



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. *Deuteronomy 4:1-2*

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. *Revelation 21:18-19*

**May 5, 2024**

## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

(During the prelude, the first song at 10:00am, please use the music to prepare your hearts for worship.)

## **Declaring What We Believe: The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

### **Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading**

**Revelation 2:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

<sup>13</sup> "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it."

### **Understanding God's Word and Our Lives**

**Series:** Revelation: Christ Calls Us to Worship As We See His Glory

**Sermon:** Endurance and Faithful Teaching

1. Who Is Jesus in His Story?
2. Who Are We to Be in His Story?
3. What Will He Give the Faithful?

*The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...*

## Recognizing Our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Prayer

God, we confess we seldom think of Jesus as a warrior. Like so many before, we are inclined to make Jesus into our own image. Yet we each need all the fullness of Jesus. Forgive us for not being as concerned as You are for faithful teaching and right living.

Father, Your Son is the perfect Prophet, Priest, and King, and we need all of Him to lead us, teach us, fight for us, correct us, and comfort us. Give us eyes to see all of Jesus' glory. Enable us to endure in our faith and cling to all of Him and His most beautiful, true teaching.

### Private Reflection

#### The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.

*Psalm 119:64, 124*

### Responding to the Lord with Worship

#### Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13:20–21*

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### Outline of Jesus' Letters to the 7 Churches:

1. To a specific Church
2. Characteristic of Jesus from chapter 1
3. "I know ..." Jesus' encouragement of their good works in their context
  - a. In letter #7, the "I know ..." is not good works but goes immediately into their problems.
4. "But I have this against you ..."
  - a. Except not in letter #2 (Smyrna) and #6 (Philadelphia)
  - b. Letter #7 (Laodicea) does not use the "But I have this against you" language but functionally this is in the "I know ..." section.
5. Imperative: command about the faithful way forward
  - a. "If not ..." occurs with this imperative in 2.5, 16, 3.3
6. "He who has ears to hear" is the same in all 7 letters
7. "the one who conquers ..."
  - a. But #6 and #7 are reversed in letters 4, 5, 6, 7

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- **CORE:** classes for children to adults follow the worship service, 11:15 am-noon, Zoom code: 989209
  - **QR Link:** Please share your prayer requests, needs, praises, new ideas, feedback, suggestions, or improvements with the Session, deacons, and staff.
  - **Community Closet Event at Grace Hill Church (Prep: May 17-18, Event: May 19)**  
You can help by praying, donating items, and especially by sorting and serving in person: **setup** Friday, May 17 (5:30-7:30pm), **sorting** Saturday, May 18 (10am-1pm), and hands-on help and hospitality during the event Sunday, May 19 (12:30-3:30pm). Sign up via the link on the Thursday email or contact Lindsay Day.
  - **Worship in Offering.** Three ways to worship the Lord in giving: Bank BillPay system, physical check, mobile: [giving.servantkeeper.com/grace-hill-church](http://giving.servantkeeper.com/grace-hill-church)



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