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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

July 9, 2017

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Be Still, My Soul Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above Lyons

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, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children, we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

so that, as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 454

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Liebster Jesu

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

Commissioning Prayer for Bob Gammon, in mission in Mexico

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Old Testament Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

Psalm 45:10-17 Unison

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;
forget your people and your father's house, and
the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people, with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes.

In many-colored robes she is led to the king;
behind her, the maidens, her companions, follow.

With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors, you, O king, shall have sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
therefore, the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

Anthem Take Thou Our Minds Joan J. Pinkston, 2010

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day.

Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne.

Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love; use us to make the earth like heav'n above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway; have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way.

Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guard Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.

We yield ourselves to heed Thy sov'reign call; we give ourselves to Thee, our God, our all.
(--William H. Foulkes, 1918, alt.)

Epistle Romans 7:15-25a

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Sermon Heavy or Light? Mike Krech

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:29-30

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee St. Agnes

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Nocturne, Opus 32, No. 1 Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

All Christians are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Hymn 514 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Linstead

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 366 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me St. Catherine

Postlude Marche Heroique Camille Saint Saens (1835-1921)

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

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