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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

August 20, 2023

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 220

All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old Hundredth

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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through 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 347 Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive Detroit

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 45:1-15

Psalm 133 Unison

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

It is like precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Anthem Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood, 1964

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today.

With thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,

and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,

laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,

one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

(-- Latin text, 7th century; translated by John Mason Neale, 1851)

Epistle Romans 11:1-2,29-32

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 241 Behold the Goodness of the Lord Crimond

The congregation sits.

Gospel Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon Even the Dogs Mike Krech

“She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Matthew 15:27

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 385 O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face Song 1

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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus Charles Crozat Converse, 1868

Arr. Anna Laura Page

You may wish to meditate on the text by Joseph Scriven at Hymn 403.

The congregation stands to sing the
Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy In Babilone

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

Postlude O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Arr. Jason Payne and Susan Steppe

You may wish to meditate on the text by Charles Wesley at Hymn 466.

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 Genesis, Matthew's Gospel, and Paul's letter to the Romans.

As we seek to grow in our Christian faith, green is the liturgical color. JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe, 1560

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH; Attr. Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510-c. 1561)

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983

Tune: DETROIT; Supplement to *Kentucky Harmony*, 1820;
Harm. Margaret W Mealy (b. 1922)

Behold the Goodness of the Lord

Behold the goodness of the Lord, How blest it is to be
A company of God’s beloved, In holy unity.

Like precious oil upon the head, A healing for our strife,
It flows throughout our common bond, Refreshing all of life.

As dew on Zion’s mountaintop Brings freshness to its door,
Our Lord commands this in our midst And brings life evermore.

Text: Psalm 133; Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Tune: CRIMOND; Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872; Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face

O God, we bear the imprint of Your face:
The colors of our skin are Your design,
And what we have of beauty in our race
As man or woman, You alone define,
Who stretched a living fabric on our frame And gave to each a language and a name.

Where we are torn and pulled apart by hate
Because our race, our skin is not the same
While we are judged unequal by the state
And victims made because we own our name,
Humanity reduced to little worth, Dishonored is Your living face on earth.

O God, we share the image of Your Son
Whose flesh and blood are ours, whatever skin,
In His humanity we find our own,
And in His family our proper kin:
Christ is the brother we still crucify, His love the language we must learn, or die.

Text: Shirley Elena Murray, 1987;

Tune: SONG 1; Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625);

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, as in *The English Hymnal*, 1906

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Tune: IN BABILONE; Dutch melody; Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)