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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 14, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Lord, I Want to Be a Christian African-American spiritual
Arr. Mary Mc Donald

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 451 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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, eternal God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking that which is past, and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may run the way of faithful obedience and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 and merciful God,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,

that we may live a holy, just, and humble life

to the glory of your holy name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 82

Unison

God has taken his place in the divine council.

In the midst of the gods he holds judgment.

“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan.

Maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy.

Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding.

They walk around in darkness.

All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you.

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”

Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you.

Anthem I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.* I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 307 Fight the Good Fight Duke Street

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Sermon Interpreting the Present Time Mike Krech

“You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?” Luke 12:56

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised Angel's Story

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 On “Turtle Dove” Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

An usher will pass an offering plate to you from the center aisle or the side, whichever is nearer. After placing your offering in the plate, send it no farther than halfway across your row and then return it to the same usher who passed it to you. Or you may continue to place your offering in a plate on the table near the door as you arrive or depart.

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 467 How Great Thou Art O Store Gud

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

Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe)
Arr. Mark Hayes and Douglas E. Wagner

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principdoms, powers, Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, Most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends in gladness, let us sing Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: John Athelstan Laurie Riley, 1906

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,

Lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face;

Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; God's boundless mercy will provide;

Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear;

Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863, alt.

Tune: DUKE STREET, John Hatton (d. 1793)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;

Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;

I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,

Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;

My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;

But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,

Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.

O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee

That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;

And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;

O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode, 1868;

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY; Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (Repeat)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the bird sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill me heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! (Refrain)

Text: Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885; English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953;
Tune: O STORE GUD; Swedish folk melody; harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949