

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.
September 1, 2019

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy John B. Dykes, arr. by Lowell Alexander

The congregation stands to sing

Processional Hymn 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above Lyons

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**.)

O God, you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place in the joyful assembly of the new covenant. May your church always honor the presence of the Lord in the humble and the suffering, and may we learn to recognize each other as brothers and sisters, gathered together around your table; through 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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: we have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

forgive us all our offenses,

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

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 bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time with Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1,10-16 Unison

Sing aloud to God, our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways.

Then I would quickly subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him
and their doom would last forever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

Solo Air (from Messiah) G.F. Handel, 1742
Karen Schlichte, soprano

Epistle Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

Sermon Moving On Up Mike Krech

“But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’”
Luke 14:10a,b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Maryton

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory What a Friend We Have in Jesus Medley arranged by Jay Rouse

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

All Christians are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Piano Come, Thou Fount arranged by Lowell Alexander

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 415 Come, Labor On Ora Labora

Postlude Sing the Mighty Power of God arranged by Carol Tornquist

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Our Gospel readings are from Luke, Old Testament from Jeremiah, and Epistle from Hebrews.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith

these lessons want us to achieve. (JMK)