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# Grace Presbyterian Church

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

### September 3, 2023

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude

On Holy Ground

Geron Davis

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

### 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 alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid this changing world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone.**

**And so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord ...**

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 386

O for a World

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**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** Exodus 3:1-15

**Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45b** Unison

**O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.**

Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

**Remember the wonderful works God has done,**

the miracles and the judgments God uttered,

**O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

**When Israel came to Egypt, Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.**

**The Lord made his people very fruitful, stronger than their foes,**

whose hearts God then turned to hate his people,

to deal craftily with his servants.

**God sent his servant Moses and Aaron whom he had chosen. Praise the Lord.**

**Anthem** Sing to the Lord a New Song David Perry and Jean Perry, 1986

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works to mankind. The Lord is great and greatly to be praised; sing to the Lord, all the lands. Come to the Lord and bless his name.

Praise Him, all creatures of the earth. Heavens and earth shall rejoice; oceans and fields exult in his name. Sing to the Lord a new song! (---Based on Psalm 96)

**Epistle** Romans 12:9-21

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 92** Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

The congregation sits.

**Gospel** Matthew 16:21-28

**Sermon** What Will It Profit? Mike Krech  
"For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Matthew 16:26a

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 371** Lift High the Cross Crucifer

**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** Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision arr. Mark Hayes

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 415** Come, Labor On Ora Labora

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

**Postlude** Celebration Medley – Praise Him in the Morning with  
When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. Don Wyrzten

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!  
Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!  
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Text: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787;

Tune: CORONATION; Oliver Holden, 1793

### O for a World

O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.  
O for a world where goods are shared And misery relieved.  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, Equality achieved.  
We welcome one world family And struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity And gives our vision voice.  
The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, Outcasts belong, Who perishes will rise.  
O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987;

Tune: AZMON; Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a might rock Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.  
Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.  
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868;

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER; Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

## **Lift High the Cross**

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (then sing refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (then sing refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. (then sing refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (then sing refrain)

Text: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916,  
alt.

Tune: CRUCIFER; Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916

## **Come, Labor On**

Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around us waves the golden grain?

And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.

Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly, The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here.

Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.

Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,

And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859; rev. 1863, alt.;

Tune: ORA LABORA; Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918