

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

August 30, 2020

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Here Am I, Lord

John Ness Beck  
arr. A.L. Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

Stuttgart

## 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 in the midst of 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 343**                      Called as Partners in Christ's Service                      Beecher

**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**

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 him; 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**

**and made them 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.**

**Epistle**

Romans 12:9-21

**Gospel**

Matthew 16:21-28

**Sermon**

Must I Go to Extremes?

Dr. LindaJo McKim

"Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24b

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 391**

Take My Life

Hendon

**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**

Blessed Be the Name/O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Traditional/Music by Carl Glaser; arr. Stan Pethel

Rickie Cooke, baritone horn

Susan Steppe, organ

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 392**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

The congregation sits.

**Postlude**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr. Don Wyrzten

**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 have been from Genesis and now Exodus.

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.