

# Covenant of Grace Sunday Worship

June 21, 2020

## Announcements



In-person worship resumes today at the COG facility. A live-stream capability is be available for any who are unable to attend or uncomfortable worshipping in person. Visit <https://cogpca.org/join-us-for-worship/> for more information.



In place of VBS this summer, COG families will be hosting Backyard Get-Togethers! Also, Jill will be hosting weekly meetings via Zoom for 5th grade and younger children. Parents, check your e-mails for details or [contact Jill Burnett](#).



Secure online giving for your tithes and offerings is now available @ [cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving](https://cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving). Additionally, new offering boxes have been mounted near the exits to the COG Worship Center.

WELCOME

Pastor Herb Ruby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mark Samuel

## CORPORATE CALL TO WORSHIP

**A+B** Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth.  
**C+D** Serve the Lord with gladness;  
**A+B** Come before him with joyful songs.  
**C+D** Know that the Lord is God.  
**A+B** It is he who made us, and we are his;  
**C+D** We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
**A+B** Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
**C+D** and his courts with praise;  
**A+B** give thanks to him and praise his name.  
**C+D** For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.  
**ALL:** His faithfulness continues through all generations.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

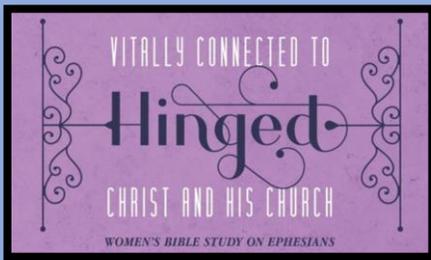
SONG OF PRAISE "Lord I Need You" Music Team

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Mark Samuel

SONG OF PRAISE "Good, Good Father" Music Team

## SCRIPTURE: EZRA 3: 1-3, 10-13

When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled as one man in Jerusalem. 2 Then Jeshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. 3 Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices. 10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments and with trumpets, and the Levites (the sons of Asaph) with cymbals, took their places to praise the Lord, as prescribed by David king of Israel. 11 With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. 12 But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. 13 No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.



The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Bible Study in conjunction with the National Women's Ministry Leadership of the PCA. Please [click here](#) to find out more information about the upcoming study and to sign up.

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## MESSAGE: THE JOY IN WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

### Introduction

**Big Idea:** If we focus on pleasing God, we will experience joy.

- I. God is pleased when his people gather to worship him.
- II. If we focus on what we are missing, our joy will be diminished.
- III. Sharing our faith in Jesus together increases our joy.

### Application

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## BENEDICTION

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## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION / REFLECTION

**Question 1:** What benefits do we get by worshipping with other believers that we can not get by worshipping alone?.

**Question 2:** What can distract your focus in worship? How can you minimize it?

**Question 3:** Explain in more detail why Jesus refers to himself as the temple.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Isaiah 45:1 & 13, Does this amaze you?
2. Compare and contrast Exodus 19:1-8 with I Peter 2:9-10.

Do you see why some theologians say the church began at Mt. Sinai?

3. We can worship Jesus all by ourselves, but what is Jesus telling us in Matthew 18:20?

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## NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE:

The World's Opposition to Right Worship - Ezra 4: 1-5