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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 2, 2017

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee) & America the Beautiful
arr. Kristine Johaneck

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 262 National Hymn

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

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**.)

Eternal God, in your perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and there is no strength but the strength of love. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered as your children under the banner of the Prince of Peace to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession Unison

Almighty God, ruler of all the peoples of the earth,
forgive, we pray, our shortcomings as a nation.

Purify our hearts to see and love truth.

Give wisdom to our counselors and steadfastness to our people,
and bring us at last to that fair city of peace,
whose foundations are mercy, justice and goodwill,
and whose builder and maker you are;
through Jesus Christ our Lord ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 561 My Country, 'Tis of Thee America

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 22:1-14

Psalm 13 Unison

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord, my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death.

Then my enemy will say, I have prevailed,"

and my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Anthem Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood, 1964

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today.

With thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,

one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

(-- Latin text, 7th century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851)

Epistle Romans 6:12-23

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Little Ones to Him Belong Mike Krech
"... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a
disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." Matthew 10:42

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 563 Lift Every Voice and Sing Lift Every Voice

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 Sonata No.3, 2nd Movement G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Corey Weiss, violin

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 564 O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies Materna

Postlude From Sea to Shining Sea arr. Gail Scott Robbins

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

Today we also take note of the national Independence Day holiday.

Our Gospel readings from now until Advent begins on December 3 will come from Matthew.

The Old Testament readings from Genesis concern the patriarchs.

The Epistle readings come from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith these lessons want us to achieve.

(JMK)