

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 13, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude We Know That Christ Is Raised (Engelberg) arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

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**.)

Holy God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and show your favor to the oppressed. Instill in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail for the sake of 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

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 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound Amazing Grace

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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1 Unison

**Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.**

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

**They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in due season.**

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 233 Blessed Are the Uncorrupt in Heart Richmond

The congregation sits.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

Blessedness

Mike Krech

“Then he looked up at his disciples and said, ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.’”
Luke 6:20

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 Come, We That Love the Lord (St. Thomas) arr. Michael Shea

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 420 God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

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

Festive Prelude on Ode to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Albert L. Travis

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We continue the Sundays after the Epiphany, as the revelation of God in Jesus Christ continues through Luke's Gospel. In today's lection Jesus pronounces blessing and woe on people in various circumstances. Today's Old Testament and Psalm also deal with blessing.

(JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sun-ward In the triumph song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt;

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges; alt.

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

Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart

Blest are the uncorrupt in heart, Whose ways are right and true,
Who never from Your law depart But ever fly to You.

Blest are all those who keep Your word And practice Your commands,
Who with their hearts still seek You, Lord, And serve You with their hands.

Great hope we find within Your law; Thus firm our lives our bound.
When trials, troubles, hurts arise, In You true life is found.

Then do we sing with deepest joy The honor of Your name,
For when Your statutes we obey, Our lives are kept from shame.

To You, O God of truth and law, To You, O living Word,
To You O Comforter of life, May now our praise be heard.

Text: Fred Anderson, 1986;

Tune: RICHMOND; Thomas Haweis, c. 1792; adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr., 1808

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

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