

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

October 31, 2021

Reformation Sunday

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Prelude and Fugue in A Minor J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 457** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

### 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**)

Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him by whom all things were made, 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 220** All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old Hundredth

**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

**Epistle** Hebrews 9:11-14

**Psalm 146** Unison

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth,  
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is therein,  
who keeps faith forever,  
who executes justice for the oppressed,  
and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers  
and upholds the orphan and widow,  
but brings to ruin the way of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

**Musical Meditation** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Martin Luther  
arr. Arthur Frackenpohl

Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

**Gospel** Mark 12:28-34

**Musical Meditation** Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death Keith/Kristyn Getty  
Daniel Whitaker and choral ensemble

**Old Testament** Ruth 1:1-18

**Sermon** Leaving and Cleaving Mike Krech  
“Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16b

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 441** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

**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** From the Depths of Woe Tune: Stettin; Nicolaus Decius

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

### Benediction

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

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

**Postlude** Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Sigfried Karg-Elert  
ed. Diane Bish

### Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders, Class of 2024

**Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.** Today is Reformation Sunday. The Protestant Reformation is often dated to October 31, 1517, with Martin Luther’s (1483-1546) 95 theses, items for debate. Through the remainder of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Protestantism spread throughout Europe, emphasizing the authority of scripture, justification by grace through faith, the priesthood of all believers, the Christian vocation of laypersons, and more inclusive church government. Presbyterianism is part of the Reformed Tradition within Protestant Christianity, looking to John Calvin (1509-1564) and an emphasis on the sovereignty of God and the office of Elder (*presbuteros* in Greek). Many Protestants came to North America in the seventeenth century and later. The first, second, and final hymns in today’s service are three of the best-known hymns of the era of the Protestant Reformation. JMK

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
My only trust and Savior of my heart.  
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
Reigning omnipotent in every place;  
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou art the life by which alone we live,  
And all our substance and our strength receive.  
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,  
And give us strength in every trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;  
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,  
That we may dwell in perfect unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;  
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

Text: Attr. John Calvin; French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545;

Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868

Tune: TOULON; Adapt. from Genevan 124; Genevan Psalter, 1551

### **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1560

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Attr. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)

### **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

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him,  
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Text: Martin Luther, 1529; Trans. Frederick Henry Hodge, 1852;

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG; Martin Luther, 1529