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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 24, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (Unser Herrscher)

Joachim Neander, 1680; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini

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**.)

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children; 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, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

so that, as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy In Babilone

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 Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 85 Unison

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Anthem Seek First the Kingdom Mary McDonald, 1984

Epistle Colossians 2:6-15

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Prayer 1.0 Mike Krech

“He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,

‘Lord, teach us to pray ... ’” Luke 11:1

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart Morecambe

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 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Ken Medema, 1970

Sweet Hour of Prayer William D. Bradbury, 1859

Offerings may be placed in offering plates near the doors as you depart worship today.

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 495 We Know That Christ Is Raised Engelberg

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (St. Thomas)

Aaron Williams, 1770; arr. Gayden Sykes

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the long season of Sundays after Trinity, also called Ordinary Time, which extends until Advent begins November 27, 2022. We are reading Luke's Gospel and the letter to the Colossians. The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith and discipleship toward which these lessons guide us. JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, c. 1800; Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI; Joseph Barnby, 1868

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's Word;

And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Tune: IN BABILONE; Dutch melody; Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, c. 1855;

Tune: CONVERSE; Charles Crozat Converse, 1868

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,

And make me love Thee, as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;

All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?

I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.

O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;

Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;

Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,

One holy passion filling all my frame;

The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,

My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1854;

Tune: MORECAMBE; Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

We Know That Christ Is Raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Text: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969;

Tune: ENGELBERG; Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904