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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 28, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude In Heavenly Love Abiding (Nyland) Finnish Folk Melody
Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, organ arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show Llanfair

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**.)

O God, you invite the poor and the sinful to take their place in the joyful assembly of the new covenant. May your church always honor the presence of the Lord in the humble and the suffering and learn to recognize each other as brothers and sisters, gathered about your table; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

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 – Congregational Meeting

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1,10-16 Unison

Sing aloud to God, our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways.

Then I would quickly subdue their enemies

and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him

and their doom would last forever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,

and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

Anthem Praise Medley

Awaiwing Itambi Eno, soloist; Susan Steppe, piano

Epistle Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 407 When a Poor One El Camino

The congregation sits.

Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

Sermon Sharp Elbows Mike Krech

“When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable ...”

Luke 14:7

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come Festal Song

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 The Servant Song/What a Mighty God We Serve

Richard Gillard; Dawson and Ford

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 361 How Firm a Foundation Foundation

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

Postlude On Lancashire Henry T. Smart, arr. Jason D. Payne

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

Our Gospel readings from now until Advent begins on November 27 are from Luke.

The Old Testament readings are from the prophet Jeremiah.

The Epistle readings are from the letter to the Hebrews, and later, Philemon.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth in faith these lessons want us to achieve.

(JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!

Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!

Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!

Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!

Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!

Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!

All that God for us has done, Alleluia!

All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

Tune: LLANFAIR; Robert Williams, 1817; Harm. David Evans, 1927

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, c. 1758

Tune: NETTLETON; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

When a Poor One

When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others

Refrain:

Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times sees all around us, (Refrain)

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better, (Refrain)

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor (Refrain)

Text: J.A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano, 1976;

English trans. George Lockwood, 1989; alt.

Tune: EL CAMINO; J.A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano, 1976; Arr. Alvin Schutmaat

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974;

Tune: FESTAL SONG; William H. Walter, 1894

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said that to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Text: "K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Ed. John Rippon; alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION; American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832