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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

August 6, 2023

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Grosser Gott) arr. Diane Bish

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**.)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of your kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 244 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind Monkland

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 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7,15 Unison

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry.

Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,
you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do,
by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Anthem Amazing Grace arr. Paul Curnow
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Epistle Romans 9:1-5

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 330 Deep in the Shadows of the Past Shepherds' Pipes

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon Catering to Thousands Mike Krech
“And all ate and were filled; ... And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.” Matthew 14:20a,21

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 329 Break Thou the Bread of Life Bread of Life

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory As We Gather Around the Table (North Phoenix)
Mark Blankenship; arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

You may come by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup from the minister and elders.

OR you may go to the table to the left and eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided. All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 505 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread St. Flavian

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

Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe)
Arr. Mark Hayes and Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

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

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, Filled the new-made world with light:

For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed, With full measure meets their need:

For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God's mercies shall endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Text: John Milton, 1623, alt;

Tune: MONKLAND;

Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; Arr. John B. Wilkes, 1861

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Deep in the shadows of the past, Far out from settled lands,
Some nomads traveled with their God Across the desert sands.
The dawn of hope for humankind Was glimpsed by them alone:
A promise calling them ahead, A future yet unknown.

While others bowed to changeless gods They met a mystery:
God with an uncompleted name, "I am what I will be;"
And by their tents, around their fires, In story and in law
They praised, remembered, handed on A past that promised more.

From Abraham to Nazareth The promise changed and grew,
While some, remembering the past, Recorded what they knew,
And some, in letters or laments, In prophecy and praise,
Recovered, held, and re-expressed New hope for changing days.

For all the writings that survived, For leaders, long ago,
Who sifted, chose, and then preserved The Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its promise yet Our comfort, strength, and call,
The working model for our faith, Alive with hope for all.

Text: Brian Wren, 1973;

Tune: SHEPHERDS' PIPES; Annabeth McClelland Gay, 1952

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, Now unto me.
As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Text: Mary Artemesia Lathbury, 1877; alt.

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE; William Fiske Sherwin, 1877; alt.

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us and spread Thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, Be our immortal food.

Text: James Montgomery, 1825; Tune: ST. FLAVIAN; Day's *Psalter*, 1562