

# GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SUNDAY

SEPT. 22, 2013

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	"XXXXX" by XXXXX	
Call to Worship	"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord" "Behold God Is My Salvation"	Insert
Invocation		
Gloria Patri		Insert
Announcements		
Hymn	"Rise Up, O Men of God"	351
Hymn	"Fight the Good Fight"	346
Hymn	"I Am Resolved"	349
Praise and Prayer		John Bottomley
In His Word	"What Is Going On In the Church Today"	Zach. 7:1-14
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	"Freely, Freely"	Insert

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"that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."  
*Malachi 3:3*  
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## The Façade

Lord, I bow before You contritely  
Confessing my shameful failures.  
This whole wretched week  
I've felt like a phony  
And my actions have justified  
My gnawing guilt.

Monday:  
I spoke at a women's luncheon  
And repeatedly emphasized  
The joy of gentleness.  
Then two hours later  
I was angrily shouting at Jennifer.

Tuesday:  
My widowed neighbor invited me in  
For a cup of coffee.  
I was simply "too busy."  
Later that day I learned  
Her beloved niece had been killed.

Wednesday:  
"I'll pray as you have your checkup,"  
I told my concerned friend.  
Thursday:  
My friend stopped by to thank me  
For the prayers I neglected to pray.

Friday:  
Over the phone I said sweetly:  
"Don't give it a thought.  
It's perfectly all right."  
I was thinking...how stupidly careless.

Saturday:  
I was tight with tension  
Bone tired.  
I was sure Aunt Sarah would call  
So I didn't answer the phone.

Sunday:  
Reverently sitting  
In this quiet sanctuary  
I wince to think of my subtle façade.  
Purge me, Lord.  
Shatter my pretense  
Make me a glowing demonstration  
Of the hymns I sing today  
With such holy joy.

Ruth Harms Calkin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

09/22	Sun.	10:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:30 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments
		11:45 AM	Morning Worship
09/25	Wed.	7:00 PM	Mid-Week Services
			Prayer, Praise, and Bible Study
			Adult Study; "The Gospel of Luke"
			Kids Club "Beginner Explorers"
			Tens; "Teen Talk"

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.

## A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE

### YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING TOO MUCH COFFEE . . .

You name your cats "Cream" and "Sugar."

### PARAPROSDOKIANS

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

### SMILE

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the drivers side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "it's open!" His reply, "I know. I already got that side."

Husband says; "When I'm gone you'll never find another man like me".

Wife replied; "What makes you think I'd want another man like you!"

The stoplight on the corner buzzes when it's safe to cross the street. I was crossing with an intellectually challenged coworker of mine. She asked if I knew what the buzzer was for. I explained that it signals blind people when the light is red. Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind people doing driving?!"

### PROVERBS FOR LIVING

"Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,  
That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth;  
that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?"

Proverbs 22:20-21

1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;  
 2. Rise up, O men of God! His king - dom tar - ries long;  
 3. Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,  
 4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

Give heart and mind and soul and strength To serve the King of kings.  
 Bring in the day of broth - er - hood And end the night of wrong.  
 Her strength un - e - qual to her task; Rise up, and make her great!  
 As broth - ers of the Son of man, Rise up, O men of God!

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
 2. Run the straight race thro' God's grace, Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;  
 3. Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide, His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide;  
 4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He chang - eth not, and thou art dear;

Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Life with its way be - fore us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. A - MEN.

1. I am re - solved no lon - ger to lin - ger, Charmed by the world's delight;  
 2. I am re - solved to go to the Sav - ior, Leav - ing my sin and strife;  
 3. I am re - solved to fol - low the Sav - ior, Faith - ful and true each day;  
 4. I am re - solved to en - ter the Kingdom, Leav - ing the paths of sin;

Things that are high - er, things that are no - bler, These have al - lured my sight.  
 He is the true One, He is the just One, He hath the words of life.  
 Heed what He say - eth, do what He will - eth, He is the liv - ing way.  
 Friends may op - pose me, foes may be - set me, Still will I en - ter in.

## Chorus

I will has - ten to Him, Has - ten so glad and free;  
 I will has - ten, has - ten to Him, Has - ten so glad and free;

Has - ten glad and free;

Je - - sus, Great - est, High - est, I will come to Thee.  
 Je - sus, Je - sus,

## All That Glitters

I love our big church with its tall steeple  
And impressive white pillars  
You know I do, Lord.  
But sometimes I get the impression  
That we're running a sort of perpetual marathon  
That keeps everyone gasping and gulping for breath.  
Lord, I can't quite believe  
You applaud all our frantic effort  
Or demand each time-consuming activity  
Or encourage our continual attempt  
To function at galloping speed.

I wonder, dear Lord  
Do statistics really matter so much?  
Do our motives have more dross than silver?  
Are we more eager to do than to be?  
More anxious to impress than to reflect?  
Would simplification increase  
Rather than decrease our power?

So often, Lord  
I feel trapped, drained, shattered  
A living sacrifice to everyone but You.  
When conferences and committee meetings  
And car pools and exhausting rehearsals  
Suck me in until I feel totally submerged  
When status and glamour subtly urge me on  
Then, Lord, I seem to hear You say:  
"All that glitters is not God."

*Ruth Harms Calkin*

### STEP BY STEP

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow'r and love: As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your Pow'r and love: As we sing holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

### BEHOLD GOD

Behold God is my salvation  
I will trust, I will not be afraid  
Behold God is my strength and my song  
And He is become my Lord

### 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.

09/22/13  
"What Is Going on in the Church Today?"  
Zechariah 7:1-14  
Malachi 3:3

(2Th 2:3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

(1Ti 4:1-3) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

(1Jn 2:18-19) Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

(2Pe 2:1-3, 14, 18)

(Mat 7:15) Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

(Act 20:29-30) For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

(Rom 16:18) For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

(Php 2:21) For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

(2Co 13:5) Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

(Mat 7:21-23) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

(Luk 13:26-27) Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

(Zec 7:4-6) Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying, Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, *even* to me? And

when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*?

(Isa 14:12) How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

(Gen 3:5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

(2Th 2:4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

(Mal 2:17) Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

(2Ki 17:33) They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

(Isa 1:11-16)

(Amo 5:20-27)

(Zec 7:9-14)

(Heb 13:15) By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

(Mal 3:3) And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

(Eph 2:10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

(Joh 15:16) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

(Jas 2:14-26)

(Mat 7:16-20)

(2Co 5:15) And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

## The Stab

Lord I was thoroughly exasperated  
With our newsboy.  
Three times my husband requested  
That he throw our paper on the porch  
But there it was again....  
In the middle of the lawn.  
I dashed out the door  
To vent my irritation.  
In no uncertain terms I made it clear  
That such negligence was inexcusable  
That he'd never hold a responsible job  
That most boys his age....

Well, Lord, You heard me....  
Fury flying.  
He looked at me curiously  
Trying to put it together.  
Then suddenly the dawn:  
"Hey, I know you....  
You're my sister's Sunday school teacher  
You talk about God and love and stuff."  
Lord, I'm stabbed with shame.  
Forgive me  
Recreate me  
Until my life Monday  
Authentically reflects  
What I teach on Sunday.

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