

**Reformation Worship Guide**  
**Sola Gratia**  
**Good Shepherd Community Church**  
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**The Gathering before Our God**

*May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2* **And to you also!**

Lift Up Your Hearts

***We lift them up to the Lord!***

**\*Call to Worship**

*To the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, be the power for ever and ever. **Amen.***

*Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ... **Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.***

**Hymn- "Sola"**

By Your Word alone, our eyes have seen Your salvation;  
Through faith alone, not by the works of our hands;  
By Your grace alone, we're purchased from every nation;  
Through Christ alone, we stand.

To God alone be all the glory!

*Lead us now, O King, in the worship of Your name;*

*Make us pure and clean,*

*Tune our hearts to sing Your praise.*

*Lord, we long to bring something worthy of Your fame:*

*Through Your Word, accept our praise;*

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Invocation

**Prayer of Invocation**

(based on Psalm 25: 1-5)

To You, O God, we lift up our souls.  
To You we offer our praise and prayer,  
our worship and thanksgiving,  
even our very lives.

Make Your ways known to us.  
Show us the path on which we should walk.  
Lead us in Your truth and teach us.  
For You alone are the God who saves,  
the God in whom we trust;  
and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

**Declaration of the True God**

**Pastor & People**

The LORD came down in a cloud, stood with[Moses} there, and proclaimed His name Yahweh. Then the LORD passed in front of him and proclaimed:

**Yahweh—Yahweh** *is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in faithful love and truth, maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving wrongdoing, rebellion, and sin.*

**Who is a God like you, forgiving sin and passing over rebellion for the remnant of his inheritance?** He does not retain his anger forever, for he delights in loyal love.

Hymn- “We Give Immortal Praise” 164P

Hymn- ““We Are Glad We Are Saved by Grace Alone” Tune:Melita

### **Confession and Assurance**

Join me in the prayer of confession. Let us pray.

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Amen.** (John Calvin)

{Pause}

Hear the Gospel of Christ:

*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus is come into the world to save sinners. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.* (1 Timothy 1:15, Ephesians 1:7)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.*** (Rom. 5:5) **Thanks be to God!**

### **Singing of God’s Truth**

*My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.* Psalm 71:18

Hymn- “Only by Grace Can We Enter” 785P

Hymn- “Great God of Wonders”

### **Prayer for Illumination before the Reading of God’s Word**

*Let us call upon our God and Father, beseeching Him, since all fullness of wisdom and light is found in Him, mercifully to enlighten us by His Holy Spirit in the true understanding of His word, and to give us grace to receive it in true fear and humility. May we be taught by His word to place our trust only in Him and to serve and honor Him as we ought, so that we may glorify His holy name in all our living and edify our neighbor by our good example, rendering to God the love and the obedience which faithful servants owe their masters, and children, their parents, since it has pleased Him graciously to receive us among the number of His servants and children.\** John Calvin

### **Reading of the Sacred Writings**

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.* 1 Timothy 4:13

First Testament- Deuteronomy 7:6-9  
First Testament- Isaiah 44:21-23  
Psalm 86 A Prayer  
New Testament- Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
New Testament- John 6:25-40  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Affirmation of Faith Concerning Salvation by Grace Alone**

#### ***Profession of Our Faith from the French Confession***

People of God, recite with me to these words about Scripture from the French Confession and Geneva Confession:

We believe that humankind was created pure and whole, conformed to the image of God. By its own fault humankind fell from the grace it had received, and thus is alienated from God who is the fountain of justice and all goodness. We acknowledge man by nature to be blind, darkened in understanding, and full of corruption and perversity of heart, so that of himself he has no power to be able to comprehend the true knowledge of God as is proper, nor to apply himself to good works. But on the contrary, if he is left by God to what he is by nature, he is only able to live in ignorance and to be abandoned to all iniquity.

