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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

January 29, 2023

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Marion) arr. David H. Lowe

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**.)  
Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly  
and the pure in heart. Give us such hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in  
striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your  
kingdom, revealed in 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.

## Confession of Sin

Unison

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.**

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

**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 the promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name ...**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 372** Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

**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

Micah 6:1-3,6-8

#### Psalm 15

Unison

**O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?**

**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right**

**and speak the truth from their heart;**

**who do not slander with their tongue,**

**and do no evil to their friends,**

**nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;**

**in whose eyes the wicked are despised,**

**but who honor those who fear the Lord;**

**who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

**who do not lend money at interest,**

**and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

**Anthem** What Does the Lord Require of You (Jim Strathdee)

*with* Together We Serve (Daniel Charles Damon)

### Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 405** What Does the Lord Require

Sharpthorne

The congregation sits.

### Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

### Sermon

Can You Believe Anything?

Mike Krech

“Then he began to speak and taught them, saying, ‘Blessed are you ... .’”

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

### 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

Blessed Are They

David Haas

The congregation stands to sing the

### Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

### Benediction

#### Hymn 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

### Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory (Cwm Rhondda)

arr. Anna Laura Page

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season after Epiphany with Gospel lessons focused on events early in Jesus' earthly ministry, primarily from Matthew's Gospel, where today's reading is the Beatitudes, the initial verses of the Sermon on the Mount.

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

### **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy In-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart.

Text: African American Spiritual;

Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN; African-American Spiritual

### **What Does the Lord Require**

What does the Lord require For praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, Or tribute you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; Walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?

Will God your pleading hear, While crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly; love mercy; Walk humbly with your God

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?

Let Christ endue our will With grace to fortify.

Then justly, in mercy, We'll humbly walk with God.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1942, 1982;

Tune: SHARPTHORNE; Erik Routley, 1968

### **O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;

Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee In closer, dearer company,

In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way;

In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879;

Tune: MARYTON; Henry Percy Smith, 1874

### **Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me

Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Ancient Irish poem; Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.;

Tune: SLANE; Irish ballad; Harm. David Evans, 1927