



ROMANS

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Grace Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning Service May 19, 2024

How Firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health; in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea, as thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of grief shall not thee overflow
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design, Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563) # 80

80. Q. What difference is there between the Lord's supper and the papal mass?

A. The Lord's supper testifies to us, first, that we have complete forgiveness of all our sins through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He Himself accomplished on the cross once for all; and, second, that through the Holy Spirit we are grafted into Christ, who with His true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, and this is where He wants to be worshipped. But the mass teaches, first, that the living and the dead do not have forgiveness of sins through the suffering of Christ unless He is still offered for them daily by the priests; and, second, that Christ is bodily present in the form of bread and wine, and there is to be worshipped. Therefore, the mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ, and an accursed idolatry.

Memory Verse

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 30:10–12, ESV

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!" You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!

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***Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Summer and Winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

***Corporate and Silent Confession of Sin**

Psalm 25:5-7, ESV

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

***Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ephesians 2:4-5, ESV

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Pastoral Prayer & 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.

**sins/trespases*

Thy Mercy My God

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Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast
Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive
Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found
Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
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Sermon

Sovereign God, Sovereign Mercy (Romans 9:1-16)

Rev. Dave Latham

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa
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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

***Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more***

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*** Benediction**

The Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

**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.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD’S GRACE

Sunday

9:00 – 10:00 a.m..... Sunday School
 (Sunday school classes will not meet in July)
 10:15 a.m.....Worship Service
 6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group

May 19 following morning service

Latham Appreciation Picnic at John Crow Jr.’s pond – bring a picnic lunch for your family, picnic blankets, lawn chairs, fishing gear and a note or card for Pastor Dave! See Trent Faircloth or John Crow Jr. for directions, or follow the caravan after church.

Wednesday

4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome

GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
SUNDAY	Karen Stout	Kelci & Tanner Crum <i>RUF at Auburn</i>
MONDAY	Kristen & Bryan Vaughn Riley, Hannah & AJ	Amina & Phil Fiol <i>MTW, India</i>
TUESDAY	Linda & Gary Wagoner	Terri & Brian Firpo <i>Campus Outreach, Thailand</i>
WEDNESDAY	Kim & Randy Wagoner	Good Shepherd School/India <i>Operation Mobilization</i>
THURSDAY	Shelby Weatherly	Sherrie & Max Grizzard <i>Ponderosa Student Ministries, DeKalb County</i>
FRIDAY	Alethea Wofford	Rebecca & Ben Griffith <i>RUF at Samford University</i>
SATURDAY	Judy Wood	Courtney & Daniel Hightower <i>RUF, Clemson University</i>

Prayer Concerns

Frank Mason – encouragement and recovery
 Kathleen Owen – recovery from surgery
 Reid Davis (Larry & Sally Johnson’s grandson) healing and recovery

Various Cancer Treatments

Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Arnetta Medlock, Roy Brittain,
 Rhonda Stewart, Jay Roswell, Scott Turner

2024 Faith Promise Commitment (to date) \$106,300.00

2024 Faith Promise Giving: \$21,822.00