

## CHURCH SESSION

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

## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

October 3, 2021

World Communion Sunday

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed James McGranahan  
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

#### 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 built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your people in unity by your Holy Spirit that it may manifest your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

**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

Job 1:1-5; 2:1-10

#### Psalm 26

Unison

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test me heart and my mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,  
singing a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.

Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,  
those in whose hands are evil devices,  
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

But as for me, I walk in my integrity;  
redeem me and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground;  
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

#### Musical Meditation

Heaven is Holy

Cameroonian ensemble

#### Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 474 O Splendor of God's Glory Bright Puer Nobis Nascitur

The congregation sits.

#### Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-10

#### Sermon

B.P. and A.D.

Mike Krech

“Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, ...”  
Hebrews 1:1-2a

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 515

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

#### Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

#### Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

## Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

### Offertory Sentence

Offertory O Savior Sweet, O Savior Kind J.S. Bach; arr. George Blake

The congregation stands to sing the

#### Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Words of Institution

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to the tables.

Please give the person in front of you plenty of time for a reverent Communion.

Carefully take a piece of bread and consume it safely, away from the bread tray.

If you choose also to receive the cup, drink away from the cup tray.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to

#### Postlude

Postlude on Webb

arr. Jason Payne

## Congregational Meeting to Elect Nominating Committee

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;

Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

### **Fairest Lord Jesus**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of  
spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Text: Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677; Trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850; alt.;

Tune: CRUSADERS' HYMN; Silesian folk melody, in *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842

### **O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**

O splendor of God's glory bright, From light eternal bringing light;  
Thou light of life, light's living spring, True day, all days illumining.

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, Shower down Thy radiance from above,  
And to our inward hearts convey The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day When thoughts as clear as morning's ray,  
With faith like noontide shining bright, Our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born;  
O may we ever clearly see Our Savior and our God in Thee!

Text: Ambrose of Milan, c. 374; trans. composite, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985;

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR; Trier ms., 15<sup>th</sup> century;

Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1902

### **Now to Your Table Spread**

Now to Your table spread We come, each one, in faith  
That You alone provide the words of life and death:

In wine and bread, In promised food, We find Your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world reach out Your mystery to touch

In longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,

To sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your meaning for our life.

Here is our commonwealth, In sharing what is good,

As though all humankind around one table stood,

This bread to break, This wine to taste: One people in the name of Christ.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN; John Ireland, 1918

### **In Christ There Is No East or West**

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;

But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord, Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east or west, In Him meet south and north;

All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; alt.;

Tune: MCKEE, African-American spiritual;

*Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

