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The Historic

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Richard Brooks

Organ Prelude

Kevin Long

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL to WORSHIP

Romans 12:1-2

Leader: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect in God's eyes. And with open hearts, all God's people said:

People: Let us worship the God of our salvation!

† **PRAYER of GOD'S PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER**

† **ASSURANCE of GOD'S LOVE**

John 3: 16-17

HYMN of PRAISE

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (*God's voice in the Past*)

Romans 3 & 5

HYMN of PREPARATION

SERMON (*God's voice to us Today*)

"Grace to You"

† **HYMN of COMMITMENT**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† **BENEDICTION**

Matthew 7: 7-8

Wherever we are, God has placed us there. Wherever we go, God will lead us there. God has a purpose for our lives, from our going out and our coming in, now and forever. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Organ Postlude

† **Please Stand**

Footsteps to Follow

“Grace to You”

by Richard Brooks FPC-D

SCRIPTURE: *(God's voice in the Past)*

Romans 3

²² God's righteousness comes through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ for all who have faith in him (*πιστεύω [pist-yoo'-o] to trust in, believe in, put confidence in*). There's no distinction (among people). ²³ All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, ²⁴ but all are treated as righteous freely (*δικαιώω [dik-ah-yo'-o] declared acceptable, innocent, acquitted*) (*δωρεάν [do-reh-an'] as a gift, requiring no payment*) by God's grace because of a ransom that was paid by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ Through Jesus' faithfulness, God displayed Jesus as the sacrifice where mercy is found by means of his blood.

Romans 5

¹ Therefore, since we have been made righteous (acceptable by God) through Jesus' faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace (*χάρις [khar'-ece] kindness, favor, as a gift*) in which we stand through Christ, and we boast in the hope of God's glory.

³ But not only that! We even take pride (*Καυχάομαι [kow-khah'-om-ahee] boast, exalt, be proud*) in our problems, because we know (*οἶδα [i'-do] understand, remember*)...

...that our trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in to our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people.

(Paul contrast Jesus with Adam)

¹⁸ So now the righteous (God's accepting) requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person (Jesus Christ), just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person (Adam). ¹⁹ Just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person (Adam), many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person (Jesus Christ).

The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God!

SERMON: *(God's voice to us Today)*

- (1) God's Grace (acceptance) to You
- (2) Your Grace (acceptance) to Others

Life in a Crowded Elevator