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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 24, 2023

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him (Hyfrydol)
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Austrian Hymn

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 created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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

(This prayer was written by the children's Sunday School class, Sept. 17, 2023)

We know you forgive us.

So we can ask that you will forgive us:

when we don't listen,

when we are not kind to others,

when we do not share with others,

and when we do not put you first in our lives.

Be with us, Lord, guiding us and the choices we make.

Help us to love you and others ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised Angel's Story

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 16:2-18

Psalms 105:1-3,5,37-43,45 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; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Remember the wonderful works God has done, in miracle and judgment.

God brought Israel out with silver and gold,

and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

God spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.

They asked and God brought quails

and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

God opened the rock and water gushed out;

it flowed through the desert like a river.

For God remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

So God brought the people out with joy, the chosen ones with singing,

that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord!

Anthem Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Epistle Philippians 1:21-30

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

The congregation sits.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon The Economy of Salvation Mike Krech

"... but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled."
Matthew 20:10b-11a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 413 All Who Love and Serve Your City Charlestown

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 Morning Has Broken Bunessan
Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 418 God, Bless Your Church with Strength Diademata

(Note: Hymn 418 is sung to the tune of Hymn 151)

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

Postlude Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (Webb) arr. Jason D. Payne

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, Exodus, and Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

Text: John Newton, 1779; alt.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN; Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.
O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer And shield my soul from sin.
O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

Text: John Ernest Bode, 1868;

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY; Arthur Henry Mann, 1881

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1825;

Tune RATHBUN; Ithamar Conkey, 1849

All Who Love and Serve Your City

All who love and serve your city, All who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, All who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty, Wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, And the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns Him, Offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city Be the city of despair?

Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1966;

Tune: CHARLESTOWN; *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799;

Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

God Bless Your Church with Strength!

God bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work In common ministry.

Urge us from fledgling faith To venture and to soar
Through open skies to sing the praise Of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, Abundantly alive.

From You, one holy vine, In freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light A pathway through life's maze.

May justice be our aim, And kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, Assured our God is there!

Text: John A. Dalles, 1984; Tune: DIADEMARA, George Job Elvey, 1868