

# GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

## Your Word to Me

SUNDAY

APR. 22, 2012

*The Word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah . . .*

**The organ prelude marks the beginning of the worship service. It calls us to quiet ourselves and to direct our hearts and minds toward Him.**

Prelude	"Mighty Are Thy Works, O Lord" by Gary Davidson	
Call to Worship	"Almighty Most holy God" "Hallelujah, for the Lord our God"	Insert
Invocation		
Gloria Patri		Insert
Announcements		
Hymn	"My Savior's Love"	452
Hymn	"O How I Love Jesus"	483
Hymn	"More Love to Thee, O "	323
Praise and Prayer		Ron Blackman
In His Word		Ps. 120:1-7
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	"Freely, Freely"	Insert

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*"Blessed are the peacemakers:  
 for they shall be called the children of God."*  
*Matthew 5:9*  
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Lord, how incredible!  
 Neither Shakespeare nor Browning  
 Nor Shelly nor Keats  
 Would have dared to speak with such blunt boldness.

But God, in Your infinite wisdom  
 In Your exquisite Plan  
 You personally chose to express Yourself  
 Through obscure and ordinary men  
 Like Ezra and Micah  
 Like Moses and Zephaniah.  
 Centuries ago they heard You:  
 Sometimes in an open field  
 Or on a wind-swept hill.  
 Sometimes at the break of dawn  
 Or under a star-filled sky.  
 Through sorrow and suffering  
 Through tumult and war  
 In peace and in prosperity  
 Ancient voices, directed by Your Spirit  
 Sublimely proclaimed Your spoken Word.

Now today, when I open the Book of books  
 I too hear You speak.  
 Sometimes as I sit at my desk  
 Or on a kitchen stool.  
 Sometimes at the table  
 Or on the living room floor.

Me, Lord!  
 So ordinary!  
 So obscure!  
 From the pages of Your sacred Word  
 The God of the Universe speaks to me  
 How incredible!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.....**

04/22 Sun. 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 11:30 AM Fellowship & Refreshments  
 11:45 AM Morning Worship

04/25 Wed. 7:00 PM Mid Week Service  
 Prayer, Praise, & Bible Study  
 Adult Study: "Gospel of Luke"  
 Young Kids Club: "Beginner Explorers"  
 Kids Club: "Young Teen Talk"  
 Youth: "Teen Talk"

The Least personal hygiene kits: tooth paste, tooth brush, wash cloth, soap, comb, deodorant, razor, feminine napkins.

Bibles for Russia collection in entryway.

Remember soup collection for Metropolitan Ministries.

On the table at the entrance to the sanctuary you will find visitor cards, prayer cards, the attendance register, and the offering box. If you have never completed a visitor card, please complete one and place it in the offering box. If you have completed a visitor card on a previous visit, please register your attendance today by signing the attendance register.

**IN HIS SERVICE.....IN HIS HOUSE**

Date	Nursery	Refresh.	Ushers
04/22	Nicki	Beall	Thomas
04/29	Caleb	Miller	Bottomley
05/06	Andy	Lowry C	Lowry

**A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE**

**ANGELS AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN**

Antonio, age 9

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.

**FAMILIAR WORDS WITH APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS**

SECRET

Something you tell to one person at a time.

**HOLY HUMOR**

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

**QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME**

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?



**OLD FARMER'S ADVISE**

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment."

**PROVERBS FOR LIVING**

"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out."

Proverbs 20:5

## Memories

Dear God  
How I thank You  
For thousands of beautiful memories  
That have become a growing history  
Of Your supreme goodness in my life.  
Thank You for misty memories  
Flaming memories, trailing memories.  
Quiet, gentle memories  
Pink-tinted memories  
That live on and on  
To gladden somber days.  
Thank You for memories that have rotted me  
Stabilized me, sensitized me  
and toughened the inner fiber of my being.  
In Your honor, dear God  
I erect my *Monument of Memories*.  
For Your glory . . . You who are  
My "living bright Reality."

