the second commandment? *All:* The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

**Leader:** What is required in the second commandment?

*All:* The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

**Leader:** What is forbidden in the second commandment?

*All:* The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

**Leader:** What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

*All:* The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

+Song of Response: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Confession of Sin** 

Psalm 51:5-6

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

*All:* Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we, alas, were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to do all good; that we transgress your holy

commandments without ceasing, and evermore corrupt ourselves. But we are very sorry for the same, and beg your grace for help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you entirely by a new and godly life. Amen. Strassburg Liturgy

#### Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

# +Song of Response: Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

## **Pastoral Prayer**

+Scripture Reading:Ephesians 1: 20-23Sermon: God's Mighty PowerRev. Stan Long

### Communion

+Closing Hymn: When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

### +Benediction

+Congregation Standing