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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

October 9, 2022

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Marion) Arthur Messiter, 1863
arr. David H. Lowe

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Mit Freuden Zart

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 have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; 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,
in what we have done and in what we have left undone.**

**We confess that our stewardship of your gift of life
falls short of your call to be thankful in all circumstances,
nor have we been as generous with our material resources
as you have been with us.**

Forgive our offenses that we may serve you in newness of life ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee St. Agnes

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

Stewardship Reflections

Susie Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Psalms 66:1-13,20

Unison

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Because of your great power, enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what the Lord has done,

awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God, who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations.

Let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard,

who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water.

Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come to your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,

nor removed his steadfast love from me.

Anthem

Make a Joyful Noise

Allen Pote, 1977

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Alleluia. Bless His name. It is He that has made us, and we are His. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
(--Psalm 100)

Epistle

2 Timothy 2:8-15

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Beach Spring

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Sermon

Remembering to Be Thankful

Mike Krech

"He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him."

Luke 17:16a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 332 Live Into Hope Truro

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 Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever & Michael Korb, 1982

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 442 The Church's One Foundation Aurelia

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

Postlude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Coronation and Miles Lane)
arr. Dennis R. Johnson

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo, all is just, and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part.
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART; Bohemian Brethren *Kirchengesang*, 1566

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing nor heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Text: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153); trans. Edward Caswall, 1849; alt. 1987;
Tune: ST. AGNES; John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door;
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful songs shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son;
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted, Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1961;

Tune: BEACH SPRING; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; Harm. James H. Wood, 1958

Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear – A vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1976;

Tune: TRURO; Thomas Williams, 1789; Harm. Lowell Mason

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious, Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

Text: Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

Tune: AURELIA; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864