Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God June 21, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Blessed Be The Name/O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Traditional/Music by Carl Glaser; arr. Stan Pethel

Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

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.**) Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your spirit, that we may walk with Christ the way of the cross, offering ourselves for your service to show forth to the world our hope in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ 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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. ...

Silent Prayers of Confession Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Matthew 10:24-33

Psalm 86:1-10,16-17

Unison

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life for I am devoted to you.

Save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant; for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made

shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant.

Save the child of your serving girl.

Show me a sign of your favor that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,

because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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The congregation sits.

Epistle Old Testament Romans 6:1-11 Genesis 21:8-21

Sermon

Every Child a Child of God

Mike Krech

"And God heard the voice of the boy, ... and said, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Gen. 21:17a,c,18

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Christ Is Raised Engelberg Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Apostles' Creed 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 If You Will Only Let God Guide You

(Tune: Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott, by George Neumark; arr. Anna Laura Page)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 475

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

O Dass Ich Tausand Zungen Hatte

Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name

Michael W. Smith;

arr. Larry Mayfield

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We have begun the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, which extends until Advent begins on November 29.

Our Gospel readings come from Matthew,

the Old Testament from Genesis,

and the Epistle from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The liturgical color is green,

emblematic of growth in faith, which these lessons seek to help us achieve.

(JMK)

CHURCH SESSION

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