



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
C O N W A Y

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TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSOEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(Tenth Sunday After Pentecost)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #222

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hath won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hath won.

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“Rejoice!”

- Norsa

(“✠” please stand if you are able.)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

People: For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust. Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone – as though we had never been here.

Leader: But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

People: The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. Praise the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!

Leader: Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom.

People: Let all that I am praise the LORD.

- Psalm 103

✦ HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

Hymn #57

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now as we lift our personal confessions to you . . .

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Philippians 4: 4 (p.982)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND READING

Psalm 42 (p.469)

¹ As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night,

while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation ⁶ and my God.

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;

all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,

and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Emotions - Should Not Rule Us"

Rev. Rusty Mosley

✠ **The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*the true Christian church of all times and places)*

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
 on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Prelude in C Major from ‘Well-Tempered Clavier’”

- Bach

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **HYMN**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hymn #159

✦ **BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn #504

I am Thine, O, Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare and Trumpeting”

- Paxton

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Dear Grace Presbyterian Church Family,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you all for your support during the recent loss of my father. Your prayers, cards, calls and personal condolences were all appreciated and helpful during this difficult time.

God bless you and thank you very much,

Steve McNabb and Family

Announcements:

- ◇ If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the visitor card found on the pew Bible and drop it in the offering plate. Check the boxes and let us know if you would like more information about our church or if you would like us to pray for you.

Prayer Concerns:

Ilona Beczo; Bette Callaway, friend of Herman and Betty Ellis; Bill Conner; Charlie Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Betty Ellis surgery; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Paul Ellis, son of Herman and Betty Ellis; Heather Hiatt - premature baby, relative of John and Nancy Davis; Trudy Jordan; Jason Hays, friend of Kevin Tucker; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Jeff Whitehead, friend of Joe and Sue Dablock.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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