

# GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN | May 09, 2021

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Help Needed Sunday Mornings** - If you are looking for a way to serve the body on Sunday mornings, please consider helping out with the Soundboard or Power Point. Both are very simple and don't require any previous experience. Please contact Mat Adams if you are interested or have any questions.

**Generation 2 generation (G2g)** - G2g Bonfire at the Dahl's- 6:30pm to 9:30pm on Friday, May 14th will be a time that you can either drop off your youth at our place for a few hours or you are also welcome to stay and visit. We will provide hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, beverages and s'more fixings. Questions? Call Suann 612-834-0649 29817 Ivywood Trail, Chisago City, MN 55433 Please [RSVP](#) so we know how much food is needed. Thanks!

**G2g Older Kids Summer Retreat** - We have locked in dates at Oak Forest Retreat Center in Luck, WI. We will leave on Thursday, July 15th and return Saturday evening on the 17th. Cost will be \$125 per person. Please fill out the [registration form](#) before May 15th.

**Road Construction/Closures by Church** - Beginning on April 26th there will be various road closures affecting our ability to get to church. The city of Wyoming has put together a helpful video explaining the closures. You can view it [HERE](#).

**As always, News & Notes contains everything you need to stay current with all that is happening at Grace Church. Please notify an elder if you would like to be added to our digital newsletter.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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(Leader) Insofar as you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins know that your sins have already been forgiven. *(All) Thanks be to God.*

(Leader) Know also that by the blood of Jesus you are welcomed into the presence of God as his beloved sons and daughters. *(All) Praise be to God.*

(Leader) Lift up your hearts. *(All) We lift them up to the Lord.*

## WORSHIP SONG

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### I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Verse 1

I will sing of my Redeemer  
He who took the nails for me  
I've been purchased,  
I've been pardoned  
Bound to Him I'm truly free

Chorus

I will sing of my Redeemer  
Lift my voice to praise my Lord  
Ransomed by His  
Blood and mercy  
I am His forevermore

verse 4

I will sing of my Redeemer  
Tell about the grace I've known  
Here on earth with those forgiven  
And one day around His throne

Verse 2

I will sing of my Redeemer  
How He sought me while a slave  
Loosed me from the  
Curse of sin and  
From the power of the grave

Verse 3

I will sing of my Redeemer  
He who bore my cross, my curse  
Came a servant, chose to suffer  
Lifted up and cast from earth

Verse 5

I will sing of my Redeemer  
Turns my suffering into joy  
Trading earth for future glory  
Gives the power to rejoice

## SCRIPTURE READING

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### Psalm 147:1-6, 7-11

**[Leader]** 3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! 4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**[All]** 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children! 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

# WORSHIP SONGS

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## Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you

Chorus

Holy there is no one like you  
There is none beside you  
Open up our eyes in wonder  
Show us who you are  
And fill us with your heart  
And lead us in your love  
to those around us

Verse 2

Jesus the name above every other name  
Jesus the only one that could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for you  
We live for you

Bridge

We will build our lives, upon your Word  
It is a firm foundation  
We will put our trust, in you alone  
And we will not be shaken

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## Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Verse 1

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take him at his word  
Just to rest upon his promise  
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

Verse 2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust his cleansing blood  
And in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Verse 3

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace

# SERMON OUTLINE Various Texts

Mothers Are Life-Givers | David VanAcker

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## **MOTHERS ARE PHYSICAL LIFE-GIVERS**

1. *Mothers being physical life-givers was part of God's design from the very beginning (Genesis 3:20).*
2. *Physical life-giving is made harder by the fall (Genesis 3:16).*
3. *Motherhood is a gift from God (Genesis 16:1, 21:2; Matthew 1:20).*
4. *Motherhood is a noble aspiration.*
5. *Motherhood is praise-worthy (Proverbs 31:28, 23:22, 25; 1 Kings 2:29).*
6. *Mothers are physical life-sustainers (Proverbs 31).*

## **MOTHERS ARE SPIRITUAL LIFE-GIVERS**

1. *To be a mother in the fullest sense is to be a spiritual life-giver (2 Timothy 1:5).*
2. *To be a mother in the fullest sense is to be a spiritual life- sustainer (Titus 2:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:14-15).*
3. *All who seek the spiritual life and growth of others are engaged in a kind of spiritual motherhood (1 Thess 2:7-8).*

## MAIN POINT

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There are two main points to this sermon and one main take-away. First, by God's design, mothers are physical life-givers. And second, also by God's design, mothers are spiritual life-givers. My primary hope in giving this sermon is to communicate these truths and therein encourage the moms of Grace Church to recommit to finding joy in seeking these kinds of fruit in motherhood.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Had you ever thought of motherhood as physical and spiritual life-giving and life-sustaining? How have you seen these things done well? How have you seen them done poorly?
3. What are some ways that your life-giving (physical or spiritual) has been made more difficult by the fall?
4. Is it easy for you to view motherhood as a gift from God? Is it easy for you to see it as a noble aspiration? Is it easy for you to praise the mothers in your life who embrace God's call on their mothering?
5. How is your spiritual mothering going? Where are you seeing life, growth and maturity?
6. What do you think of the idea that all who engage in spiritual life-giving and sustaining are a kind of spiritual mother?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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7. Praise the godly mothers in your life. Find a specific way to express your appreciation for God's work in and through them. As best as you are able, root your praise to a particular Biblical charge or description.
8. Find a specific way to make someone's mothering easier this week. If you are a kid, ask your mom how you can help. If you are being discipled by someone, go out of your way to make their discipleship of you easier.
9. Share the gospel with someone this week.
10. Go out of your way to encourage someone in their faith in a specific way this week.
11. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

## PRAYER POINTS

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12. Adoration. Praise God as the one true life-giver and sustainer. Praise God for His wisdom and power that are on display in the life-giving and sustaining work of moms. Praise God for including us in His great plan of redemption.
13. Confession. Confess any sin of minimizing the great call of motherhood or maximizing some lesser call. Confess any sin of making the lives of the mothers in your life harder. Ask God to forgive you for failing to fully and joyfully engage in motherhood.
14. Thanksgiving. Thank God that He always equips you for everything to which He calls you. Thank God for the remarkable picture of His nature that motherhood paints. Thank God for your mom.
15. Supplication. Pray for the moms in your life, asking God to give them joy in their mothering, strength for their mothering, and fruit from their mothering. Pray for the non-Christians in your life, that they might receive the new birth.

## WORSHIP SONGS

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### Yet Not I, But Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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### Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the son, I believe in the risen One  
I believe I overcome, by the power of his blood

Chorus

A-men, a-men, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives  
A-men, a-men, let my song join the One that never ends  
Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

Bridge

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, every fear is gone  
I know He holds my life my future in his hands

## BENEDICTION

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**Philippians 4:19-20** - And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.