

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God

August 16, 2020

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk arr. James Curnow
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn Susan Steppe, piano

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott Wir Loben Dich

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

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 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 greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 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.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 241 Behold the Goodness of the Lord Crimond

The congregation sits.

Epistle Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon Excuse Me, Who Are You Again? Mike Krech

“Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all.”
Matthew 15:22-23a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 358 Help Us Accept Each Other Baronita

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 Come and Fill Our Hearts (Confitemini Domino)
Jacques Berthier (Taize)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

The congregation sits.

Postlude Coronation arr. Jason Payne

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time.

Our Old Testament readings are following the stories of the Patriarchs in Genesis.

The Epistle readings are from Romans, the Gospel readings from Matthew.

The liturgical color is green, emblematic of the growth these lessons lead us to receive. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim, All in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain, Everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising.
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain As Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You,
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

Text: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; Trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; alt.
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH;
Allegemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774; Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

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.

(stanza 3 follows on next page)

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

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other As Christ accepted us;
Teach us, as sister, brother, Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons As in our daily life
We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them Or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us, So that we may be moved
In living situations To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness And laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on;
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Text: Fred Kaan, 1975; Tune: BARONITA; Doreen Porter, 1975

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace,
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound,
Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

Text: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773; Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774 Conyers' *Collection of Psalms*
Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS; Sicilian melody