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

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 13, 2017

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past St. Anne

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**.)

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Almighty and most merciful Father:

We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against Thy holy laws.

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us.**

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults;
restore Thou those who are penitent
according to Thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus, our Lord,**

**and grant O most merciful Father, for His sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life to the glory of thy holy name ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 179 God Is My Strong Salvation Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben

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 37:1-28

Psalms 105:1-3,16-22,45b

Unison

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

When God summoned famine against the land

and broke every staff of bread,

God had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron;

until what God had said came to pass,

the word of the Lord kept testing him.

The king sent and released him;

the ruler of the people set him free.

He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions,

to instruct his officials at his pleasure

and to teach his elders wisdom. **Praise the Lord.**

Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

Anthem How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn, 1836

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings. (-- Text: Romans 10:15,18; music from the Oratorio *St. Paul*; this arrangement by Russell Robinson, 2010)

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

That Sinking Feeling

Mike Krech

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'" Matthew 14:30

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

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

Seek Ye First, with Pachelbel Canon

Karen Lafferty

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

arr. Lynn Hollander

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

Postlude

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.