

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 14, 2019

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

May Jesus Christ Be Praised arr. by J. Bennett/C. Berry
Eddie Byrd, piano/ Michelle Brown, organ

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

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 have taught us through Christ that love fulfills the law. May we love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and may we love our neighbors as ourselves; through 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 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Morecambe

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

Amos 7:7-17

Psalms 82

Unison

God has taken his place in the divine council;

in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?”

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;

maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding;

they walk around in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you.

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;

for all the nations belong to you.

Anthem

Hear Me Now, O Lord

Jay Althouse, 2000

Hear me now, O Lord. I come with reverence to You. I come with questions for You.

When my days are like the shadows of evening, filled with darkness and despair,

Then I know that in Your love and compassion, You will counsel me; You will care.

I ask for guidance from You.

When my heart is like a tree without water, anguished and in need of prayer,

then I hunger and thirst for Your wisdom. You will nourish me. You will care.

Epistle

Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

Beaten Up and Beaten Down

Mike Krech

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.”

Luke 10:30

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 385

O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face

Song 1

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. M. Ham

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

Darwall’s 148th

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. by J. Bennett

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 1 are from Luke.

The Old Testament readings are from the prophet Amos, and later Hosea.

The Epistle readings are from Paul’s letter to the Colossians, and later Hebrews.

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

(JMK)