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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude on Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Franklin Ritter

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

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, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we also may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned:

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 332 Live Into Hope Truro

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 Nehemiah 8:1-4a,5-6,8-10

Psalms 19:1-12,14 Unison

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament declares God's handiwork.

Day unto day pours forth speech, and night unto night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their line has gone out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes forth like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Anthem The Heavens Proclaim Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

The heavens proclaim the Lord of life; the heights show forth God's majesty.

Each day awakes to the rising sun; each night unfolds from night to night.

No word is heard, yet their voices ring through all the earth.

From morning dawn to setting sun, praise God, Creator, Mighty One.

God made the earth and heav'n above and rules o'er all in might and love.

The heights show forth God's glory forevermore.

(-- Psalm 19; text adapted and musical setting by Hal H. Hopson, 2002)

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Sermon The Program and the Person Mike Krech

"The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:20b-21

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come Festal Song

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 Just As I Am, Without One Plea arr. Timothy Albrecht

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 442 The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

Postlude Postlude on "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Robert J. Hughes

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of the Sundays after Epiphany. Epiphany means a shining forth, and thus the revelation of God in Christ to the world. On Epiphany Sunday that revelation was to the wise men through the leading of a star, then at Jesus' baptism, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, then at the miracle at the wedding at Cana, turning water into wine. Today Jesus, having taught in synagogues throughout Galilee, speaks at his hometown of Nazareth, reading from Isaiah and telling the people that the scripture has been fulfilled. (JMK)