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

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 9, 2018

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Chorale Prelude on Lobe Den Herren Ch. H. Rinck

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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 the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which you Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work you have set before us through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation

and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit....

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy In Babilone

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 may bring their "ringing collection" and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a
Time with Young Christians

Old Testament Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9-22-23

Psalms 125 Unison

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people
from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

Peace be upon Israel!

Anthem Dona Nobis Pacem 16th century canon

Hal H. Hopson, 1976

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

Epistle James 2:1-10,14-17

Gospel Mark 7:24-37

Sermon Without Distinctions Mike Krech

"And if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes ... while to the one who is poor
you say, 'Stand there,' or 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves
and become judges with evil thoughts?"
James 2:3a,c,4

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God Trentham

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 Hymn Setting on Melcombe C.S. Lang

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 467 How Great Thou Art O Store Gud

Postlude Postlude in G Major R. Zientarski

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Our Gospel readings from now until Advent begins on December 2 come mostly from Mark.

The Old Testament readings are from the Wisdom literature, traditionally attributed to King Solomon.

The Epistle readings are from the Letter of James and later the Letter to the Hebrews.

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

(JMK)