



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 9, 2025  
at 10:30am

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

**\* Call to Worship**      *adapted from The Call to Worship found in <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/articles/it-takes-grace-1-corinthians-15>*

One: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world - which some seek to control, but which others view with despair - we declare with joy and trust:

**All: Our world belongs to God!**

One: From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until God's kin-dom fully comes,

**All: God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to God!**

One: God is King! Let the earth be glad!

**All: Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!**

One: The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

**All: Come, Lord Jesus! Our world, our work, and our worship belongs to you.**

**\* Opening Hymn**      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination		
Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.		
First Scripture Lesson	Proverbs 16:1-3 (NRSVUE)	
Epistle Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NRSVUE)	
The word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
Anthem	"Lord, Here Am I"	John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission Appointed for me, What is my labor, and where it shall be.  
Master, Thou callest And this I reply. “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”  
Willing, my Savior, To take up the cross; Willing to suffer Reproaches and loss;  
Willing to follow, If Thou wilt but lead; Only support me With grace in my need.  
Master..  
Living or dying; I still would be Thine, Yet I am mortal While Thou art divine.  
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity and bring me again to the light,  
Master, Thou callest And this I reply. “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

All children are welcome to follow the Children’s Chapel leaders to Children’s Chapel for the remainder of the service, if they choose.

Sermon	“The Work”	Rev. Anna Layman Knox
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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL

Prayer of Confession	Pg. 890
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The Wesley Covenant Prayer	
I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.	
We pause in a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.	

Assurance of Pardon
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Prayer of Gratitude for 2024 Leadership Council Members	
Jim Flesher Barb Janecko Sue Kompare Joy Makin	

Prayer of Commissioning for 2025 Leadership Council Members		
Please see the back of your bulletin for a list of the incoming Leadership Council members.		
* Sharing The Peace	Let us offer one another covid-conscious signs of reconciliation, love, and peace.	
Hymn	Here I Am, Lord	Pg. 593

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing our Tithes & Offerings

At Grace, we practice giving our tithes and offerings by sharing through plates distributed by ushers and also through giving online. We pray that you experience God's joy during this tangible act of giving today.

Offertory

\* Doxology

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\* Offertory Prayer

In November of 2024, our church wrote personal prayers, as an offering from Grace. These prayers are shared weekly during our worship time of giving.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

\* Hymn of Sending

Where He Leads Me

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\* Benediction

Postlude

We invite you to be seated during this postlude time of meditation, as we prepare our minds, bodies, and spirits to reenter a world that needs Grace.

We hope you'll join us in The Guild Room, following worship, for Coffee & Connection!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS	
Sound Board & Video - Dominic Knox	
Director of Music - Dr. Shelly Moorman-Stahlman	
Sunday Facility Steward - Wayne Bender	
Welcome Team - Bonnie Rhoads & Don Reasoner	
Children’s Chapel - Marjie Creamer & Hilary Holmes	
Worship Leader - Rick Albright	
Pastor - Rev. Anna Layman Knox	

PRAYER CHAIN	
We lift up Mike Malpezzi, as he begins chemotherapy for cancer. May he experience God’s presence and strength, as he enters this journey. - 2/2	
We pray for Shelly Moorman-Stahlman’s mother, Deannie, and Randy’s father, Keith, as they walk through significant health challenges, far away geographically from Shelly and Randy, but close in heart. - 2/2	

We lift up prayers of joy for the birth of baby Patrick Scott Bonfili to Emily and Dean Bonfili. Patrick arrived on January 29 at 11:18am weighing a healthy 7 lbs., 9 oz. and measuring 21” long! Grandparents Amy and Robert Hall share their gratitude to God for his safe arrival. - 1/29	
We pray for the Rev. Hannah Bonner, Hollywood UMC, and all other loved ones, colleagues, and churches, in the path and proximity of wildfire peril in Los Angeles. - 1/13	



We pray for Lisa Wolf’s mom and Carly’s Gram, Jean, who fell, broke her C2 this week, and is in hospital. We pray for relief from pain and discomfort, and for release of stress for her and all caring for her. - 1/9

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Bryleigh Hoover, Leall Williams, Michael Kains & Karl Heithacker - for cancer treatment, Carol Moore, Larry Coleman & Carly Wolf

If you are aware of anyone homebound, please let the office know so we can see that they are cared for. Thank you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, NOON ON ZOOM - FIRST STEP ZOOM CLASS** - Curious to learn more about Grace Church and possibly, how to be baptized, join as a member, or take another next step in faith? Sign up for First Step by filling out a Welcome Form in the Narthex or emailing office@gracehbg.org.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 5:30-7PM - GRACE ON TAP AT ZERODAY BREWERY TAPROOM** - Come out and bring friends to discuss a Christian response to the recent executive orders coming out of the White House! Bring a friend!

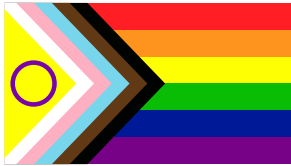
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 6:30PM ON ZOOM - LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** - All Leadership Council meetings are open to the congregation. Our next meeting will be on Zoom at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 18th. We hope you will join us and learn all about leadership at Grace! For a zoom link, contact Heather at office@gracehbg.org by 2pm on February 18th.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 10:30 WORSHIP - BAPTISM & NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** - We are so excited to welcome officially into God’s family several new members, including the baptism of Xavier Bates! We encourage you to keep these beloved in prayer, as they prepare for this special day.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, FOLLOWING 10:30AM WORSHIP - SHAPING GRACE’S FUTURE - CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON AND MEETING** - Mark your calendars for a congregational lite lunch on February 23rd to learn more about the unfolding of December’s Asset-Mapping Event and the next steps of the Saving Grace Initiative! To RSVP for the lunch, sign up in the narthex or email office@gracehbg.org.

**PRE ORDER YOUR COPY OF CELEBRATING GOD’S GRACE** - Celebrating God’s Grace is the title of the new history of Grace Church written by Wayne Bender over the past two years. Using Grace’s exhaustive collection of artifacts, scrapbooks and historical documents, Wayne has compiled a 180-page history of the church including nearly 300 historical photographs of the church, including every pastor since 1834. The book will soon be published as a 8.5x11” soft-bound book. The limited run print will have 125 copies available for sale at \$25 per book. All proceeds will benefit the church. Pre Orders are being taken, so please call the church office or email office@gracehbg.org to reserve a copy. Payment will be due upon receipt. Payment can be made by check to Grace United Methodist Church or by paying online. For mail orders, please add \$5.00 for shipping. The manuscript has been sent to the printer!

**MUCH MORE TO COME... STAY CONNECTED AND UP TO DATE! PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER.** It contains video links, as well as complete listings of all announcements and opportunities. Go to [gracehbg.org](http://gracehbg.org) to sign up or fill out a welcome form by clicking, Contact!



**OUR MISSION:** We celebrate human diversity and affirm God’s gifts of love and grace for ALL persons. Each of us is created in the image of God and is a child of God. We invite you, no matter your age, race, ethnicity, family structure, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical ability, immigration status or economic situation, to be in ministry with us. We support the full participation of all persons in every phase of church life. We believe that at Grace Church you will experience a God who already knows you by name, loves you, and yearns to have an even closer relationship with you. As a Reconciling Congregation, our hearts, minds and doors are open, and we are blessed by your presence.

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