



Order of Worship

May 31, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 72:1-2, 12-14

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

All: *For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.*

PRAYER OF LAMENT

SONG OF EXPECTATION

Spirit, Pour Out

SONG OF SURRENDER

God of Hope

CONFESSION & RENEWAL

All: *O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son; look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCE 815)*

Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that he hears you.

SONG OF PRAISE

Is He Worthy?

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 28:16-31

MESSAGE

Stay on Mission

SONG OF SURRENDER

All of Me

SONG OF PRAISE

For the Sake of The World

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING BLESSING

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Leader: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.
Amen.



Message Notes: Stay on Mission

Overview:

1. Maintain your hope in _____.

- Put your _____ in something that the worst trials can't take away from you.

2. Continue to make Jesus' _____ your _____.

- If suffering and waiting can wreck your _____ in life, get a new one.

3. Adapt your _____ for _____.



Gospel Applications: Stay on Mission

1. What are some things you do as a follower of Jesus, or that we do as a church, that you have no idea whether it's essential or peripheral/optional to the practice of your faith? [Suggestion: On your own time, write out every spiritual practice you have, whether personal/private or corporate/public. Then make a list of essential Christian practices and another list of cultural preferences.]
2. What is the essence of your functional hope? Who or what do you look to moment-by-moment to see whether things are going to be okay or not?
3. What is the essence of your functional mission? If you can only do one thing with your life, what are you striving for?
4. What are some ways your hopes and mission have been impacted over the past few months of COVID-19, stay-at-home orders, and now racial tensions?
5. How would you describe the difference between your mission and vocation? In your life, which serves the other? (Give examples of how you can tell.)
6. What are some ways you've adapted the means/methods of your life in order to stay on mission over the past couple months? How much time and intentional thought have you given to strategic changes to stay on Jesus' mission? What changes have you made?
7. What are some ways you could adapt what it looks like to follow Jesus in order to be *more* faithful to him and his mission in these changing times?
8. What are some ways Grace City could adapt what it looks like to follow Jesus in order to be *more* faithful to him and his mission in these changing times? Does this question make you aware of any "sacred cows" in your thinking? (Things that are not essential to Scripture or our mission, but essential to you.) [Please share your suggestions and conclusions!]
9. In light of this message, what are you most excited about in terms of living on Jesus' mission together over the next 3, 6, and 12 months? What are you most excited about the potential of, as we give ourselves and each other permission to try new things?
10. What one thing will you do with this message this week?