



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship ..... Keith Davis

Hymn ..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Hal Pritchard

Hymn ..... "Worthy of Worship"

Hymn ..... "Man of Sorrows"

The Reading of the Word — *Daniel 3:1-30* ..... Hal Pritchard

Hymn ..... "How Great Thou Art"

The Sermon — *"No Man Can Serve Two Masters" (Matthew 6:24)* ..... Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn ..... "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Hymn ..... "Have Faith in God"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"A Christlike Love" (Philippians 2:19-30)* ..... Prashant Thakkar

Hymn ..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

True religion is diffusive and extensive in its operations. I see people drawing lines continually, and saying, "So far is religious, and so far is secular." What do you mean? The notion is one which suits with the exploded notions of sacred places, priests, shrines, and relics. I do not believe in it. Everything is holy to a holy man. To the pure all things are pure. To a man who seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, his house is a temple, his meals are sacraments, his garments are vestments, every day is a holy day, and he himself is a priest and a king unto God. The sphere of Christianity is co-extensive with daily life. I am not to say, "I serve God when I stand in the pulpit," for that might imply that I wished to serve the devil when my sermon was over. We are not only to be devout at church, and pious at prayer meetings, but to be devout and godly everywhere. Religion must not be like a fine piece of medieval armor, to be hung upon the wall, or only worn on state occasions. No, it is a garment for the house, the shop, the bank. Your ledgers and iron safes are to be made by grace "holiness unto the Lord." Godliness is for the parlor and the drawing room, the counting house and the exchange. It can neither be put off nor on. It is of the man and in the man if it is real. Righteousness is a quality of the heart, and abides in the nature of the saved man as a component part of his new self. He is not righteous who is not always righteous. Undefined religion is a vital matter; it is in the life of the man. I am afraid that the religion of some people is like the shell of the hermit crab. At sea the dredge brings up innumerable creeping things, and among them creatures which have their own natural shells to live in, but here comes a fellow who has

annexed the shell of a whelk, and bears it about as if it were his own. He lives in it while it suits him, and he gives up the tenancy when it becomes inconvenient, the shell is not part of him. Avoid such a religion. Beware of a Sunday shell, and a weekday without the shell. That religion which you can part with, you had better part with. If you can get rid of it, get rid of it. If it is not part and parcel of yourself, it is good for nothing. If it does not run right through you like a silver thread through a piece of embroidery, it will not avail for your eternal salvation. I said just now that true godliness must be diffusive, and I return to the statement. I remember a remark of John Newton, he was a thoroughly Calvinistic preacher, but when one asked him whether he believed in Calvinism, he replied, "I am a Calvinist, but I do not take it as children eat lumps of sugar, I use it to flavor all my preaching, as men use sugar in tea or food." Hypocrites swallow religion in lumps, inviting all to admire the quantity, but sincere seekers after righteousness quietly dissolve their godliness in their lives and sweeten all their common relationships with it. The real saint flavors his ordinary life with grace, so that his wife, and his children, his servants and his neighbors, are the better for it. Mr. Rowland Hill used to say that a man was not a true Christian if his dog and his cat were not the better off for it. That witness is true. A man's religion ought to be to him what perfume is to a rose, or light to the sun, it should be the necessary outcome of his existence. If his life is not fragrant with truth, and bright with love, the question arises whether he knows the religion of our Lord Jesus.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

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| <b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <i>Morning</i><br>Jessica Mullins & Wendy Winn                             |
| <i>Evening/Afternoon</i><br>Ashley Lirette & Mary Margaret Pritchard       |
| <i>Wednesday - March 1<sup>st</sup></i><br>Claire Shores & Bethany Wallace |

Today's Sound Operator - Dirk de Waal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

## SERIES IN EXODUS

We will continue tonight the sermon series going through the book of Exodus. All are encouraged to attend as Hal Pritchard, Dirk de Waal, and Seth Lirette rotate each week leading us through this study of this foundational book of the Old Testament and God's word.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The new members class will begin again starting March 5<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour, led by Hal Pritchard. If you have any questions or would like to participate, see Hal or Pastor Thomas.

