

Church of the Hills

"When Grace Meets Shame"

Psalm 19:1-14

John 8:1-12

Tim Wilbanks

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We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude Sheresa Wilbanks

Opening Chant "Lord, Prepare Me" Purple Hymnal 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Welcome Tim Wilbanks

Moment for Mission Seniors for Wellness – Thanksgiving Luncheon Marilyn Sandifer

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

People: you have been our home throughout all the ages.

Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

****Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine " Purple Hymnal 839

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior
all the day long; this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

****Invitation to Confession** David Molden

Leader: God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation.

People: Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

****Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: When we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands.

People: We are freed to love another, for our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Amen.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness** "As the Deer" Purple Hymnal 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 19:1-14

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.
7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Ministry of Music "Hungry, Falling on my Knees" Choir

Chorus to be joined by the congregration:

I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me, Jesus, you're all this heart is longing for.

New Testament Reading John 8:1-12

8 1 while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple.
All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. 3 The scribes and the
Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of
them, 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing
adultery. 5 Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"
6 They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent
down and wrote with his finger on the ground. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he
straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw
a stone at her." 8 And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. 9 When they heard it,
they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman
standing before him. 10 Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no
one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go
your way, and from now on do not sin again."]]

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Sermon "When Grace Meets Shame"

****Response to Sermon** "There is a Balm in Gilead" Purple Hymnal 792

(Refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

(Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.

(Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Purple Hymnal 606

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

Prayers of the People and 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.

****Closing Hymn** "To God Be the Glory" Purple Hymnal 634

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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