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*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. —Philippians 1:4-6*

Dear Friends,

Over our 150-year history, Grace Commons has had many partners in the gospel. From our first day until now, God has been doing a good work among us through the ministry of gifted preachers and teachers who have loved and cared for our church, our city, and beyond. We have been blessed by ordained and lay leaders, some for just a season, and some for a longer tenure. Recently, we welcomed two new assistant pastors, and we look forward to their ministry to come, rejoicing that God has watched over the comings and goings of our church leaders so faithfully (Psalm 121:8).

We are writing to share with you the bittersweet news that Pastor Carl Hofmann has discerned a call to pursue new ministry opportunities. In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says, “See I am doing a new thing!” Carl has felt this stirring, and he is excited to lean into a series of projects that will extend his gifts of teaching, writing, and care beyond our Grace Commons community, and even beyond Boulder. You can read more about these new endeavors in Carl’s letter.

Because we love and respect Carl, Session has worked closely with him to financially support and bless him as he launches into his next season of ministry. Although Carl will no longer have a regular presence at Grace Commons, we continue to hold him in high regard as a partner in the gospel. We know that the seeds Carl planted here will continue to be nurtured by our Session, pastors, and all of you. After 24 years among us (the second-longest pastorate in our history!), Carl’s desire is to leave well, with continued affection for our church, its ministry, and most of all, its people.

The staff and Session are working together on plans to carry on with congregational care activities. Following Carl’s example, we will endeavor to love and serve you well. As we adjust to this change in staffing, our confidence remains in God, who we know will carry on a good work here until his kingdom is established through Jesus our Lord.

As noted in his letter, Carl’s last sermon will be Sunday, June 21, and his last Sunday at Grace Commons will be June 28. Please plan to join us after the service June 28 to share goodbyes and well wishes with Carl and Rupali. Transitions of long-tenured leaders are significant moments in the life of a church. We invite you to join us in praying for Carl and his family during this time of transition, and to join us on June 28 as we formally celebrate his legacy and send him forth with our deepest blessings.

May God grant us all grace, peace, wisdom and unity as we follow him into the future here at Grace Commons.

Grace Commons Session