



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

One-anothering *A Study in Ephesians 4*

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.

The Lord's Day | May 8, 2022

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader

John Daniello, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *Isaiah 12:2-3*

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 12:4-6*

And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Invocation

+**Opening Hymn:** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

Confession of Sin:

Lord God, you created us in families. We confess that we often either despise or worship our families. You have given us mothers to remind us of your nurture and care, yet we sin when we think more of our families than we do of you. We have coveted being included, nurturing children, and having a good reputation. Lord Jesus, you have brought us into your family, but we confess our selfishness, our short-sightedness, and our self-focus are things that drive people away from your family of Grace. Holy Spirit, flood our hearts with a new sense of belonging in you, with a new appreciation of your family around us, and with new words to give you glory.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isaiah 12: 1-2*

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation.

+**Song of Response:** *Living Hope*

Mother's day prayer

Leader: Lord, today we set aside to honor and remember mothers so we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We pray for your mercy and grace on our country as it is caught in the debate about abortion, for there are many children who will never know their mothers.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We are thankful for those who showed us the face of Jesus, and pray for those who have not had a relationship with Him.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

All: Grant them joy and satisfaction in a continuing relationship.

Leader: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

All: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

Leader: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

All: Grant them patience, good counsel and health in the coming months.

Leader: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

All: Grant them strength and wisdom.

Leader: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

All: Grant them time and interest to share with others.

Leader: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

All: Grant them relief and provide for them daily.

Leader: We pray for stepmoms.

All: Grant them patience, understanding and love.

Leader: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

All: Grant them faith and hope.

Leader: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

All: Grant them support and insight, and the ability to see the Redeemer.

Leader: We pray for moms who have lost children.

All: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Leader: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

All: Grant them healing and peace as they look to You.

Leader: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

All: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in Your providence.

Leader: We pray for adoptive mothers.

All: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift You have provided.

Leader: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

All: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

Leader: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

All: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will, and heal their pain.

Leader: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

All: Grant them joy and let them hear Your voice.

Leader: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

All: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

+Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Ages 4-8 are dismissed for Children's Church before the prayer

+**Hymn of Preparation:** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

+**Scripture Reading:** *Ephesians 4:1-15*

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Sermon: *Speaking to the Family*

Rev. Karl Dortzbach

+**Song of Application:** *Make Us One*

+**Benediction:**

**If able, please stand*

Sermon Notes

Reflection question from today's sermon: 1. Speaking is a common element to all the gifts of the spirit. Can you think of someone who might have difficulty expressing themselves but who has had a significant ministry in your life? What was it about their speaking that ministered? 2. Think about the impact of your words on others. It is not just what is said, but the way we speak that makes a difference. What change do you wish you could make in the way you speak to others in the body of Christ?

Preparation questions for Next week: Read Ephesians 4 again. 1. What is the difference in speaking the truth when the outcome is hurtful and when the outcome is helpful? 2. What can you say to friends and neighbors that might help them join us in worship at Grace?

Announcements

Women's Discipleship Group: Meets tomorrow evening at 7 PM, at the church and on Zoom.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: Join us on Zoom for prayer at 7 :30 PM. Go to myGRPC for the link.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday May 22nd: The meeting will take place directly after the service to consider the recommendation of the Search Committee.

Vacation Bible School: Zoomerang is a sanctity of life VBS in the land down under! Like a boomerang, we are returning kids to the value of life, from the lives of preborn babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God. This year's VBS is coming soon! Volunteers of all ages are needed for the week of June 27 to July 1 from 9:30 to 12:15. Online registration for kids from age 4 through those completing fifth grade will be available soon! Contact Bonnie Warshaw for more information.

Southwest Emergency Services: The newest donation needs are Pasta and Hamburger Helper.

Sunday Offering: There will be no offering plate passed on Sunday. Please put Sunday offerings in the lock box on the front door of the church. Thank you.

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

Children's Church: 2nd Sunday of the month

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