

Covenant of Grace Sunday Worship

August 2, 2020

Announcements



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



On September 26, 2020 COG will host a clothing giveaway as a way to love our community. Please bring CLEAN adult and children's clothing to the Children's Ministry office Sundays before and after church or Tues-Fri 10am-2pm.



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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Ken Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP: Ps. 111:1-3; 7-9

Leader: Praise the Lord..

People:: I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the counsel of the upright and in the assembly.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord;

People: they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Leader: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

People: and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

People: all his precepts are trustworthy.

Leader: They are steadfast for ever and ever,

People: done in faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He provided redemption for his people;

People: he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE “We All Bow Down” Music Team

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “The Land of the Living”
Blake Ruby, soloist**

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:1-3

1Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

2Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



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](#).

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MESSAGE: Finishing the Race

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3 **Pastor Herb Ruby**

Introduction

Big Idea: Like running a race, believers are to focus on finishing well.

- I. To finish well we must persist all the way to the finish.
 1. Our goal should be to finish well.
 2. What finishing well looks like.
- II. Keys to finishing well.
 1. People who encourage you.
 2. Get rid of sinful distractions.
 3. Run your race.
 4. Focus on Jesus.
 5. Have proper nutrition.
- III. Look forward to the joy of heaven.

Conclusion

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF PREPARATION

SILENT PRAYER/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION / REFLECTION

Question 1: What are some things in your life that might hinder you running your race? Explain.

Question 2: What does it mean to "fix our eyes on Jesus?"

Question 3: At the end of verse 1 we are told we "have a race marked out for us." Compare that with what Paul says in Galatians 6:4. What does this imply?

Question 4: What would finishing well look like for you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In I Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul talks about training. What physical training is analogous to spiritual training.
2. Hebrews 12:1 describes being watched by witnesses. Do you have some people "cheering you on" in you spiritual life? If so, how are they doing that.
3. In II Timothy 4:7 Paul describes what finishing the race means. Can you explain his answer in more detail?

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE: For I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel

Romans 1:14-20

Elder Ken Harris, preaching