# My Savior's Love

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CHARLES H. GABRIEL, 1856-1932

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1. I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence Of Je - sus the Naz-a - rene,  
 2. For me it was in the gar - den He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine;"  
 3. In pit - y an - gels be-held Him, And came from the world of light  
 4. He took my sins and my sor - rows, He made them His ver - y own;  
 5. When with the ran-somed in glo - ry His face I at last shall see,

And won-der how He could love me, A sin-ner condemned, un-clean.  
 He had no tears for His own griefs But sweat-drops of blood for mine.  
 To comfort Him in the sor-rows He bore for my soul that night.  
 He bore the bur-den to Cal-v'ry And suf-fered and died a-lone.  
 'Twill be my joy thru the a-ges To sing of His love for me.

CHORUS

How mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful! And my song shall ev-er be:  
 O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful!

How mar-vel-ous! how won-der-ful Is my Sav-ior's love for me!  
 O how mar-vel-ous! O how won-der-ful

# O How I Love Jesus

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FREDERICK WHITFIELD, 1829-1904

American melody  
 Arr. by John W. Peterson, 1921-

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
 2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, Who died to set me free;  
 3. It tells me what my Fa-ther hath In store for ev-'ry day,  
 4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est woe,

It sounds like mu-sic in mine ear, The sweet-est name on earth.  
 It tells me of His pre-cious blood, The sin-ner's per-fect plea.  
 And, tho I tread a dark-some path, Yields sun-shine all the way.  
 Who in each sor-row bears a part That none can bear be-low.

CHORUS

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus - Be - cause He first loved me!

## More Love to Thee

MORE LOVE TO THEE

ELIZABETH PRENTISS, 1818-1878

WILLIAM H. DOANE, 1832-1915

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the  
 2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee a -  
 3. Let sor - row do its work, Send grief and pain; Sweet are Thy  
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath Whis - per Thy praise; This be the

prayer I make On bend - ed knee; This is my ear - nest plea:  
 lone I seek - Give what is best; This all my prayer shall be:  
 mes - sen - gers, Sweet their re - frain, When they can sing with me,  
 part - ing cry My heart shall raise; This still its prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

## ALMIGHTY, MOST HOLY GOD

Almighty, most Holy God; faithful thro' the ages.  
 Almighty, most Holy Lord; Glorious Almighty God  
 Almighty, most Holy God; faithful thro' the ages.  
 Almighty, most Holy Lord; Glorious Almighty God

## HALLELUJAH, FOR THE LORD OUR GOD

Hallelujah for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns  
 Hallelujah for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns  
 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory unto God  
 Hallelujah for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

## GLORIA PATRI

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

## A HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO YOU

A happy birthday to you. . . a happy anniversary to you.  
 Every day of the year. . . may you find Jesus near.  
 A happy birthday to you. . . a happy anniversary to you. The best you have ever had.

## FREELY, FREELY

Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
 Go in My name and because you believe  
 Others will know that I live.

04/22/12  
“Dealing with Warring People”  
Psalm 120:1-7  
Matthew 5:9

(2 Tim 3:16-17) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

(Mat 7:24) Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

(Mat 7:26) And **every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not**, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

(John 13:17) If ye know these things, **happy are ye if ye do them**.

(Psa 120:1) In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

(Psa 120:2) Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

(Psa 120:3) What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?

(Psa 120:4) Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

(Psa 120:5) Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!

(Psa 120:6) **My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace**.

(Psa 120:7) I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

(Psa 34:14) Depart from evil, and do good; **seek peace, and pursue it**.

(2 Cor 13:11) Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, **live in peace**; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

(Heb 12:14) **Follow peace with all men**, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

(Rom 12:18) If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

(Rom 14:19) Let us therefore **follow after the things which make for peace**,

(Prov 15:18) A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is **slow to anger** appeaseth strife.

Prov 10:12) Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins**.

(Luke 23:34) Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for **they know not what they do**.

(Prov 15:1) **A soft answer** turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

(Prov 17:14) The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore **leave off contention, before** it be meddled with.

(James 3:17-18) But the **wisdom** that is **from above is** first pure, then **peaceable**, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the **fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace**.

(Mat 5:9) Blessed are **the peacemakers**: for they **shall be called the children of God**.