

August 29, 2021

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

**Prelude**

*Selection by PM*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Ps. 78:5-8

ESV

<sup>5</sup> He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,<sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;<sup>8</sup> and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*How Great Thou Art*

No. 44

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.  
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. **Refrain**

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## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

## **Scripture Reading**

**Gen 44:18-34**

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God of Grace,

You have imputed our sin to our substitute,  
and have imputed his righteousness to our souls,  
clothing us with a bridegroom's robe,  
decking us with jewels of holiness.

But in our Christian walk we are still in rags;  
our best prayers are stained with sin;  
our penitential tears are so much impurity;  
our confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin;  
our receiving the Spirit is tintured with selfishness.

We need to repent of our repentance;  
We need our tears to be washed;  
We have no robe to bring to cover our sins,  
no loom to weave our own righteousness;  
We are always standing clothed in filthy garments,  
and by grace are always receiving change of raiment,  
for you always justify our ungodliness.

Grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin,  
the exceeding righteousness of salvation,  
the exceeding glory of Christ,  
the exceeding beauty of holiness,  
the exceeding wonder of grace.

In Jesus name, Amen.

From Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Ps. 78:67-72  
ESV

<sup>67</sup> He rejected the tent of Joseph; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, <sup>68</sup> but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves. <sup>69</sup> He built his sanctuary like the high heavens, like the earth, which he has founded forever. <sup>70</sup> He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; <sup>71</sup> from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. <sup>72</sup> With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
in His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before Him dwellers all in time and space,  
praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

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**WSC 53-54**

**Q. 53. Which is the third commandment?**

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

**Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?**

A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word and works.

**Prayer of Intercession**

## Offering

Selection by PM

### \*Doxology

No. 731

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.

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### \*Hymn of Preparation

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

No. 87

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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1. Faithful Prayer

2. Fruitful Prayer

3. Factual Prayer

Questions:

1. How often do you pray about it?
2. What do you ask for and why?
3. How can you tell if you're more like the Pharisee or the tax collector in Luke 18?
4. What are ways that we are called to humble ourselves before God? Others?

**\*Hymn of Response**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see  
`tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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**Postlude**

*Selection by PM*

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

**Piano**  
**Intercessory Prayer**

Paige Meczyssine  
Andrew Gretzinger

## Weekly Calendar

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 8/29</b>	10:30 AM		<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>WED 9/1</b>	6:00 PM		<b>Family Night</b>
<b>SUN 9/5</b>	10:30 AM		<b>Worship Service- LORD's Supper</b>
<b>THUR 9/9</b>	6:30 PM		<b>Men's Study</b>
<b>SUN 9/12</b>	9:20 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM		<b>Sunday School</b> (refreshments at 9am) <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Annual Hayride</b>
<b>SUN 9/19</b>	9:20 AM 10:30 AM		<b>Sunday School</b> (refreshments at 9am) <b>Worship Service</b>

### Serving the Lord

	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/16	9/19
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Kathleen	Yon	Lorrie	Kathleen	Felicia
<b>Greeters</b>	Lash Fam	Alice	Phyllis	Dar	Cherie Lee
<b>Treats</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Serve/Cleanup</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Audio</b>	Josh Alderson	Grayden Lash	Jim Martin	Forrest Carleton	Ben Armstrong
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Gretzinger	Hrivnak	Lindborg	Lindborg	Gretzinger
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Jim	Jason	Jim	Jim	Jason
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	Sep 9/5- Lindborg	N/A	N/A	Oct 10/3 – Hrivnak



## Announcements

➤ **Ministry Committees Sign-up:** These committees are a primary way that we plan to carry out the ministry of the church to worship, disciple, evangelize, and fellowship. God has given us each gifts for this purpose, to be used for His glory. Please consider this opportunity to serve the Lord here at GSPC and sign up for a ministry. If you are currently on a ministry committee and want to remain on that committee, please still sign up for that committee again. If you are interested in changing to a new committee, now is the time to do that. It is our desire that each member of the church who is able would serve on a ministry committee. Please sign up today; the new committees will begin meeting next month.

➤ **Wednesday Sep 1 Family Night:** We're excited to open this new chapter of fellowship, Christian education, and prayer at GSPC. Once a month we'll be meeting together as a church family to share a meal, to share our prayer requests, and to spend time together praying. Dinner will be available to you when you arrive and after that we will have a short Bible exposition related to the topic of prayer, followed by a time of prayer together. Children and teens will be dismissed for age-appropriate instruction, followed by various activities. Please sign-up if you plan to attend.

➤ **Men's Bible Study:** The men's Bible Study is going to start back up on Thursday September 9th at 6:30PM. If you didn't receive an email this week about it please let Jason Lash or Jim Martin know so we can get your email address added to the list. We will be using the book Hebrews For You by Michael J. Kruger. We hope everyone can attend this time of fellowship together.

➤ **Ladies Bible Study:** This year we will do a study on the book of Hebrews. It is here that we read, among many other things, of the supremacy and the sufficiency of Christ. We will be using the same book as the men's study! If you are interested, please sign up on the form on the welcome desk in the narthex, indicating morning/evening as well as preferences for the day of the week.

➤ **Annual Hayride:** The Lindborg's will host the annual hayride at their farm. September 12 at 5:30 PM. Bring your own meat and buns, hotdog sticks, chairs, bug repellent and friends. There is a food sign-up sheet. Lemonade, apple cider, condiments, and tableware will be provided.

➤ **Friendship Families:** Friendship Families is a ministry of several local churches in which families or individuals are matched with an incoming international student at Valparaiso University. This is a great way to show the love of Christ to students from all over the world! Consider being a part of this ministry! It involves getting together a few times each semester with your student(s). Several families in the church have done this in past years. Please see Bruce or Lucy Hrivnak (219 628-1854) if you are interested or have questions.