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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 23, 2017

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Alleluia!

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

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, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness, but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

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 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12,23-24

Unison

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall guide me,
your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

Test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr. Hal Hopson, 1976

Dona nobis pacem. (Latin for "Grant us peace.") Amen.

(--16th century melody)

Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Sermon

Let Me Kill Your Weeds

Mike Krech

"And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from? Do you want us to go and gather them?'"

Matthew 13:27, 28b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

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

Adagio

W.A. Mozart

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's, Windsor

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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.