## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God June 28, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Be Strong in the Lord

Tom Fettke

arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 210** 

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

**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, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge, give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creation to your glory; 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 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Assurance

**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

Epistle Romans 6:12-23

Psalm 13 Unison

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death.

And my enemy will say, "I have prevailed."

My foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt bountifully with me.

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 440** In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

Genesis 22:1-14

The congregation sits.

Old Testament

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon Following Father Abraham Mike Krech

"After these things, God tested Abraham." Genesis 22:1a

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 408** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life Germany

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 At the Name of Jesus John Zundel

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 420 God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! Chester G. Allen

arr. Mary McDonald

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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