

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

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Grace Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA),  
Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tune: Azmon  
arr. Jason Payne

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

## 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 called us to serve you; yet without your grace we are unable to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

whose face is hidden from us by our sins,

and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,

that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,

confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,

and finding in you our refuge and strength;

through Jesus Christ your Son. ...

## Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 396** O for a Closer Walk with God Caithness

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Genesis 18:1-15

**Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19**

Unison

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he has inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice

and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 256** Let the Whole Creation Cry

Salzburg

The congregation sits.

**Epistle**

Romans 5:1-8

**Gospel**

Matthew 9:35-10:16

**Sermon**

Missioners

Mike Krech

“See, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

Matthew 10:16

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 343** Called as Partners in Christ's Service Beecher

**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**

Give Me Jesus

arr. Fernando Ortega

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 415**

Come, Labor On

Ora Labora

**Postlude**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Tune: Restoration

arr. Wilbur Held

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We have begun the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, which extends until Advent begins on November 29.

Our Gospel readings come from Matthew,

the Old Testament from Genesis,

and the Epistle from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The liturgical color is green,

emblematic of growth in faith, which these lessons seek to help us achieve.

(JMK)

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **The God of Abraham Praise**

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;  
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM, By earth and heaven confessed,  
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blessed.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;  
In prophet's word You spoke of old, And You speak still.  
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;  
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.  
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same.

(Text: Daniel ben Judah, 1404; Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885, alt.;  
Tune: Leoni; Hebrew melody, Adapt. Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770)

### **O for a Closer Walk with God**

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from Thy throne And worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

(Text: William Cowper, 1772;

Tune: Caithness; Scottish Psalter, 1635, Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.)

### **Let the Whole Creation Cry**

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high."  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "God is our eternal King."  
Praise God, all ye hosts above, Ever shining forth in love;  
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice!

Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem manifold;  
Join with children's songs of praise, Worship God through length of days.  
From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll.  
"Holy, holy, holy One, Glory be to God alone!"

Information for **Let the Whole Creation Cry:**

(Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1881, based on Psalm 148; Tune: Salzburg; Jacob Hintze, 1678; Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), as in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861)

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment, Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring, To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together, Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

(Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981; Tune: Beecher, John Zundel, 1870)

**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)