

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

Mark 7:6b



Grace Presbyterian Church

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Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – September 1st, 2024

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Near to the Heart of God by McAfee*

Welcome

Call to Worship – *adapted from Psalm 51*

Our God desires truth in the inward being.

Teach us wisdom in our secret hearts, O Lord.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Restore in us the joy of your salvation.

Sustain in us a willing spirit to the praise of your name, O God.

Opening Hymn #619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Call to Confession – *adapted from “Book of Common Worship – 1993”*

Our God is the author and giver of all good gifts. God is the one who would plant in our hearts the love of his name. As we seek an increase of true religion in our souls, God is the one who calls us to examine the contents of our hearts. Longing for a closer walk with God, let us hear God’s call and come to God confessing our sins.

Prayer of Confession –

Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. You alone can enable us to love what you command. As we come before you this day, we confess that we have often observed pious practices that we have not allowed into our hearts. We have practiced a righteousness that makes us feel good about ourselves but that fails to inspire love for you or our neighbor. God of

all good gifts, forgive outward religion that fails to transform our wants and desires. Create clean hearts and new, right spirits within us.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon –

Hear the good news of the Gospel. With abundant grace, our God heals the brokenness of our hearts and gives true life to our souls. With mercy, God creates clean hearts within us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: Gracious God, you have given us your word to enlighten us and to purify us, yet your ways are often uncomfortable for us. Now as the scriptures are read, may we not be resistant to your words, but embrace the fullness of your message. Help us to be open to all the ways you reach out to us, and be ready to respond. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Old Testament Reading – James 1:17-27

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¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to

give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Listening and Doing

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Mark 7:1-23

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The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus 2 and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

6 He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

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They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’

8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

9 And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! 10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ 11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— 12 then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. 13 Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”

14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. 15 Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” [16]

17 After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. 18 “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? 19 For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

20 He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. 21 For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Hymn of Response #695 "Change My Heart, O God"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! We will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared

Great Thanksgiving B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent your only begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him, and lifted the burden of their sin. We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen

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Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By you Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Intercessions

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen

Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Call to Offering

Every generous act of giving, like every perfect gift, is from above. We are not the authors of our own generosity, but we are called to be doers of the word and not merely hearers. Having heard God's call to care for others, we must respond. Let us receive the morning offering.

Offertory *Bread and Wine* by Blake

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. God of wonderful generosity; you are the author of every good gift. You have given us this earth to be our home. You have made the earth fruitful for our daily needs and beautiful for the inspiring of our souls. You have given us life and called us to share our lives with others in blessed community. With thankful hearts, we return a portion of the goodness you have shared with us. Bless our offering and fill our offering with your grace for the sake of the work of your kingdom. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Profession of Faith* by Kendall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are selling SCRIP this Sunday, September 1st: A portion of each card comes back to us and our ministries. To purchase Scrip or for more information see John Current.

Grace Office Hours: The office will be closed this Monday for the holiday. Also, the office will close early on Tuesday, September 3rd, at noon. It will return to its regular hours on Wednesday.

New Newsletter: There is a new newsletter. Paper copies are in the narthex. If you or someone you know would benefit from a paper copy mailed to them, please inform the office.

Sunday School and Bible Studies Return in September: To celebrate the return to our educational opportunities, we are throwing a pitch-in meal after the service on September 15. Sunday classes will begin on the following Sunday, September 22th. A full list of your options will be coming out soon.

Save the Date - Grace Fall Rummage Sale - September 20-21st: We've got a few things left to sell. More info to come.

Save the Date - Eric Black's Ordination: Friend and a pulpit supply of Grace, Eric Black, is being ordained on October 26th, at Messiah Lutheran, at 2:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

United Faith Food Bank Needs: Our friends at the United Faith food bank know their customers and their needs. Right now they are incredibly low/out of canned vegetables (especially green beans and corn) and will not be getting any large donations of them for a while. If you'd like to help, bring a donation of food to our narthex and leave it in our shopping cart. They are also in need of plastic bags.

Upcoming Welcome Table: Grace family and friends, you are invited to join for fellowship or by volunteering with United Faith and North Christian for their upcoming free community meals. The next three dates are: August 26th, September 9th, and September 23rd. Tables begin seating at 5:30 PM. Located at 1616 W. Main

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Birthdays

Donna Parrish – August 31
Meara Geist – September 1
Bruce Barnett – September 3
Maureen Rogers – September 5
Judi Eckler-Queen – September 7
Brian Geist – September 7
Douglas Haller – September 7

Anniversaries

Jeff & Betsy Kachmar
September 28, 1996

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore-bears
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4, then a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2-D2, A2-Bb2-C3, and Bb2-C3-D3.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment chords are: Bb2-C3-D3, A2-Bb2-C3, G2-Bb2-D2, and A2-Bb2-C3.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piano accompaniment chords are: G2-Bb2-D2, F2-G2-A2, E2-F2-G2, and D2-E2-F2.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter note C5, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment chords are: G2-Bb2-D2, F2-G2-A2, E2-F2-G2, and D2-E2-F2. The system ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

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Change My Heart, O God 695

Cámbiame, Señor 항상진실케

Refrain / Estribillo / 후렴

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
Cám - bia - me, Se - ñor, *con tu gran po - der.*
 항 상 진 실 케 내 맘 바 꾸 사

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
Haz - me co - mo tú, *tu yo quie - ro ser.*
 주 님 의 모 습 님 게 하 소 서

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.
Tú el al - fa - re - ro, *yo el ba - rro soy.*
 주 는 토 기 장 이 나 는 진 흙

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Só - lo a tu j - ma - gen, *quie - ro siem - pre ser.*
 날 빛 으 소 서 기 도 하 오 니

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar reference in Jeremiah 18:1-6), while the petition for a changed heart is similar to Psalm 51:10. Such readiness to do God's will is a significant feature of the spiritual life.

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CHANGE MY HEART
 Irregular

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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