

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 23, 2022

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Unser Herrscher)
Joachim Neander; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 273

O God the Creator

Kastaak

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 sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority.
Anoint us with your Spirit, that we also may bring good news to the poor, bind up
the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned:

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 166 The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise Caithness

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 and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-27

Psalm 19

Unison

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament declares God's handiwork.

Day unto day pours forth speech, and night unto night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their line has gone out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,

which comes forth like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them;

and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant from proud thoughts;

let them not have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Serve God Alone

Dr. LindaJo McKim

“choose this day whom you will serve, ... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15band d

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 333

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

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

One Bread, One Body John Foley, arr. John Carter

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 391

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hendon

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude

To God Be the Glory William Doane; arr. Don Hustad

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of the Sundays after Epiphany. Epiphany means a shining forth, a revelation of God in Christ to the world.

Thanks to the **Rev. Dr. LindaJo McKim** for leading worship and preaching today.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

O God the Creator

O God the Creator, the Three in One,
The Creator of earth and moon and sun,
You have loved and protected us since time first begun,

Refrain:

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love.

For the earth is our mother, where all things grow,
And her valleys are green where the waters flow,
Gentle deer and the eagle and the mighty buffalo, (Refrain)

We are one in the Spirit, in the great mystery,
Walk together in beauty as we dwell in harmony,
Bringing all of God's children into one community, (Refrain)

Send a sense of Your presence as we seek leadership,
Pray that God will join us in our vision quest,
Welcome God to come into our hearts as our guest, (Refrain)

Text: Elizabeth Haile and Cecil Corbett, 1977;

Tune: KASTAAK; Joy F, Patterson, 1989

The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise

The heavens above declare God's praise, The work God's hands have made;
Day after day the tale is told, And night by night displayed.

There is no utterance or speech, No voice is ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the sound, To every place their word.

Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun From its appointed place,
And like a hero runs its course, Rejoicing in the race.

It runs from east to farthest west To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath Escapes its scorching heat.

Text: Psalm 19:1-6; Christopher L. Webber, 1986;

Tune: CAITHNESS; Scottish Psalter, 1635; Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; alt.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Text: Karen Lafferty (b.1948)

Tune: LAFFERTY; Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only all for Thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874;

Tune: HENDON; H.A. Cesar Malan, 1827