

# GRACE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Order of Service

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Prayer

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 124.

\*Salutation – Opening blessing [1 Timothy 1:2]

\*Invocation – Opening Prayer

\*OPENING HYMN #580: Lead On O King Eternal.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 125.

Tithes and Offerings

Congregational prayer

\*HYMN #148: How Shall The Young Direct Their Way.

Scripture Reading: Romans 9:6-18.

Scripture Text: Romans 9:14-18.

Sermon Title: Assurance of Election

\*Prayer of application

\*Closing Hymn #559: Father, I Know.

\*Benediction – closing blessing [2 Corinthians 13:14]

\*Doxology [Hymn #731]

\*Postlude

\*Congregation Stands

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The Lord Jesus said: "where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

**Welcome:** to our guests and visitors. May you receive strength from God's Word, and experience the love of Christ within our church family.

### **Schedule**

1. **Today:** The nursery is available for children 0-3 years old.
2. **This Wed. 6:00 p.m.** Prayer meeting in the Consistory room.
3. **This Saturday:** membership class session 6 at 10:00 a.m.
4. **Next Sunday:** Lord's Supper.
5. **Next Sunday:** Youth Bible Study. Please gather in the fellowship hall after worship for a quick meal before separating into classes.
6. **Wed. July 28:** Consistory at 6:30 pm. Spiritual Council at 8.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Darrell Bentz has Parkinson's disease.
- Bonnie Plooster, elderly shut-in.
- Phyllis Grossmann's physical therapy for her deteriorating spine.

### **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# *What Happens When We Worship?*

By Jonathan Landry Cruse

## Chapter 1

“Worship is a supernatural event. Have you ever considered that? It’s an obvious statement, really.

“An event in which we interact with a supernatural being must, by definition, be supernatural. Then why is it that we so often approach worship with a sense of boredom instead of astonishment? ... Going to church gets the same checkmark on the to-do list as going to the grocery store or doing homework

“If I were to ask you, what happens when you go to church? – how would you answer? Some people might answer [by giving the various elements that make up the service], ‘Well, there’s some preaching, a little praying, and a lot of singing.’ ... But that’s not what I mean. ... My question seeks to go beyond that. What are these elements for? What are they accomplishing? What *happens* when we worship?”

Something “happens *between us* and the people we worship with, and, most importantly, something happens *between us and God.*”

“The God of the universe appears and meets with His people, and by His sovereign and gracious power He changes them. It is astounding! It’s unlike anything this world could ever offer. And yet how easy it is to forget that something as spectacular as this is happening when we come to church” (from Pages 1-2).

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**Lord's Day, Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

WELCOME

Sunday Worship Service – 10:30 am

Pastor Fagrey's weekly sermons are also on 88.3 KLMP Sundays at 8:30 am

The Lord Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life" (John 6:47).