

## CHURCH SESSION

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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

July 16, 2023

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Come We That Love the Lord    Tune: St. Thomas  
Aaron Williams, 1770; arr. Michael Shea

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**.)

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness, but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of 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, you love us, but we have not loved you.**

**You call, but we have not listened.**

**We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.**

**We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin,**

**so that, as you come to us in mercy,**

**we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;**

**through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 282** If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee  
Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

**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** Genesis 25:19-34

**Psalm 119:105-112** Unison

Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,  
and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

**Anthem** Balm in Gilead

Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, accompaniment

**Gospel** Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

**Epistle** Philippians 4:8-13

**Sermon** The Secret of Christian Contentment Dr. Donald K. McKim

“... for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.” Philippians 4:11

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 387** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Bradbury

**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** Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth Tune: Kedron  
William Walker, Southern Harmony; arr. Wilbur Held

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

### Benediction

**Hymn 281** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

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

**Postlude** To God Be the Glory William H. Doane, 1875  
arr. Don Hustad

**Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.** In the long season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, we read semi-continuously from Matthew's Gospel and from Genesis. As we seek to grow in our Christian faith, green is the liturgical color. Thanks to **Dr. Don McKim** for leading worship and preaching today.

## 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

### **If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee**

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, To bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still and wait God's leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure And all-discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine own part faithfully;  
Trust the rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need The soul secured by trust indeed.

Text: George Neumark, 1657; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987;

Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT; George Neumark, 1657

### **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
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Text: Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836;

Tune: BRADBURY; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land:  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; st.1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771;

st.2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772;

Tune: CWM RHONDDA; John Hughes, 1907