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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 25, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude On Eagle's Wings Michael Joncas, 1979; arr. M. Hayes

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 139 Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

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, by whom the meek are guided in judgment: Grant us, in any doubt or uncertainty, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; 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, our heavenly Father: we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses,
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your Name ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Solid Rock

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 32:1-3, 6-9, 13-15

Psalm 146 Unison

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praise to my God all my life long.

Do not trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever,

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers

and upholds the orphan and widow,

But the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving to God for Apana Takwi

During the following chorus (see insert) worshipers may place a thank offering in a basket on the Communion table or near the doors to your right or left.

This offering will go to Grace Presbyterian Church.

Chorus O, Lord Jesus led by Victorine Takwi

Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Anthem Peace Lionel Peterson and Chevel Franklyn
Walter Polk, drums

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Sermon Economic Crisis Mike Krech

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.” 1 Tim. 6:10

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 Blessings Laura Story, 2011

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

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

Postlude On Old Hundredth attr. Louis Bourgeois, c. 1555; arr. Fred Bock

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 letters to Timothy.

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

(JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend:
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Text: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757; alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN; Felice de Giardini, 1769

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name: Refrain

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, c. 1834;

Tune: SOLID ROCK; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

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)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Text: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923;

Tune: FAITHFULNESS; William Marion Runyan, 1923