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## SESSION

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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**June 18, 2017**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

**Processional Hymn 488** The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

### Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen.**)

Almighty God, you have called us to serve you; yet without your grace we are unable to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

### Prayer of Confession

Unison

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses,**

**and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,**

**confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,**

**and finding in you our refuge and strength;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son. ...**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 396** O for a Closer Walk with God

Caithness

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

### **Time with Young Christians**

### **Old Testament**

Genesis 18:1-15

### **Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19**

Unison

**I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.**

**Because he has inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

**What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

**O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.**

**You have loosed my bonds.**

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice**

**and call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**

**in the courts of the house of the Lord,**

**in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord**

### **Anthem**

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth, 1986

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free. In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future: what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. Alleluia. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity. In our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown, which God alone can see.

### **Epistle**

Romans 5:1-8

### **Gospel**

Matthew 9:35-10:15

### **Sermon**

Hearing the Call

Mike Krech

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”  
Matthew 9:37-38

**The congregation stands to sing**

### **Hymn 343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

### **Apostles' Creed**

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

### **Gloria Patri 579**

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

**The congregation sits.**

### **Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory**

**The congregation stands to sing the**

### **Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

### **Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 475** O That I Had a Thousand Voices

O Dass Ich Tausend Zungen Hatte

### **Postlude**

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church. We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, which extends until Advent begins on December 3. Our Gospel readings come from Matthew, the Old Testament from Genesis, and the Epistle from Paul's letter to the Romans. The liturgical color is green, emblematic of growth in faith, which these lessons seek to help us achieve. (JMK)