We believe that from the general corruption and condemnation into which all are plunged, God rescues those who are elect in our Lord Jesus Christ according to God's eternal and unchanging counsel. All this is by God's goodness and mercy alone, without regard to anyone's works, that the riches of God's mercy shine forth in them.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. Because God imparts this gracious and distinctive gift to whomever he chooses, the faithful have no cause to glorify themselves. Amen.

The French and Geneva Confession 1536(Calvin/Farel)

### **Singing the Faith**

*Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!* Psalm 9:11

Hymn- "Alive in Christ" (Sola Gratia) Boice/Jones

Hymn- "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord" 240H

### **Praying Together**

*Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*

Jeremiah 33:3

Thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions

The Prayers of the People

### **Reception of Offerings**

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.* 2 Corinthians 8:9

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn- "Creator God, Our Sovereign Lord"

cor meum tibi offero 8.8.8.8.6.

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Scripture Text- Ephesians 2:1-10

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Sermon- "God's Grace Alone" by Wayne Conrad  
Hymn- "O How the Grace of God Amazes Me" 749P

## **Responding to the Word**

### ***We believe***

That the gospel is the good news that the triune God has poured out his grace in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that through his work we might have peace with God (Rom. 5:1). Jesus lived in perfect obedience yet suffered everything sinners deserved so that sinners would not have to pursue a righteousness of their own, relying on their own works, but rather through trust in him as the fulfillment of God's promises could be justified by faith alone (*sola fide*) in order to become fellow heirs with him.

Inasmuch as Christ was given by the Father for us, and his obedience and punishment were accepted in place of our own, freely and not for anything in us, this justification is solely of free grace, in order that both the exact justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.

We reaffirm that in salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by his grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life.

We deny that salvation is in any sense a human work. Human methods, techniques or strategies by themselves cannot accomplish this transformation. Faith is not produced by our unregenerated human nature.

Sources: A Reforming Catholic Confession & TGC Statement of Faith & Cambridge Declaration

## **Holy Supper of Our Lord (led by Jeff Gregory)**

### **Invitation**

As our Lord Jesus has not only offered His body and blood once on the Cross for the remission of our sins, but also desires to impart them to us as our nourishment unto everlasting life, grant us this grace, O heavenly Father: that we may receive at His hands such a great benefit and gift with true sincerity of heart and with ardent zeal. So may we truly become partakers of the new and eternal testament, the covenant of grace, assured that it is your good pleasure to be our gracious Father forever. [from John Calvin's Geneva liturgy]

The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the love that Christians ought to have among themselves one to another, but it is also a Sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death: so that those who rightly, worthily, and with faith, receive the Supper, the Bread which we break is a partaking of the Body of Christ; and likewise the Cup of Blessing is a partaking of the Blood of Christ.

The Body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten, in the Supper, only after a heavenly and spiritual manner. And the means by which the Body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper, is Faith.

### **The Institution**

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the

Lord's death until he comes.

**Let us confess our faith:**

***Christ has died,***

***Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again.***

### **We Give Thanks**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this we greatly rejoice,

Though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

(adapted from 1 Peter 1:3-9)

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

***We do not presume to come to this your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. In ourselves, we are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under your table. It is by Christ's righteousness and merit that we approach your throne. You are the same Lord; you ever love to show mercy. As we partake of this bread and from this cup, may these be to us what you have ordained them to be: the body and the blood of Christ. We give you thanks for the forgiveness which the crucified body and blood of Christ, given once for all, has made effective for us. May our joy in Him increase and grow. Amen.***

### **The Distribution**

Communion Song: "Lord, I Believe."

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul until the appearing of Christ. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul until the appearing of Christ. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

### **Closing Prayer of Thanks**

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. May we be those who are known for our joyful lives and attitudes. Enable and help us to proclaim your grace and the

year of your favor until Christ returns. **Amen.**

**Sent to Testify to the Word**  
Hymn- "Reformation Hymn"

**Benediction-**

*Yahweh bless you and keep you.*

*Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.*

*Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Num 6:24-26) **Amen.***