

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

July 12, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Tune: Marion) arr. David Lowe

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God Ellacombe

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**.)

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 244

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

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 8:1-11

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Old Testament

Genesis 25:29-34

Psalm 46

Unison

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.

God will help her right early.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

He utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the worlds of the Lord,

how He wrought desolations in the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

He burns the chariots with fire!

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sermon The God in Whom We Trust Dr. Donald K. McKim
 “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.” Psalm 46:11 (RSV)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 191 God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength Winchester Old

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 Ein’ Feste Burg Johann Christoph Bach

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein’ Feste Burg

Postlude To God Be the Glory Fanny Crosby; arr. Don Hustad

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to **Dr. Don McKim** for leading worship and preaching today.

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

CHURCH SESSION

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Brooks Keiser
Elizabeth Velazquez

Class of 2021

Rickie Cooke
Anna Tate
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