



## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

### PRELUDE

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

### WELCOME!

Don Bechtold

*Pew pads are located along the inside aisle. Please take a moment to let us know that you were with us this morning and to tell us how we can help you today.*

### OUR HISTORIC FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 48

*Q123. What does the second request mean?*

**A. "Your kingdom come" means, Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Keep your church strong, and add to it. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your Word. Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect that in it you are all in all.** Ps. 119:5, 105; 143:10; Matt. 6:33; Ps. 122:6-9; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:42-47; Rom. 16:20; 1 John 3:8; Rom. 8:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:28; Rev. 22:17, 20

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP IN SONG

*O Come, O Come, Emanuel*

*Sing*

### CONFESSION OF SIN (by a member of Grace)

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you. We long for your coming, and yet we want you to tarry longer. We want you to be king of our lives, and yet we expect that our will be done. We love your promises, and yet we neglect your word and ignore your commands. We have become slaves to the worst of tyrants—our own selves. Please deliver us. We will never be free until you take our wills captive. We will never love you faithfully until you capture our hearts. We will never be sober-minded until we've drunk from the living water which only you can give. And we will never have peace until you wage holy war on our rebellious nature. Forgive us for the way we conspire against you and your will as we demand life on our terms. Subdue us again through your patient kindness and wise discipline that you might be our one and only, our all in all.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON from Isaiah 40:1-5

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. <sup>2</sup> "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins."

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE, CONTINUED

### CELEBRATION OF ADVENT

Lighting of the Prophecy Candle

Coulson and Mimi Mucher

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Don Bechtold

*House of God*

*Following the offering, children will be dismissed. Nursery is available for children two years and under. Children three years of age through fifth grade may go to Children's Church.*

## RENEWAL

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.*

*Amen.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 33:1-11

And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two female servants. <sup>2</sup> And he put the servants with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup> He himself went on before them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

<sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. <sup>5</sup> And when Esau lifted up his eyes and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?"

Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

<sup>6</sup> Then the servants drew near, they and their children, and bowed down. <sup>7</sup> Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down. And last Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down.

<sup>8</sup> Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?"

Jacob answered, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."

<sup>9</sup> But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself."

<sup>10</sup> Jacob said, "No, please, if I have found favor in your sight, then accept my present from my hand. For I have seen your face, which is like seeing the face of God, and you have accepted me. <sup>11</sup> Please accept my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough." Thus he urged him, and he took it.

### SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

*The Gospel According to Jacob: For I Have Seen Your Face*

## RESPONSE

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church<sup>†</sup>, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*By this we mean that Jesus experienced the full condemnation and wrath of God on the cross.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" or "universal": the church in every place and time.

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Behold the Lamb*

### MERCY MINISTRIES OFFERING

*And Can It Be*

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

### BENEDICTION

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all Christians who both profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and who are baptized members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to participate and receive the Lord's Supper today. If you are unable to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use this time as a time of reflection.