

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 11, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe Den Herren) arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

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 ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name ...

**Silent Prayers of Confession
Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 179 God Is My Strong Salvation Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Unison

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give us what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Musical Meditation Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Becky Stirling, bell tree; Susan Steppe, organ

Tune: Bradbury
arr. Barbara Brocker

Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 413 All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon

The Great Ends of the Church, I:

The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind Mike Krech
“In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.” Ephesians 1:13

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound Amazing Grace

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 Canon in D Johann Pachelbel, 1680
arr. Diane Bish

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 420 God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,
or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude On “Old Hundredth” arr. Fred Bock

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Today I am beginning a six-part sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church.

This brief summary of the primary purposes (ends) of the church are from a historic statement by one of the predecessor Presbyterian bodies now part of the PCUSA. These ends of the church correspond well to our epistle lessons from of the letter to the Ephesians, these six Sundays.

In coming weeks:

July 18 Ephesians 2:11-22: **The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God**

July 25 Ephesians 3:14-21: **The Maintenance of Divine Worship**

August 1 Ephesians 4:1-16: **The Preservation of the Truth**

August 8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2: **The Promotion of Social Righteousness**

August 15 Ephesians 5:15-20: **The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World**

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.
Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Text: Walter Chambers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987;

Tune: ST. DENIO, Welsh folk melody, adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

God Is My Strong Salvation

God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?
Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage, wait;
God's truth be thine affianced, When faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace.

Text: James Montgomery, 1822; alt. 1988

Tune: CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN; Melchior Vulpius, 1609

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1779, stanzas 1-4; *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, stanza 5;
Tune: AMAZING GRACE; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Brings its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.;

Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907