

CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 15, 2021

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Give to Our God Immortal Praise (Duke Street)

John Hatton; arr. Wilbur Held

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 469

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

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**.)

O Thou whose name is Love, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world. Give us such knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened by his risen life to serve you continually; 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

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 452 O Day of God, Draw Nigh St. Michael

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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Unison

O fear the Lord, you, God's holy ones,
for those who fear God have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 419 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord Repton

The congregation sits.

Gospel

John 6:56-69

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon The Great Ends of the Church, 6: Mike Krech
The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World
"Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time ..." Ephesians 5:15-16a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 339 Be Thou My Vision Slane

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 Highland Cathedral
Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

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

Postlude To God Be the Glory (Doane) arr. Don Hustad

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the last in a six-part sermon series on The Great Ends of the Church, a summary of the primary purposes (ends) of the church, found in our Presbyterian Book of Order.

Others in the series have been:

July 11 Ephesians 1:3-14: The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind

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 4:24-5:2: The Promotion of Social Righteousness (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!
Sweet the rain's new fall, Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness Where God's feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's re-creation Of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931;

Tune: BUNESSAN; Gaelic melody; Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

O day of God, draw nigh In beauty and in power,
Come with your timeless judgment now To match our present hour.
Bring to our troubled minds, Uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith, Calm of a call obeyed.
Bring justice to our land, That all may dwell secure,
And finely build for days to come Foundations that endure.
Bring to our world of strife Your sovereign word of peace,
That war may haunt the earth no more And desolation cease.
O day of God, draw nigh As at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and set Your judgments in the earth.

Text: Robert B. Y. Scott, 1937, 1939; alt. 1972

Tune: ST. MICHAEL; Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapt. William Crotch, 1836

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed your call:
To live according to Your word, And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
If worldly pressures fray the mind And love itself cannot unwind
Its tangled skein of care; Our inward life repair.

We mark Your saints, how they became In hindrances more sure,
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear Your name,
And by our faults obscure Your power to cleanse and cure.

In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new, May we not cease to look to You –
The cross You hung upon – All You endeavored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1981

Tune: REPTON; C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou
art

Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my
light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou
art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me
Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Ancient Irish poem; Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912;
alt.

Tune: SLANE; Irish ballad; Harm. David Evans, 1927

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend;
To her my toils and cares be given, Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heaven.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1800

Tune: ST. THOMAS; *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770