

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 20, 2020

In the sanctuary and live-streamed

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand/In Christ Alone
George N. Allen, 1844; Stuart Townsend & Keith Getty, 2001;
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Mit Freuden Zart

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 created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and
thanksgiving; 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

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 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

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, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Exodus 16:2-18

Psalms 105:1-3,5,37-43,45 Unison

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Remember the wonderful works God has done, in miracle and judgment.

God brought Israel out with silver and gold,

and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

God spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.

They asked and God brought quails

and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

God opened the rock and water gushed out;

it flowed through the desert like a river.

For God remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

So God brought the people out with joy, the chosen ones with singing,

that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon QuitChaBellyAchin' Mike Krech

"And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." Matthew 20:11-12

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 413 All Who Love and Serve Your City Charlestown

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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus William J. Kirkpatrick
Rickie Cooke, Baritone Horn

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 415 Come, Labor On Ora Labora

The congregation sits.

Postlude All Who Would Valiant Be Tune: St. Dunstan's
Charles Winfred Douglas (1917); arr. Fred Bock

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Our Old Testament readings are from Exodus.

The Epistle readings are from Philippians, the Gospel readings from Matthew.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth these lessons lead us to receive. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo, all is just, and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part.
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART; Bohemian Brethren *Kirchengesang*, 1566

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1825; Tune RATHBUN; Ithamar Conkey, 1849

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a might rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868;

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER; Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

All Who Love and Serve Your City

All who love and serve your city, All who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, All who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty, Wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, And the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns Him, Offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city Be the city of despair?

Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1966; Tune: CHARLESTOWN; *The United States Sacred Harmony*,
1799; Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

Come, Labor On

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
While all around us waves the golden grain?

And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.

Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly, The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.

Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,

And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt.;

Tune: ORA LABORA; Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918