

**Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 (The Message)**

**Preacher: Jon Keller**

**Sermon: "Living in Pure Grace"**

*This worship experience is for in-home use and is designed to give you and your family a Spirit-filled worship experience as we continue to be confined to our homes. May God bless you as you enter worship! Grace & Peace, Pastor Jon.*

## **Worship Service**

<https://youtu.be/ZzJF6cT9-Ig>

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Prelude: Pat Trostel**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**We light a candle to symbolize the presence of Christ in our midst and to help lead us into a sacred time of worship.**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Out of a world of cut-throat competition,  
of winners-and-losers,  
and too many left behind  
we come together in spirit.

**People: The world's ways are not our ways.  
The world's ways are not Christ's ways.**

Leader: Out of a world of hatred, violence,



individualism, and life-taking power  
we gather as *community*, as God's people.

**People: God's ways are inclusive, expansive,  
and life-giving for all peoples.**

Leader: Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits!  
Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine community!  
Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!

**People: Praise be to the Everlasting One!**

~ written by Tim Graves, and posted on **LiturgyBits**. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

**Opening Hymn: #28 Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit**

### Opening Prayer

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus' Name. **AMEN.**

### Praises and Prayer Requests

#### Praises

- Early signs of fall
- The excitement of starting school
- Seeing life through the eyes of a child

#### Prayers

- Prayers to all the families, students and teachers going back to school
- Kevin Hayslett (Adam Johnston's Nephew)

- Bert & Regina Shaner (Sheila Shumaker)
- David Couser
- Sarah Buirley
- Pastor Jon, Lori and the family of Alice Keller
- The family of Lester Karns (Judy Welborn)
- Larry, Janet and the Scheetz family (Kathe and Mel Ward's friend)
- Roy (Dian Hefelfinger's grandson)
- Rick Brewer's Grandmother
- Dian Hefelfinger
- Jenny Hausfeld
- Shirley Cochran
- Jayden Martin (great-nephew of Jon & Lori Keller)
- Beth Williams (Virginia Plunkett's daughter)
- Tony (Judy Welborn's cousin's husband)
- Ruth Millhouse
- Kent (Judy Welborn's cousin)
- Carol Jackson
- Sharon Schwanitz
- For all the families who have lost loved ones to Covid 19.
- For our political leaders, that they may work together to put forth policies to end systemic injustice in our country.
- For our community, that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God.
- For our Church, that we would be led by the Spirit of Christ, as we stand against the systems within our society which oppress people of color.
- All essential workers, caregivers, doctors, nurses and healthcare employees

## Community Prayer

Holy God, we come before you in prayer, lifting to you the joys and concerns, the hopes and dreams of our lives. May we also be open to your voice in our lives that we may see with new eyes, and hear with new ears, the direction you will have us to go.

Bless, we pray, this time of worship that we may grow and flourish in your love and grace for the purpose to which you have called us.

Hear our prayers for those whose lives have touched us—those who are in pain, those who are ill, those who grieve. May we touch their lives not only through our prayers, but through our lives and actions as well.

Guide us, bless us, uplift us, and hold us, for we are your children called to our purpose in your world. Hear our prayers, those spoken and those hidden in our hearts, we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~ posted on Life in Liturgy, from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

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## Offering Invitation

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts. We are called to offer all that we are to God—our bodies, our spirits, our minds, our time, and our money. As the body of Christ, we are called to be in ministry with others. With true generosity, let us give of ourselves this morning.

Ministry Matters- <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5313/worship-elements-august-23-2020>

## Offerings can be mail directly to:

**Jenny Hausfeld**  
**320 Green Oak Dr.**  
**Troy Ohio, 45373**

## Peoples Response PB #7 “Give Thanks”

### Offertory Prayer

Generous God,  
you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ’s body,  
the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the  
gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church.  
Amen.

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## Scripture Romans 12:1-8 (The Message)

12 <sup>1-2</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

<sup>3</sup> I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

<sup>4-6</sup> In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into

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all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

6-8 If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

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**Sending Hymn #366**   **God of Grace and God of glory**

**Blessing/Sending Forth**

You are the body of Christ.

May you have the heart of Christ,  
tender for mercy.

May you have the eyes of Christ  
to see a world in need.

May you have the feet of Christ  
to bring good news.

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Go in peace!

And God go with you.

~ posted on **Literature & Liturgy**. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>