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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**January 28, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

On the hymn tune Slane arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

The congregation stands to sing

**Processional Hymn 489** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

### 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.**)

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never-ending.

Enable us to love you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us,  
through Jesus Christ your Son, 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

**When we walk in darkness,  
we hope for your light.**

**Then you increase our harvest and fill us with joy,  
yet we do not praise you.**

**You united us in our baptism,  
but our quarrels divide your church.**

**The call to your kingdom is absolute,  
yet we entangle ourselves with our own priorities.**

**Forgive us Lord from the sins we know in our heart.**

**Save us Lord from the sins we hide ...**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 372** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

**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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

**Psalms 111**

Unison

**Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

**Full of honor and majesty are the works of the Lord,  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**God provides food for those who fear him, ever mindful of his covenant.**

**God has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the heritage of the nations.**

**The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**God sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**

**Holy and awesome is God's name.**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**

**those who practice it have a good understanding.**

**God's praise endures forever.**

**Anthem**

In Thee, O Lord

F.J. Haydn (1732-1809)

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust. Bow down Thine ear unto me; make haste to deliver me.

Be Thou also my guide, O Lord. Draw me out of the net the wicked have thrown to ensnare me,

for Thou art my God. Into Thine hands I commend my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me, O

Lord, Thou God of truth. (-- Psalm 31:1-5; arr. by Benjamin Suchoff, 1969)

**Gospel**

Mark 1:21-28

**Epistle**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

**Sermon**

Food for Thought

Mike Krech

“Therefore if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.”  
1 Corinthians 8:13

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 339**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

**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**

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Tune: Liebster Jesu

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

Johann R. Ahle, 1664

Arr. Kevin McChesney

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

**Postlude**

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1711)

**Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.** We are in the season of the Sundays after the Epiphany. The knowledge of Jesus continues to spread by his words and deeds. In today's Gospel, Jesus preaches at the synagogue in Capernaum, a town on the Sea of Galilee, and he is welcomed as one with authority. Jesus also heals a man in the synagogue. In the Epistle lesson, Paul struggles with the question of Christian freedom in regard to eating food that had been offered to idols, a practice which might give offense to “weaker” members of the church.