

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
September 15, 2024



Thought for Meditation

“THE kinds of consideration enjoined in these two exhortations are somewhat different. The former of them is expressed by a word which means fixed attention and close scrutiny. It is employed, for instance, by our Lord in His injunctions to consider the ravens and the lilies, and by Peter in his account of his vision of the great sheet let down , when he had fixed his eye, he considered. Such a fastened gaze of awakened interest and steady contemplation, the writer would have all who are partakers of the heavenly calling to direct upon Jesus.” *MacLaren's Expositions*

— GATHERING —

Prelude Voluntary on Crimond E. Titcomb

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship** *Malachi 4:2* Elsie Deem

L: We observe this day as the Lord's Day,

P: **Giving thanks to God,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who forgives us and redeems us,
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.**

L: Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

P: **Blessed are those whose strength is in the Lord.**

They frolic like well-fed calves let out to pasture, singing praises of their God!

*** Hymn of Praise** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (V 1-3) #33

***Prayer of Confession:** *James 5:16*

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Friends, let us call on the name of the Lord.

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you:

to carry the truth of Your justice like a banner

and bear the yoke of life as Your servant.

We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves.

We draw away from the imagery of the cross,

forgetting that, in You, it has become a source of glory.

Forgive us, O God, and call us once more

to set aside our selfishness and follow in Your way. Amen

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *1 Corinthians 6:11*

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Friends, believe this Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent. Amen!

*** Passing of the Peace** *Romans 5:1*

L: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: **And also, with you.**

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Gloria Patri** #813

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, a world without end.

Amen, Amen.

Anthem Amazing Grace Chancel Choir

— THE WORD —

Prayer for illumination

Scripture Hebrews 3:1–6
Exodus 17:7

Sermon "Jesus Greater Than Moses"

***Responding Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (v. 1-2) #575

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Malachi 3:8-12

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Offertory

Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love

Sacred Harp

* Doxology

O Bless the Gifts

#817

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hand.

* Prayer of Dedication

— SENDING —

* Hymn of Dedication

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (v.1-3)

#602

* Charge and Benediction

2 Cor. 13:11

* Congregational Response

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (v. 3)

#575

* Postlude

Fugue in A Minor

Bach

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hope that you will return. Please Join us for Coffee Fellowship following the service.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Psalm 23 is, without doubt, the best known of the Psalms. That popularity is not really surprising, given its encouraging message. David wrote with

authority about the work of a shepherd, using his knowledge of shepherding to picture the Lord caring for His children as a shepherd cares for his sheep. How encouraging to know that "the Lord's my Shepherd."

The metrical version of Psalm 23 in the Psalter follows the King James Version very closely. The Psalter's editors produced their rendering of Psalm 23 by picking and choosing from seven versions and translations available to them, beginning with one from 1564. The result was an excellent versified version of the psalm for the English-speaking church. The fact that their rendering of Psalm 23 is still in common use three-and-a-half centuries later is a testament to their skill.

One tune frequently sung today is of more recent origin. Jesse Seymour Irvine (1836-1887) was the daughter of a pastor who served churches in Scotland. The last of his appointments was to a church in the town of **Crimond**. It was there that Jesse Irvine wrote this melody now associated with the hymn, naming it after the town – **Crimond**.

Crimond was not, at first, associated with "The Lord's My Shepherd." It was just another of many melodies used in the late nineteenth century church. But composer and choral conductor, Sir Hugh Robertson brought the two together for his world-famous choir, the Glasgow Orpheus Choir. Robertson combined the *Psalter's* Psalm 23 with the tune *Crimond*, and the choir sang it frequently on radio programs broadcast across Britain. Two particular events sealed the fame of the pairing: the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, in 1947, and the Silver Anniversary celebration, a year later, of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The song was sung on both occasions and has been much used ever since.

This Week's Calendar
September 15 - September 21

Today	Children Sunday School	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:15am
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Sewing Group	7:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday	Ladies Group	6:30pm
	Men's Group	6:00pm
	Boy Scouts	6:00pm

Looking Ahead
September 22 - September 28

September 22	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
September 23	Session Meeting	6:30pm
September 24	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Condo Assoc. Meeting	6:00pm
September 25	Choir Practice	7:00pm
	Cross Currents Mailed	
September 26	Book signing	5:00-9:00p
September 28	Knead Cafe	8:00am

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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